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Dear Alumni, Fellows, and Friends,

Only a few months have passed since our last (and first) issue of the BAEF US Alumni Committee Newsletter and yet we have a lot of exciting news to share. We are delighted to report that many events, in New York City and throughout the country, have been very successful. We are grateful that so many of you have chosen to join us each time and we have interpreted your enthusiasm as a clear mandate to continue providing the BAEF US alumni and fellows with more opportunities to connect.

It is in line with this very spirit of connectivity that we are launching the BAEF US Alumni Facebook page. Please check it out and 'like' it at: <http://tinyurl.com/3tcqjau>. This page will allow all of you to post BAEF-related news (i.e. Belgian artists or events, gatherings, etc), keep track of events and updates, and easily get in touch with the vibrant BAEF family in the US!

We hope you will find in this newsletter an enjoyable overview of the successful initiatives that took place over the past few months, as well as a convenient heads-up for the many upcoming opportunities to connect in 2011. Enjoy!



Prof. Paul De Weer, BAEF Fellow 1965,  
Mrs. Betty Boulpaep, Prof. Emile Boulpaep,  
BAEF Fellow 1964, Mia De Weer —  
The Metropolitan Museum of Art —  
December 3, 2010



BAEF Fellows and Alumni in California —  
Lake Tahoe — February, 2011



BAEF Alumni in DC — Belga Cafe, DC — May  
29, 2011

## LOCAL BAEF ALUMNI EVENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

- On December 3, 2010, the BAEF alumni, fellows and friends gathered at the Metropolitan Museum in New York for a visit to the special exhibition “Man, Myth and Sensual Pleasures: Jan Gossart’s Renaissance”. We were honored to have Maryan Ainsworth, curator of the exhibition and a BAEF board member, as our guide. Maryan talked with great enthusiasm about her extensive research for the exhibition and revealed many secrets behind Gossart’s works. The perfect introduction to a fascinating exhibition at the Met! After the visit, the group was invited to a reception at the museum.
- Late February, a group of BAEF alumni and fellows took off to South Lake Tahoe with Belgica, where we spent the weekend skiing. We had lots of fun in the fresh powder snow!
- On April 2, the BAEF “family” in New York came together for an informal dinner at the Belgian restaurant BXL East, in Midtown Manhattan. BAEF alumni and fellows greatly enjoyed the opportunity to spend time together with old friends and make some new ones, around delicious Belgian food and of course Belgian beers. Ambassador Herman Portocarero kindly accepted our invitation and we were honored to count him among our guests.
- On May 29, fellows and alumni in the DC/Mid-Atlantic area gathered for a first Belgian dinner night in DC. We had a lot of fun meeting each other over good Belgian food at Belga Café and plan to repeat it in the near future. Don’t miss it if you are in the area!

## CONNECT WITH YOUR LOCAL BAEF NETWORK

Alumni and fellows are present all over the country!

If you’d like to know about BAEF activities in your area, please contact:

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*If you are a Belgian or American Alumnus in the US and you would like to start building up a BAEF local network in your area, the BAEF alumni committee can help! Please contact Alexandra Kreins at [alexandra.kreins@gmail.com](mailto:alexandra.kreins@gmail.com)*

#### **MORE TOOLS TO STAY CONNECTED WITH BAEF FAMILY IN THE US**

We are making every effort to update and develop our database of fellows and alumni, in order to ensure that all of you are kept informed of our BAEF Alumni activities. To stay connected, we kindly and strongly encourage you:

- 1. To inform us of any change of location, email address,** by sending your new contact details to [USAlumniBAEF@gmail.com](mailto:USAlumniBAEF@gmail.com). All updates are then transmitted to the BAEF central database.
- 2. To join our two LinkedIn Groups:** the “BAEF Alumni Coordinator” group and the “BAEF Alumni Group”. The former is centralized and coordinated by Mrs. Hayoit in Brussels who thereby may keep track of alumni around the world and share general BAEF information, while the latter allows all members to post activities, invitations and announcements.
- 3. To become a friend of our newly created Facebook page,** (<http://tinyurl.com/3tcqjau>) which will allow all of you to connect with each other and stay connected to the activities organized by the committee. The name is “BAEF Alumni in the US”.

#### **NEWS FROM THE BAEF BOAT 2010: THE ANNUAL EASTER LUNCH FOR THE FELLOWS!**

The 2010 BAEF fellows recently enjoyed a lovely luncheon at the beautiful Connecticut home of Professor Emile Boulpaep. It was a very special occasion, which gave us the opportunity to meet the man behind this wonderful institution and to connect with more than 40 young professionals – including masters students, lawyers, physicians, mathematicians and engineers. We enjoyed ex-

cellent food and wine, and above all, each other’s company. Although we are all active in different fields, we share the common bond of the BAEF. Many thanks to Mrs. Boulpaep, who was a most gracious host. It was a wonderful afternoon, and we all could not have felt prouder to be fellows of an institution that has given us this life-changing opportunity.

