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A Word from the President

Dear friend,

I would like to express my gratitude to all of you who've been referring friends to AMPA and continue to help us deepen AMPA's nationwide reach.

I am truly proud of AMPA and its accomplishments, and so should you! The number of members is increasing, the management team is growing in size, and so is the frequency of our events and its geographic distribution.

Moreover, we are in the process of reviewing several key partnerships to present you with more domestic and international networking opportunities. One of such partnerships is a cooperation agreement with the Moroccan chapter of Young Presidents Organization (YPO). YPO is an exclusive peer network that connects members to exchange ideas, pursue learning and share strategies to achieve personal and professional growth and success. YPO membership worldwide is limited to individuals in management or executive positions of select corporations or divisions.

To be closer to you and offer you a broader choice of learning and networking opportunities, we are developing a comprehensive event schedule. The objective is to feature professionally oriented monthly gatherings in all member areas, and quarterly regional seminars that bring you outstanding speakers on the issues that matter the most to you.

Our quest to exceed your expectations is ambitious, and we hope you will join us, and continue to guide us with your feedback so we never lose track of our common goals.

Warm wishes,

Khalil Jai Hokimi

AMPA Management Team



Khalil Jai Hokimi, President
Khalil plays a large role in the strategy making of the association and the implementation of all actions. He is an active member of all AMPA teams and their initiatives.



Omar Tazi, VP Communications, Marketing & Technology
Omar plays a key role in the AMPA team as he handles many of the most important committees. His passion, dedication, and availability to AMPA are priceless and show in all he undertakes.



Faiza Laghrari, Jaridati Editor
Faiza plays a key role in the communications team as she handles the important task of making Jaridati your newsletter of choice.



Mehdi Bousfiha, VP Member Relations
Mehdi is in charge of processing all membership applications, keeping a log of all member information, and handling all member referrals. In addition to his tasks, Mehdi always finds the time to reach out to other teams and lend a hand wherever needed.



Aly Horma, Vice President
Aly is a very important player within AMPA. Not only does he act as a strong link and an avid supporter for all teams, he is also leading the Policy and business development efforts. Aly shows a strong passion towards making AMPA the sole association that Moroccan professionals rely on for their networking.



Rym Fizazi, Treasurer
Rym handles all the accounting of the association and does a great job in keeping everyone informed of all important financial information.



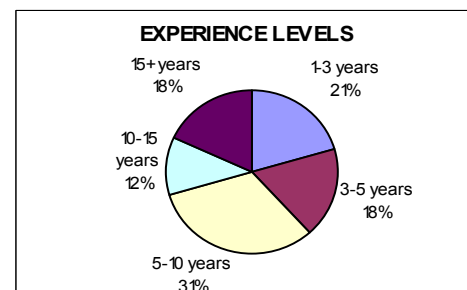
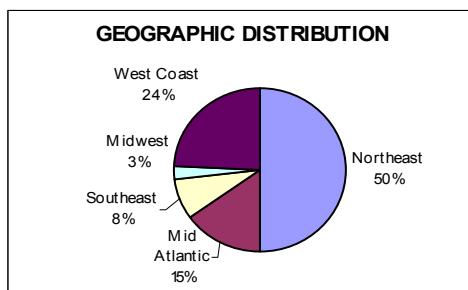
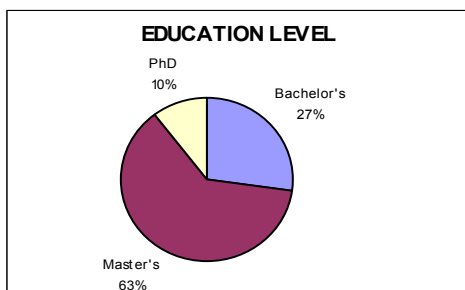
Hicham Kabbaj, VP Events
Hicham plays a key role in AMPA as he is responsible for all event planning and implementation. His ambitious plan to hold monthly local gatherings in many towns across the country, online group sessions, as well as large scale events quarterly keep him very busy. Hicham has really made a difference since joining as an active member.



Welcome Nora !
Nora Larhouasli Marrakchi, VP Membership Development
Impressed by the organization's mission and purpose, Nora joined the management ranks, shortly after becoming a member in June 2005. She has aided the events team in launching AMPA's NY Local Gatherings and has recently accepted the position of VP Membership Development. As such, her goal is to enhance and improve the networking effectiveness of our organization through outreach, frequent communication and follow-up.

