

In Review: Award of Excellence 2009

This year, the Award of Excellence, was presented to Mrs. Kirsten Kuhnert, founder of the organization Dolphin Aid. The evening at the Hotel Intercontinental in Downtown Miami was filled with emotions, laughter, and happiness. Guests of honor included the Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr. Klaus Ranner and his wife Barbara Zesewitz, as well as the Consul of Netherlands Antillean Affairs, Mr. Xavier Prens who came from Curacao to honor Mrs. Kuhnert, and John Yearwood, Chief Editor of the Miami Herald. Our President Michael Claus welcomed everybody and Mr. Klaus Ranner held a speech in honor of Kirsten Kuhnert highlighting her achievements. Mr. Mike Schoon, head of the Dolphin Therapy Center in Curacao where

the therapies have evolved held a speech about the achievements in the therapy center and the always enthusiastic, positive and energetic Kirsten Kuhnert who helped educating people about the therapy center and its successful therapies. Finally, the Award of Excellence was handed over by Michael Claus, and Kirsten Kuhnert had thanked everyone who made the success possible, and gave an emotional speech which touched everyone.

Lufthansa, our Platinum sponsor, sponsored two business class roundtrip tickets from the US to anywhere in Europe which were auctioned off that night. All in all, the event was a great success.



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With the benchmarking study Navigator we address the harsh economic climate of today but do not want to paint another black picture. It is our goal to provide U.S.-based corporations and subsidiaries with a better view of the current economic situation and of what companies are doing to cope with it and to prepare for the upswing. The U.S. survey was conducted by Horváth & Partners Management Consultants in cooperation with the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Southern United States.

The findings of the Navigator study

are derived from the shared views and experiences of more than 100 companies in the United States and over 260 across Europe and the rest of world. It is our hope that this study will facilitate discussion of ways to navigate through the downturn and prepare for the upswing while the economy is still in crisis. We sincerely thank all participants for sharing their views and hope that you will find valuable insights to, ultimately, finish among the winners.

Please click here for the complete article. Enjoy the read!

All the best,



Kristian Wolf



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- Gala (<http://www.gaccsouth.com/en/veranstaltungen/annual-gala-2009/>)
- International Environmental Trade Mission Atlanta ([http://www.gaccsouth.com/veranstaltungen/event/?no_cache=1&tx_mjseventpro_pi1\[showUid\]=468&cHash=89a7f68b21&recentView=listView](http://www.gaccsouth.com/veranstaltungen/event/?no_cache=1&tx_mjseventpro_pi1[showUid]=468&cHash=89a7f68b21&recentView=listView))
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