

AGBU MEETING AGENDA BRUSSELS, February 1-3, 2008

January 21, 2008

1. Hotel Metropole Brussels Information

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2. Schedule (summary)

	Guests	European Meeting	Spouses
Friday, Feb 1, 2008			
2pm		Arrival and check-in at Le Metropole	
3pm		European Parliament Visit	
6pm		Welcome Session	
8pm		Cocktail	
8:30pm		Dinner	
Saturday, Feb 2, 2008			
9am		AGBU Europe Plenary Session New Directives and Initiatives	Excursion to Bruges with lunch and visits* (by minibus) *see details on page 5
12:30pm		Business Lunch	
1:30pm		Interactive Discussion Session	
3:30pm		Coffee Break	
4:30pm	Europe, Armenia, and Armenians Presentation by Senior Officials and Scholars		
6:30pm	Cocktail		
7:45pm	Dinner at the "Centre Belge de la bande dessinée"		
Sunday Feb 3, 2008			
9:30am		Concluding Session	
12pm		Open Lunch	
2pm		Departure	

3. Friday Schedule (detail)

3pm to 5pm **European Parliament Visit**
2:30pm departure from Hotel Le Metropole, lobby
European specialist and ex-parliamentary Frank Schwalba-Hoth, has invited AGBU attendees on an insider's visit of the European parliament.

6pm to 8pm **Welcome Session**
Hotel Le Metropole, Ambassador Room
AGBU President Berge Setrakian will welcome all participants and outline the overall purposes and expected outcomes of the conference. Alexis Govciyan will provide an overview of the newly established AGBU Europe and its plans and objectives.

8pm to 8:30pm **Cocktail & Dinner**
Hotel Le Metropole, main lounge and Rubinstein room
Attendees and their family will convene for a cocktail, followed by dinner.

4. Saturday Schedule (detail)

9:00am **Morning Welcome**
Hotel Le Metropole, Excelsior Room
Attendees will gather in the Excelsior meeting room.

9:30pm to 12:30pm **AGBU Europe Plenary Session New Directives and Initiatives (3 hours)**
Hotel Le Metropole, Excelsior Room

President Berge Setrakian will detail AGBU's worldwide orientation, highlighting the new initiative and defining AGBU Europe's role within that context.

Alexis Govciyan will present the AGBU Europe project platform around the following themes:

- *European Policies*
- *Research on Armenian identity, history and culture*
- *Support for teaching of Armenian language and civilization*
- *Youth activities*
- *Searching for "talent", and initiatives to accompany those leaders in achieving their Armenian projects*
- *Establishing comprehensive training programs*

Several speakers will make specific presentations on important issues:

- *Central Board member Aris Atamian on the Melkonian Complex project in Armenia*
- *AGBU Nubarian library curator Raymond Kevorkian on the status of research on Armenian culture and identity, and the role and objectives of the AGBU Nubarian library*

- 12:30pm to 1:30pm** **Business Lunch** (45mn)
 Hotel Le Metropole, Business Pole Lounge
A buffet lunch will be served for attendees in the lounge of the business pole.
- 1:30m to 3:30pm** **Interactive Discussion Session** (2 hours)
 Hotel Le Metropole, Business Pole Audi 2 room
AGBU Europe Board members & Special Advisors, European Chapter & YP representatives, AGBU Partners and European and Central offices staff will convene for a work session chaired by AGBU Europe Chairman Alexis Govciyan.
Each participant will have the opportunity to present his Chapter/YP group or explain his area of responsibility.
This session will concentrate on the coordination of global initiatives with Chapters/YP groups and the resources and various forms of support AGBU Europe may provide.
- 3:30pm to 4pm** **Coffee Break**
 Hotel Le Metropole, Business Pole Lounge
- 4:30pm to 6:30pm** **Europe, Armenia, and Armenians**
Presentation by Senior Officials and Scholars (2 hours)
 Hotel Le Metropole, Excelsior Room
In this second plenary session, senior officials and opinion leaders will present and discuss European issues related to Armenia and Armenians.

Topic 1: EU and the Armenian Diaspora
Bernard Coulie, University Chairman Armenologist, Marianne Poncelet, Secretary General of the Yehudi Menuhin Foundation and Assembly of Cultures of Europe will discuss the Armenian diaspora and the EU with an emphasis on culture.

Topic 2: relations between Armenia and the EU
Peter Semneby, EU Council Special Representative for the South Caucasus, speaks on behalf of the EU and acts as an initiator for EU policy.
Currently a fourth year Ph.D. candidate at Sciences Po-CERI, Taline Papazian researches on Armenia's post-independence political developments in relation with the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.
- 6:30pm to 7pm** **Cocktail** (30mn)
 Hotel Le Metropole, Ambassador Room

- 7:45pm** **Bus departure** (hotel lobby)
8:15pm **Cocktail in Museum followed by dinner**
to 11:30pm Centre Belge de la Bande Dessinée

On the 100th birthday of Belgium cartoonist Hergé's birth, creator of the Tintin series, Belgium celebrates the "9th art". Attendees will enjoy the Art Deco design of this world-renowned cartoon museum, its exhibit and the gastronomical delight of one of its famed establishments.

*Centre Belge de la Bande Dessinée
Rue des Sables 20 • 1000 Bruxelles
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<http://www.cbbd.be>*

Saturday Trip to Bruges (optional)

- 9:00am** **Departure for Bruges**
to 5:30pm Hotel Le Metropole lobby

Bruges, known as "the Venice of the North", is a spectacular medieval city and one of Belgium's crown jewels. This city in the Flanders is approximately 80mn away by mini-bus.

Personalized tour includes transportation, visits and lunch.

Hotel return by late afternoon.

Please note that there is a charge of 100€ per person for this event.

Pre-registration is required (email at contact@agbueurope.org).

5. Sunday Schedule (detail)

- 9:30am** **Concluding Session** (2 hours)
to 11:30am Hotel Le Metropole, Ambassador Room

AGBU President Berge Setrakian and AGBU Europe Chairman Alexis Govciyan will draw conclusions and summarize future steps.

- 12pm** **Open Lunch and Check-Out**

There is no planned lunch.