



COUNCIL OF BRITISH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE IN EUROPE

Gala Dinner & Chamber of the Year Awards 2012

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The COBCOE Annual Gala Dinner and Chamber of the Year Awards Ceremony has become the highlight in the COBCOE calendar.

Date and Venue: **24th April 2012 from 6:45 pm** (for 7.30 pm) in the spectacular setting of the **Mountbatten Room** of the **Royal Automobile Club, 89 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5HS**. Carriages at 11 pm.

This prestigious annual event is open to members and guests of the chambers of commerce belonging to COBCOE, COBCOE's partners and members of British chambers belonging to the wider British Business Worldwide alliance. Other guests include members of parliament, journalists, ambassadors, other senior diplomats and government officials as well as business leaders and high wealth individuals from both the UK and other parts of the world.

Aside from the great atmosphere and stimulating company, this evening marks and celebrates the many achievements of COBCOE's members during the year through its high profile Chamber of the Year Awards Ceremony which showcases the remarkable entrepreneurial and creative talents of the British bilateral chamber network, working hard to promote and support trade between the United Kingdom and its local partner countries across Europe, and beyond.

Dame Julia Cleverdon DCVO CBE is a renowned and inspiring speaker and passionate campaigner on business leadership, corporate responsibility, education and women's development. She is Vice President of Business in the Community and a Special Advisor to the Prince's Charities as well as to HRH The Prince of Wales personally, most recently assisting him to develop the "Seeing is Believing" programme which involved thousands of business leaders visiting the UK's most deprived communities. She has been acclaimed for achieving real innovation and behaviour change in the boardrooms of the UK as Chief Executive of Business in the Community (April 1992 to March 2008). The Times recently listed her as one of the 50 most influential women in Britain.

Dame Julia's speech at our Gala Dinner will focus on *"Think Globally-Act Locally! How business can take the lead in building stronger communities"*



Dame Julia Cleverdon DCVO CBE

The Chamber of the Year Awards is an important highlight in the COBCOE calendar of activities. The awards instil a healthy sense of competition between members and inspire us to learn from each other and to improve and benchmark the professional activities of the British bilateral chamber network. The scheme is widely regarded as a fun way to recognise our collective efforts and achievements.

During the official ceremony we shall announce three awards; the **Award for Corporate Social Responsibility**, the **Best Small Chamber Award** and the main **Chamber of the Year Award** with one runner up.

Our guest speaker is also invited to present our top Chamber of the Year award at the end of the evening.

Cost: £130 individual; £1,150 Table of 10

**Members & Members of COBCOE Chambers:
£120 individual; £1,000 Table of 10**

Dress Code - Black Tie/Formal

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COBCOE is an independent, non-profit making, apolitical organisation currently representing and linking 40 British Chambers of Commerce and over 10,000 businesses operating in 37 countries across Europe. There is no doubt, that in a tough business environment, COBCOE provides synergies, ideas and resources for its members and partners, providing them and their members and associates with a unique business network across Europe.

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