#### **THE BAEF HOST PROGRAM**

Next academic year marks the third of the US Alumni Host Program, which aims to connect incoming Fellows with local alumni. The function of a host is to welcome one or more Fellows to the region and advise them on the practicalities of living and studying in the United States. We try to find a match based on region first and field of study next, so that Fellows and hosts have the opportunity to meet in person and can potentially exchange career advice as well. Unfortunately, there are bottleneck regions every year, which make achieving a 100% matching rate nearly impossible. We therefore encourage you to keep us updated on whether you are still available as a host or interested in becoming a new one. We would especially like to encourage the members of the Boat of 2010 who are staying in the US to step forward.

Next year, there will be 26 Fellows in the New York area, 18 in the Boston area, 10 in the Chicago area, 10 in the San Francisco area, 6 in the Washington DC area, 5 in the Los Angeles area and 2 in the Houston area. It would be terrific if all new Fellows could benefit from this initiative. To volunteer or to ask further questions, please contact Tom Schouwenars at [tomsch@gmail.com](mailto:tomsch@gmail.com).



Belgian fellows 2011-2012 and American fellows 2010-2011 — Brussels — May 27, 2011

### A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT: THE 2011 BAEF BOAT!

For the academic year 2011-2012, the board of the Belgian American Educational Foundation (B.A.E.F.) has just approved fellowships to 90 individuals: 80 Belgian Fellows to study or pursue research in the United States, 9 American Fellows to study in Belgium and 1 winner of the Alumni Award.

There are 61 awards in outright gift to graduate and postdoctoral Fellows. In addition, 7 Belgian Fellows received a Conditional Grant to study Business Administration in the United States. Finally, Honorary Fellowships for 2011-2012 were granted to 21 students, who secured financial support outside the B.A.E.F.

The Alumni Award 2011 in the field of Human sciences was conferred in the amount of 5,000 € to a Belgian scientist DR. STEFFEN DUCHEYNE of Universiteit Gent, for both his detailed historical studies as well as his philosophical-systematic analysis of the history of the sciences, in particular of physics.

Prof. Emile Boulpaep

President

### UPDATE FROM BELGIUM: 2011 BOAT PRE-DEPARTURE MEETING!

On May 27, the BAEF hosted its pre-departure information meeting for the new Belgian Fellows 2011-2012 and the current American Fellows 2010-2011 at the Fondation Universitaire / Universitaire Stichting in Brussels. On that occasion the new boat was introduced to the BAEF US Alumni Committee by Mona Chammas. The meeting was followed by the traditional group picture in the staircase of the Foundation, and by the luncheon together with BAEF Board Members and Benefactors.

### SAVE THE DATE: WELCOME RECEPTION, OCTOBER 2011

Please join us at the residence of Consul General, Mr Ambassador Herman Portocarero, for our annual welcome reception. Whether you are in the US since 1980 or 2010, please gather to welcome the 2011-2012 Fellows with true Belgian warmth! We look forward to sending you more specific information as the date approaches.



Mrs. and Mr André Jacques and Mrs. Maryan Ainsworth — The Metropolitan Museum of Art — December 3, 2010

**THE COMMITTEE IS DELIGHTED TO WELCOME  
YOLANDE DAENINCK, BEN SPRANGERS AND  
PHILIPPE RYCKAERT ON BOARD!**

The committee is delighted to welcome Yolande Daeninck, Ben Sprangers and Philippe Ryckaert on board!

Ben and Yolande will be joining efforts with Julie Van den Kieboom as point persons for the New York Cell and events. Yolande will also support our publication initiatives, such as this Newsletter, and Philippe will be our liaison with other Belgian organizations in the US. It is with sadness but also with a lot of gratitude that we thank Romanie who will be embarking on new adventures in Europe this summer. Romanie, thank you for all the energy and efficiency that you have brought to the BAEF family in the past year!

**SEND US YOUR FEEDBACK, REQUESTS  
AND UPDATES!**

We would be delighted to hear from you and incorporate your suggestions for future events and networking opportunities. If you wish to share a personal or professional update with the BAEF family, please send us a short text and we will be happy to include it in our next Newsletter (USAlumniBAEF@gmail.com). Thank you to Marie-Claude Hayoit, Geoffrey Appelboom, Stephanie Dupont, Christel Vermeersch and Marcelo Vincés for their contributions to this edition of the Newsletter.

We look forward to staying in touch with all of you!

The BAEF US Alumni Committee,

Mona Chammas (Boat 2006), Yolande Daeninck (Boat 2003), Romanie Dendooven (Boat 2009), Alexandra Kreins (Boat 2008), Jean Malpas (Boat 2000), Philippe Ryckaert (Boat 2006), Tom Schouwenaars (Boat 2001), Ben Sprangers (Boat 2008), and Julie Van den Kieboom (Boat 2008).