The AMPA management team wants to hear your ideas on how to deliver better value to you. Please send us your testimonials, comments and suggestions to: info@amp-usa.org

AMPA Membership Statistics: 77 members



Our Featured Members

Kenza Alaoui Sunnyvale, CA



Kenza, a civil and environmental engineer, has been working in the field of water and wastewater for the last 8 years. She holds an engineering degree in civil engineering from “Ecole Hassania des Travaux Publics” (Casablanca, Morocco) and a Master’s degree in Environmental Engineering from “Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Paris.”

Kenza is a senior consultant at Kennedy/Jenks Consultants in Palo Alto California, working on the design of drinking water system, Wastewater collection system and

Wastewater Treatment Plant. Prior to moving to the U.S., she worked at Parsons International, London office, where she performed environmental impact assessment studies for military clients.

Kenza held different positions with some of the world leaders in water and wastewater industry. She managed the drinking water design team at Lyonnaise des Eaux de Casablanca (Groupe Suez) and was in charge of the largest drinking water design projects in Casablanca. Previous to that, she held an engineering position at Vivendi Universal in Paris.

Kenza is member of the California Water and Environmental Association (CWEA). While living in Morocco, she was an active member of “Horizons Ouverts,” a Moroccan Association founded to work in the social field. She is also a member of “Amnesty International.”

Kenza moved to the U.S. 3 years ago. She is married and a mother of Hamza who is two and half years old.

Samir Souidi New York City, NY



Mr. Samir Souidi graduated from “École Supérieure de Commerce” in Marrakech, Morocco in 1999 with a B.A. in Business Administration. In 2002, he received a Master’s degree in Information Systems from New York’s Pace University.

Samir currently holds a database administrator position at Wildcat Services Corporation, one of the largest non-profit organizations in New York City. Wildcat provides chronically unemployed individuals with “work habits training” in order to familiarize them with the demands of the workplace.

Samir’s current project is to design a shared centralized system for the four Wildcat high schools in Manhattan, Bronx and Queens. The system will store and process student transcripts and capture student attendance using an ID Card. This new system will be a major part of the Wildcat High School Grant Proposal that will be submitted to the Board of Education of New York City in the upcoming years.

Samir is also a professional soccer referee. He started at the age of 13 following his father’s steps. At the age of 25, he obtained his national grade from Federation Royale Marocaine de Football (FRMF). Samir officiates many national cup competitions of the U.S. Amateur Soccer Association in New York, New Jersey, Los Angeles, Florida, Chicago and other states. He is also the Northeast assignor for the U.S Youth Soccer League. Samir is an active member of Eastern New York Amateur Soccer Association and is working hard to start officiating games in Major league Soccer (MLS) of the U.S. Soccer Federation.

Event Team Letter

Due to overwhelming demand for more events, we have expanded our event schedule to offer a combination of quarterly regional events, monthly local gatherings and online sessions.

Regional events: Seminar-type events with stellar guest speakers on the topics that mater to you. Our schedule includes:

September 2005: Washington, DC
November 2005: Houston, TX
January 2006: New York City, NY
March 2006: Casablanca & Marrakech, Morocco

Local gatherings: Business casual events that provide the opportunity to network with other members and meet an exceptional guest every time. Initial metro areas to host gatherings:

New York, NY
Washington, DC
San Jose, CA

Online sessions: Quarterly online chats with guest speakers from around the world to answer your questions on a variety of topics such as investments, immigration and real estate.

Upcoming DC Event



Entrepreneurial Networking & Moroccan-American Business Opportunities

September 10, 2005 - 2:30 to 7:30 pm

2:30 - 3:30 pm: Registration and networking

3:30 - 4:30 pm: "Relationship Currency" presentation by David Nour

4:45 - 5:30 pm: U.S. – Morocco Business opportunities by Ted Smith, Managing Director at the Moroccan American Trade & Investment Council

5:45 - 6:30 pm: U.S. – Morocco Business opportunities by US- Morocco Trade Specialist

6:45 - 7:30 pm: Networking



Location: **The George Washington University,**
Executive Education Center,
City View Room,
1957 E Street NW, 7th Floor
Washington, DC 20052

AMPA Forums - Recent Postings

The AMPA team encourages members to visit the AMPA forums at <http://www.amp-usa.org/forums>. Below is a snapshot of some recent postings:

Networking Forum:

- Intro to Networking
- FTA business opportunities

Career Center Forum:

- Open positions in Atlanta
- Would you like to go back to Morocco?

Opportunities Forum:

- Can you transfer your social security funds to Morocco?

