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SCIENCES PO ALUMNI UK GALA DINNER 2008

“SCIENCES PO IS DEFINITELY THE BEST BRITISH UNIVERSITY IN FRANCE”, DECLARED THE DIRECTOR OF THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS (LSE), SIR HOWARD DAVIES, AT THE SCIENCES PO ALUMNI UK GALA DINNER, THUS DEMONSTRATING A TYPICALLY ENGLISH SENSE OF HUMOUR MUCH APPRECIATED BY HIS (MOSTLY FRENCH) AUDIENCE.

Taking place on the 25th of September at the Royal Automobile Club in London, the first Sciences Po Alumni UK Gala Dinner saw the official launch of the Sciences Po Alumni UK Charity Trust. Under the patronage of the French Ambassador Maurice Gourdault-Montagne, and co-chaired by Sciences Po Director Richard Descoings and Sir Howard Davies, this event brought together 160 French and British representatives of business and academia, and influential members of the French community in London. The event was sponsored by the London and Paris offices of Gide Loyrette Nouel, International SOS, Media Tree and Veni Partners, while Apple contributed by providing much appreciated prizes for the lottery. All the proceeds of this evening went to the Sciences Po UK Scholarship Fund. Richard Descoings reached out to the alumni and participants by presenting the heritage and transformation of Sciences Po. Sciences Po is currently the most international of French universities and grandes écoles, with 41% of its 7,800 students coming from overseas, and strong exchange programmes in place with LSE, a privileged partner, as well as Harvard, Columbia, Princeton and Berkeley in the USA. “Our role is to participate to the education of globalised elites, which is a key challenge. The battle of intelligence has reached a new era and the Europeans have a real challenge to remain competitive” indicated Richard Descoings.



Sir Howard Davis



Richard Descoings

LSE (London School of Economics and Political Science), using Sciences Po as a reference when created, and its French partner are continuing to nurture their partnership, as highlighted by Sir Howard: “5 double-degrees, student-exchanges, education of executives in China amongst others. The “entente amicale” between LSE and Sciences Po was already a reality when Gordon Brown and Nicolas Sarkozy decided to do the same between the two countries”.

Cécile d’Angelin, Trustee of Sciences Po Alumni UK Trust, and Stéphane Rambosson, President of Sciences Po Alumni UK, explained that the UK Trust’s aim was to enable Sciences Po students to study in the UK, and UK-based students to study in Sciences Po, therefore reinforcing the French school’s longstanding cosmopolitan tradition and its commitment to promote social mobility. ■

GRENOBLE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS opens its full-time MBA in London

Grenoble Graduate School of Business (GGSB) has just opened its full-time MBA in London on 6th October 2008. As well as core modules in subject areas such as ‘Marketing’; ‘Strategic management’; ‘Accounting’; ‘International management’ and ‘Business law’, students also have the choice of different specialisations: Finance; Global management; Business Intelligence and Technology Management.

Students opting for certain specialisations will travel to Grenoble to sit the course as well as for the yearly personal development week. Classes are taught by GGSB faculty travelling to the UK from France.

GGSB is already well established in London delivering a part-time MBA, a Master in International Business and an MSc in Finance in the city. ■