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1. **Newlands Cross**

Newlands Cross junction is one of the worst bottlenecks for traffic in the county. A public consultation on an upgrade for the junction is underway. Information on how the upgrade may be achieved are on display in the county council office in Tallaght and Clondalkin and on www.sdcc.ie. The Chamber would welcome your views to inform our submission by 25th September 2007. You are welcome to attend the Chamber's Infrastructure Committee meeting on the 26th September, 2007 at 3.30pm to discuss it further

2. **South Dublin Chamber Women in Business Network**

South Dublin Chamber has organized a special 1-day event to mark the launch of the **South Dublin Chamber Women in Business** network in the Tower Hotel, Tallaght on Thursday, 11 October 2007.

The main feature of this event will be training delivered by the internationally renowned Veronica Canning from the Academy of Leaders. The networking evening will include a champagne reception, a twilight dinner and a shopping extravaganza.

Network membership is **free** to all Chamber member companies. For further information or to download a booking form, see www.sdchamber.ie

3. **Local Economic Development Conference 2007**

The 2007 Chambers Ireland Local Economic Development Conference will take place on **Wednesday 17th October** in the Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath, sponsored by ComReg.

The conference offers practical and relevant information on developing and sustaining a vibrant local economy. The objective is to provide clear guidance and advice on how to identify a clear vision for the future development of local areas and devise a holistic strategy to drive development at local level. The conference is aimed at local authority officials, public representatives, business people, chamber officials and staff, development and state agencies.

Speakers at the event include:

- Mike Byrne, Chairperson, ComReg;
- John Fitzgerald, Chairperson, Grangegorman Development Agency;
- Peter Malone, Chairman, National Roads Authority;

- Patrick Munden, Head of Business Development, eBay;
- Rory O'Connor, Managing Director, Hewlett Packard Galway Ltd;
- David Pierce, Director of Inward Investment/Marketing, Ulster Bank and President, Chambers Ireland; and
- Prof. Terri Scott, Chief Executive Officer, Ryan Academy.

The Conference will be chaired by Janice Tracey, Chief Executive of Derry Chamber.

Bookings are now being taken for this event. To reserve your place call Chambers Ireland on 01 400 4327/4321 or email james.kiernan@chambers.ie.

4. International Arbitration Seminar

Chambers Ireland in association with the ICC National Committee for Ireland will host its annual international arbitration seminar on **Friday 5th October** in Farmleigh, Dublin.

A round table debate will take place on the latest ICC Commission on Arbitration Report on Controlling Time and Costs in Arbitration. Lawyers of the highest calibre from Paris, Geneva, Amsterdam and London will dissect and discuss this highly important report. The perception of ever-increasing cost and complexity in arbitration is one of the most topical and important issues facing practitioners and this seminar is a timely opportunity for debate on how best to confront this potential problem. All users of the arbitration process, whether in construction, international commercial contracts, domestic or international, will strongly benefit from this robust debate at Farmleigh.

To download a copy of the seminar programme and booking form in Word format visit <http://www.chambers.ie/index.php?id=573>. For further information or to book your place please contact Orla Byrne at Chambers Ireland on 01 400 4321 or orla.byrne@chambers.ie.

5. Vodafone Passion for the World Around Us Awards

South Dublin Chamber and Vodafone are looking for nominations from businesses for a Vodafone *Passion for the World Around Us* Award.

The award is open to businesses of any size or type, that have made a difference to their local communities, e.g. by encouraging employee volunteering, engaging in local environmental activity or supporting local causes. For an application form please contact **Mary Grassick, Tel: 01-4585235; email: mary@sdchamber.ie** The closing date for entries is: 30th September 2007 (Business Round)

6. Changes in Cargo Legislation in the US

Due to new Legislation (Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007) introduced in the United States, the following changes may have future implications for you or your members:

"A container that was loaded on a vessel in a foreign port shall not enter the United States (either directly or via a foreign port) unless the container was scanned by nonintrusive imaging equipment and radiation detection equipment at a foreign port before it was loaded on a vessel."

This shall apply on July 1, 2012.

You can get a copy of the notice (H R 1 - Title XVII Maritime Cargo.doc) by contacting Mary Burke, Tel: 01-4585234 maryb@sdchamber.ie

7. Results of Questionnaire

Does South Dublin County need a second bridge over the River Liffey?

Yes 84%

No 16%

8. Trade Mission to Kuala Lumpur for Biotechnology Sector

Chambers Ireland is the official supportive organisation in Ireland for EUM-BIO 2007, the first EU-Malaysia Biotechnology Match Making event co-funded by the Asia Invest Programme of the European Commission (EC).

Event: EU-Malaysia Biotechnology Business Partnership & Matchmaking event
Date: 24th – 26th October 2007
Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
Contact: Mary Mooney Tel: 01 400 4319 / 0868533714 or mary.mooney@chambers.ie
Cost: A travel incentive of €800 is available for Irish companies who wish to participate.
Please visit www.eumbio.org for more details or you can get a copy of the brochure (EU Biomedical.pdf)) by contacting Mary Burke, Tel: 01-4585234 maryb@sdchamber.ie

9. Foreign Direct Investment in Japan Training Mission 18–22 February 2008

This is a 5-day training mission to Japan to acquire an in-depth understanding of Japanese M&A for the purpose of implementing a business integration plan with a Japanese partner. For more information, please contact Mary Mooney Tel: 01 400 4319 / 0868533714 or mary.mooney@chambers.ie. You can get a copy of (Foreign direct investment mission.pdf)) by contacting Mary Burke, Tel: 01-4585234 maryb@sdchamber.ie. Deadline for applications is **Wednesday 14th November 2007**.

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