Miscellaneous Forum:

- Green Card: consular processing in Morocco



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Forum	Topics	Posts	Last Post
Business			
Networking This is the place to mingle with other people, ask them if they know somebody you are trying to meet...	5	11	Mon Jul 18, 2005 12:18 am jhokimi →
Career Center Have a job opening? Seeking new opportunities? Looking for interviewing tips? This is the right forum to discuss career related topics	5	5	Sat Aug 20, 2005 2:05 am faizaAtl →
Opportunities You have an idea? Looking for help to take an opportunity to the next level? Need some advice? This is the best place to share your ideas or discover what other AMPA members may be working on.	3	5	Fri Jul 15, 2005 4:09 am jhokimi →
Social			
Social Corner Hosting a party in NYC? Traveling to California for business and looking for a Golf buddy? This is the perfect place to let us know about it!	10	12	Fri Jul 15, 2005 3:09 pm NMarrakchi →
Goodwill Are you thinking of raising money for a good cause? Do you need help to send clothes or books to Morocco? Do you need assistance helping people who are in need? Want to volunteer some of your time to initiatives driven by the AMPA social committee? This is your spot!	0	0	No Posts
General			
AMPA Openings AMPA needs your help, if you are interested in any position listed in this category or would like to know more about AMPA openings, this is your forum!	1	1	Thu May 05, 2005 5:14 pm jhokimi →
Suggestions Any feedback you would like to share with the AMPA team? Any suggestion for a missing topic in this Forum? Any suggestions for our next event? Any feedback or suggestions are welcome, this is the ideal place for you to express them.	1	1	Sun May 01, 2005 1:02 am jhokimi →
Misc This is the place for various topics that would not fit in any existing category. Please respect the apolitical and non-religious nature of our association by not posting any message of such character.	6	7	Tue Jul 26, 2005 7:30 pm ahorma →

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All times are GMT

Who is Online
Our users have posted a total of 42 articles We have 25 registered users The newest registered user is aichalahlou
In total there is 1 user online :: 1 Registered, 0 Hidden and 0 Guests [Administrator] [Moderator] Most users ever online was 9 on Sat May 07, 2005 1:11 am Registered Users: jhokimi

This data is based on users active over the past five minutes

Bladi Headlines

Polisario frees 404 Moroccan POWs

On Thursday Aug 18, Western Sahara guerrillas released their last Moroccan prisoners, 404 soldiers held for up to 20 years, the Red Cross announced. The Moroccans had been held in Polisario Front camps in southern Algeria and were to be repatriated under Red Cross auspices. Their release following mediation by the United States removes one of the obstacles to peace for the Western Sahara region.

Source: *ABCNews.com*

Intel opens office in Casablanca

Processor giant Intel has strengthened its regional presence with the opening of an office in Casablanca. Brian Harrison, director at Intel Europe, Middle East and Africa, said: "We hope that our presence in Morocco will allow us to work more closely with regional governments and fellow travelers to keep on playing a role in promoting the development of the IT sector and driving ICT education in North Africa." Intel already has existing offices in Cairo and Beirut.

Source: *ITP.net*

Athletics-Gharib retains world marathon title

Morocco's Jaouad Gharib became only the second athlete to retain the marathon title at the world championships on Saturday Aug 13 at Helsinki.

"I waited until the last 12 kilometres, that was my tactic for the race," added Gharib, who is due to make his first appearance in the New York marathon on November 6.

Source: *Reuters.com*

Olympics El Moutawakel appointed member of Coordination Commission for London Games

Nawal El Moutawakel, former Moroccan Olympic Champion, has been appointed member of the Coordination Commission for the London Olympic Games of 2012, said Tuesday 08/23 the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Source: *morccotimes.com*

Nationality: Recognizing Morocco's children

HM King Mohamed VI announced on Jul. 30 that Moroccan women will be able to transmit their nationality to children born of non-Moroccan fathers.

Source: *morccotimes.com*

Moroccan archeologists work on new site

An archeological site which dates from the Phoenician era (6th century BC), has recently been discovered near Ksar Sghir. The site which held the Punic, Mauretanian, Roman and Islamic civilizations was discovered accidentally in the region of Dhar Sakfane during work on the motorway section in Tangier –Oued R'mel.

Source: *morccotimes.com*

Morocco selects Boeing in long-haul jets tender

Royal Air Maroc (RAM) said it would soon start talks with U.S. Boeing for the purchase of up to five long-haul Dreamliner aircraft, in a deal estimated at \$790 million. "RAM's board decided to start talks with Boeing soon after the withdrawal of Airbus from our tender," a RAM senior official said.

Source: *Reuters.com*

Contribute to Jaridati

AMPA members are encouraged to submit profiles, articles of interest or research papers for future issues of Jaridati. Please send any contributions by email as a Microsoft Word attachment to jaridati@amp-usa.org.

Also, do not hesitate to send us your feedback on this issue at jaridati@amp-usa.org. We would like to hear from you on ways to make Jaridati your favorite newsletter.