

Ball der Regionen im Ball of the Regions Regions



The opening speeches were held by Katharina Cortolezis-Schlager, a member of the Viennese City Council, and the Chairman of the IRE, Stefan Eder (r.) and Franz Schausberger (l.); both on the photo with a Hungarian couple wearing traditional Hungarian clothing



Ilan Knapp and the Head of representation of the European Commission Karl Doutlik together with their wives



Werner Fasslabend, former Federal Minister and president of the Austrian-Slovak Society, and Rudolf Strasser (r.) together with their wives

Das Institut der Regionen Europas veranstaltete am 17. Jänner 2007 einen „Ball der Regionen“ im Palais Liechtenstein in Wien. Rund 300 internationale Gäste aus Wirtschaft, Politik, Diplomatie, Kultur und Wissenschaft waren der Einladung von IRE-Vorstand Franz Schausberger und seines Stellvertreters Stefan Eder von DLA PIPER Weiss-Tessbach gefolgt und unterhielten sich bestens bis in die Morgenstunden. Der Ball wurde nicht nur eifrig zum Tanzen sondern vor allem auch zu wirtschaftlichen und politischen Gesprächen genutzt. Unter den Gästen befanden sich die Wiener Stadträtin Katharina Cortolezis-Schlager, Ex-Verteidigungsminister Werner Fasslabend, Ex-Landesrat Herbert Paierl, zahlreiche Botschafter, Außenamt-Generalsekretär Botschafter Hans Kyrle, Generalstabschef Roland Ertl, Georg Krauchenberg von der WKO, Karl Doutlik von der Europäischen Kommission, Verbund-Vorstand Ulrike Baumgartner-Gabitzer. Die Damenspende des Abends, ein wunderbarer Fächer aus dem Hause JAB JOSEF ANSTOETZ KG, fand großen Anklang.

On 17th February 2007, the Institute of the Regions of Europe gave the „Ball of Regions“ in the Palais Liechtenstein in Vienna. About 300 international guests from the fields of economy, politics, diplomacy, culture and science had followed the invitation of IRE-Chairman Franz Schausberger and his Deputy Dr. Stefan Eder, DLA Weiss-Tessbach, and enjoyed themselves until the small hours of the morning. The ball was availed not only for dancing but also for economical and political talks. Among the guests were the Viennese city councillor Katharina Cortolezis-Schlager, former Minister of Defence Werner Fasslabend, former Member of the Provincial Government Herbert Paierl, several Ambassadors, the Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Hans Kyrle, Head of the General Staff Roland Ertl, Georg Krauchenberg of the Austrian Trade Agency, representative of the European Commission in Austria Karl Doutlik, director of the Verbund Ulrike Baumgartner-Gabitzer. The „Ladies' Gift“ of the evening, a fan provided by JAB JOSEF ANSTOETZ KG found much favor with the ladies.



A Slovak couple dressed in traditional Slovak clothing, the Lithuanian Ambassador Giedrius Puodziunas, Member of the Board of the Austrian Electricity Company Verbund Ulrike Baumgartner-Gabitzer, Stefan Eder (r.) and Franz Schausberger enjoyed the convivial evening.



Dr. Edgar Rosenmayr, Immofinanz Anlagen AG, with his wife was one of those representatives of Austrian and international enterprises who attach importance to good contact with regional decision-makers.

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Palais Liechtenstein at the Palais Liechtenstein



The quadrille was a must for all passionate dancers; on the right: IRE secretary general Joachim Fritz.



Elisabeth Schmid-Schmidtsfelden, wife of Dr. Wieland Schmid-Schmidtsfelden, Partner of DLA Piper, with Head of the General Staff Roland Ertl



Dr. Wieland Schmid-Schmidtsfelden, Partner of DLA Piper, with guest.



The midnight performance was given by the fourfold world champions of show dance Mojca Horvat Dancing Group Slovenia with their „Alpine Hot Show“.



All kinds of traditional clothing from different European regions illuminated this ball: Croatia, Croatia, Bosnia and Lithuania (f. l. t. r.)



Stefan Eder, Partner of DLA Piper and his wife Ingrid (r.) enjoyed the evening together with Leopold Fischer, executive director of Kommunalcredit Dexia International Bank and his charming wife.



Otto Zich, Ivo Deskovic (Partner of DLA Piper) and Wolfgang Burger-Scheidlin (Deloitte) together with their wives enjoyed the wonderful evening with its solemn ambience (f. r. t. l.).