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Franco-British Student Alliance Entente Cordiale Annual Meeting:

“French Protectionism versus British Liberalism”

15th March 2008



At the Marquess of Salisbury's Hatfield House estate, Hertfordshire

With the participation of the following institutions:



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*Participate in a debate between the leaders of today
and the leaders of tomorrow*



The History and the Purpose of the Franco-British Student Alliance

Leading students, academics and recent alumni of the University of Oxford, the University of Cambridge, the London School of Economics, HEC, l'Ecole Polytechnique and Sciences-Po have united to form the **Franco-British Student Alliance**.

The Alliance was launched in 2004 at the Chateau de Breteuil, near Paris, to mark the centennial celebrations of the Entente Cordiale. Uniquely, the Alliance has been granted the patronage of both Her Majesty the Queen of England and the President of the French Republic.



The Alliance **aims to galvanise positive Franco-British relations** and enables students from both sides of the Channel to forge strong ties of friendship. They meet regularly to address key contemporary issues concerning France and Great-Britain, as well as their role in the European Union and the international community.

Building upon the Success of the 2005 Paris Summit

The Alliance's **inaugural summit** was held in Paris during the October 2005 anniversary of the bi-centenary of Trafalgar. The weekend summit attracted over 300 students from the 6 original partner universities and over 50 guests from politics, business, law and academia to discuss the challenges of Corporate Social Responsibility in the Developing World.

High profile international guests participating in this event include Rt. Hon Baroness Amos, Leader of the House of Lords, Sir John Holmes, British Ambassador to France, Général Henri Bentégeat, Chief of the French Defence Staff, and Denis Ranque, CEO of Thales.

The Hatfield House Entente Cordiale Meeting 2008

The annual **Hatfield House Meeting**, hosted by the Marquess of Salisbury, sees 150 students from the 6 partner universities meet with their French and British peers to discuss the Entente Cordiale in the 21st century. International business leaders, politicians, journalists and academics will chair **student working groups** to guide and inspire the discussion on 'French protectionism versus British liberalism'. The Hatfield House event draws together 150 of the most promising students and top graduates from the FBSA's partner universities, providing an exceptional communication and recruitment opportunity for firms or institutions sponsoring the Alliance activities.

One of the magnificent working group venues



Programme of Events for the Hatfield House Weekend Meeting

Saturday 15th March 2008

- 10:00 – 12:00 am** **Opening ceremony** and breakfast in the Senior Dining Room on the LSE campus with speeches by Michael Krantz, President of the FBSA, and a guest speaker.
- 12:00 – 1:30 pm** **Departure** by coach of the participants towards Hatfield House with lunch provided on the way.
- 1:30 – 2:00 pm** **Welcoming speech** by the Lord of Salisbury, Yves Djimi, Founding President of the FBSA, and the President Michael Krantz in the Marble Hall.
- 2:00 – 3:00 pm** **Panel discussion** held by guest speakers.
- 3:00 – 3:30 pm** **Tea time**
- 3:30 – 5:30 pm** **Workshops** of 25 students in the Marble Hall, Library, Winter Dining Room, King James' Drawing Room, Long Gallery and Chapel. Each working group will be chaired by an expert.
- 5:30 – 6:30 pm** **Plenary session** in Marble Hall: one student from each group gives of summary of the discussion.
- Closing ceremony** with speeches by a guest speaker, our sponsors and the Alliance chairman Michael Krantz.
- 6:30 – 7:00 pm** **Classical music concert.**
- 7:30 – 9:30 pm** **Drinks reception and black tie 3-course dinner** for students and guests in the Old Palace.
- 9:30 – 1:00 am** **Student Night.**
- 1:00 am** **Departure** of coaches for London to hostel accommodation for students.

The joint Patrons of the Alliance are the Most Hon. the **Marquess of Salisbury** and the **Marquis de Breteuil**, both descendents of the architects of the Entente Cordiale Treaty of 1904, and several Trustees have granted their full support as Honorary Members: H.E. the French Ambassador in Britain, H.E. the British Ambassador in France, the President and Vice-presidents of the Franco-British All-Party Parliamentary Groups in the United-Kingdom and France, the President and Vice-presidents of the Franco-British Society, the President and Vice-presidents of the Franco-British Council, the Director of the British Council in Paris, the Director of the Alliance Française in London, the Chancellors of the 6 partner Universities, Sir Christopher Mallaby, Lord Williams of Elvel, Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, Marquess of Lansdowne, Duke of Bedford, Lord Campbell of Alloway, Lord Wallace of Saltaire, Lord Grenfell, Lord Cockfield, Baroness Falkner of Margravine, Baroness Rawlings, Baroness Morris of Bolton, Sir Stuart Bell MP, Mr. Maurice Druon, of the Académie Française, Prince Gabriel de Broglie, of the Académie Française, Mr. Charles Hargrove, Pierre Lequiller MP, Pierre Lellouche MP, Valérie Pécresse MP, Olivier Jardé MP, Martine Aurillac MP, Jacques Godfrain MP, Yves Censi MP.