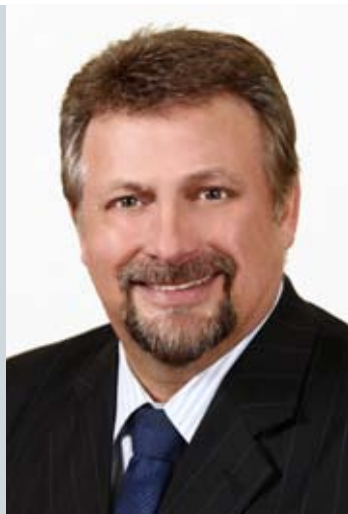


# Jake Slegers leads AmChams in Europe



**The Executive Director of AmCham Slovakia, Jake Slegers, was recently elected as chair of AmChams in Europe (ACE), the umbrella organization overseeing all AmChams operating in Europe. His two year term began on January 1, 2012.**

Founded in 1963, the mission of ACE (formerly ECACC - European Council of American Chambers of Commerce) is to exchange best practice ideas, mutual member company benefits and to provide a forum for discussion, debate and where necessary representation on issues relevant to the European business environment. ACE strives to promote commercial, financial and industrial relations between the United States and European countries. At the same time, it

presents the views of the business community operating in the areas of the member chambers to agencies and organizations in the United States, and it represents, when appropriate, the views and aims of the members' interests to representatives of host country governments and other regional intergovernmental organizations.

Today, ACE represents the corporate interests of more than 17.000 American and European companies, based in 41 countries and employing more than 20 million people. AmChams in Europe's member companies account for more than 1.1 trillion USD in investment on both sides of the Atlantic. Membership

of AmChams in Europe is not defined by geographical borders but by the willingness and ability to contribute to the network, as well as the basic requirement of being accredited by the US Chamber of Commerce. Member Chambers of the Council are voluntary associations supported entirely by membership dues. In addition, all Member Chambers are members of the US Chamber of Commerce and work closely with its International Division to coordinate policy and strategy.

The governing body of AmChams in Europe is the Executive Committee, which consists of the chairman, vice-chair, treasurer and four members-at-large. Key

groups running the day-to-day activities include the Executive Committee and regional and policy clusters. As a chair, Jake Slegers guides the actions of the Board and the Executive Committee, and ensures that the organization is achieving its mission. He also maintains regular contact with US Chamber of Commerce offices in Brussels and Washington DC, as well as other European and Trans-Atlantic institutions.



AmChams in Europe is proud to play an integral role in the dynamic European business environment. Jake's position as a chair of AmChams in Europe will also bring AmCham Slovakia and its members in the spotlight, and hopefully, it will bring many interesting opportunities.

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