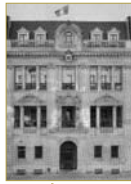


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The idea of creating an institution concerned with economic and cultural relations with the countries of the Near and Middle East had been discussed in the German business community since the beginning of the 1920s.



1934: The formation of the German Middle East Association took place in Berlin, Jägerstraße 2-3, on May 30th, 1934. Today the building is the mission of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg to the Federal Republic of Germany.



Dr. Hermann Reys, the manager of Siemens was elected as first chairman of the association.



1903: Heinrich A. Meißner Pascha digging the first turf of the Baghdad railway. The concession to build the Baghdad railway, which the German industry was granted in 1898, was a milestone in German-Oriental economic relations.



The first journal of the association had the title "Announcements of the German Middle East Association/Orient Chronicle". It appeared on November 3rd, 1934. After renaming the journal to "Orient News" (Orient-Nachrichten) in 1935, it already appeared bi-weekly from June 1937 onward. As of 1940, it was titled "The Near East" (Der Nahe Osten) and appeared monthly.

1950: On February 1st, 1950 a number of personalities met to establish the "Near and Middle East Association" (NUMOV) as the successor of the German Middle East Association in Hamburg. Some of them had already been former members of the association in Berlin. The founding meeting of the Near and Middle East Association (NUMOV) was held on May 10th, 1950 in Hamburg. The goal of the association was based on the old statute: to help promote German economic relations with the Near and Middle East on a non-profit basis. Religious and political goals were expressly excluded; cultural activities such as public lectures were also provided for with the new statute.

1954: Dr. h.c. Alfred Toepfer, a businessman from Hamburg, succeeded Ernst Godeffroy as chairman of the Near and Middle East Association in 1954. The association attracted an increasing number of visitors from abroad, among them ministers, diplomats and journalists. At the same time, cooperation with the Federal Government could be strengthened. Representatives of the Near and Middle East Association were received by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, and Prof. Dr. Erhard, Federal Minister of Economics, gave a speech on a Near and Middle East Day.



Dr. h.c. Alfred Toepfer

1983: Founding of the German-Egyptian Economic Council in cooperation with the Egyptian Businessmen's Association



Dr. Richard von Weizsäcker



Turgut Özal



Hans-Dietrich Genscher



Hans-Otto Thierbach and Dr. Richard von Weizsäcker

1958: On October 1st, 1958, Dr. Ernst A. Messerschmidt succeeded Dr. Reinhard Hüber, the executive member of the board who had served in his post for many years. Dr. Messerschmidt contributed to the success of the association in an exceptional way. The Near and Middle East Association grew to become the largest of all associations in Hamburg under his management. He remained managing director until his death in 1971.

Dr. Ernst A. Messerschmidt



1984: The Near and Middle East Association celebrated its 50th anniversary on September 6th, 1984. In the presence of the Federal President, Dr. Richard von Weizsäcker, who was accompanied by his wife Marianne, the board of the Association had the honour to welcome almost 900 German and foreign members, and guests from Germany and abroad in the Congress Centre of Hamburg. During the event, high-ranking government representatives presented papers on how to strengthen the already existing cooperation between Germany and the countries of the region and to find new fields of cooperation. The papers presented by Federal Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Özal, and the president of the Arab Fund for Social and Economic Development, His Excellency Mohammed Imady, all conveyed the political and economic significance of the Middle East region.

As an internationally recognized foreign trade organisation, the Near and Middle East Association has always communicated the interests and proposals of its partners in the region to the public in Germany and, at the same time, has made the efficiency of the German industry more visible. The association's success was also reflected in its membership numbers. In the year of its 50th anniversary the association welcomed its 500th member.

Many further milestones marked the work of the Near and Middle East Association until 1989: Following Foreign Minister Genscher's visit to Damascus in August 1985, the Syrian government invited the Near and Middle East Association for talks. A German business delegation travelled to Damascus in 1985 headed by the association's chairman, Hans-Otto Thierbach and the management of the Near and Middle East Association travelled to the countries of the region in order to introduce itself.

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Heinrich A. Meißner Pascha (1862 - 1940). Architect of the Hedjaz railway and one of the founders of the Baghdad railway

1936: On April 29th, 1936 the German-Iranian Chamber of Commerce was founded.

1952: At the beginning of December 1952 the "German-Iranian Chamber of Commerce" was revived. Its headquarters and staff where those of the Near and Middle East Association until 1998.

1953: Cultural exchange between Germany and the countries of the Arab world was broadened when, in January 1953, the German Protestant School in Cairo which had been founded 1873 was reopened under the name "Goethe Institute". Offering German language courses and organizing cultural events to promote mutual understanding was the very goal of the institute. Additional branches were opened in quick succession in the Orient: Beirut (1954), Damascus (1955), Tehran (1958), Izmir and Baghdad (1959), Alexandria, Basra, Khartoum (1960), Istanbul and Amman (1961).

1956: The Near and Middle East Association achieved great success in 1956 with its exhibition "Near and Middle East - then and now", which took place in Hamburg from September 29th until October 14th, 1956. It was the first event of its kind that led the German public to examine the tradition of German-Oriental relations on a cultural and economic basis. The large number of visitors clearly demonstrated to the countries of the Arabic-Islamic world the extent of interest in Germany.

1960: The establishment of the German Orient Foundation in 1960 meant a crucial expansion of the activities of the Near and Middle East Association. The German Orient Institute was established under the roof of the German Orient Foundation. With the establishment of the German Orient Institute, the Near and Middle East Association also published the "Orient News"/"The Near East" under its new title "Orient".

1968: In November, 1968 the first German business delegation visited Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. In March 1971 another business delegation travelled to Bahrain, Qatar, Abu Dhabi, Oman and Dubai.



Hans-Otto Thierbach



Rochus Freiherr von Lütwitz

1973: Hans-Otto Thierbach, member of the board of Deutsche Bank AG, Frankfurt/Main, succeeded Dr. h.c. Alfred Toepfer as chairman of the Near and Middle East Association on April 26th, 1973. Rochus Freiherr von Lütwitz was the executive board member of the association and the German-Iranian Chamber of Commerce from 1971 until 1989.



Dr. Rolf-E. Breuer

1986: Dr. Rolf-E. Breuer, like his predecessor Hans-Otto Thierbach, who was a member of the board of Deutsche Bank AG, Frankfurt, became chairman of the board of the association on September 16th, 1986. Dr. Otto Plassmann became the managing director in 1989.

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Change and Continuity: The Nineties

1995: On December 27th, 1995, Wolf-Elmar Warning became chairman of the Near and Middle East Association. He succeeded Dr. Rolf-E. Breuer who had been the chairman of the Association since 1986.



H.E. Dr. Helmut Kohl and H.E. Hosny Mubarak

1995: In May 1995, the then Federal Chancellor, H.E. Dr. Helmut Kohl, also travelled to the Near East. He visited Egypt and Jordan as well as Israel and the Palestinian territories. During the same year, representatives of the Near and Middle East Association accompanied the Foreign Minister at the time, Dr. Klaus Kinkel, on a trip to Cairo, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, and Ankara. The trip was a great opportunity for the Near and Middle East Association to strengthen its contacts with local organisations.



Werner Schoeltzke



Helene Rang

1997: Werner Schoeltzke, chairman of the executive directors of Fritz Werner Industrie-Ausrüstungen GmbH - later renamed MAN Ferrostaal Industrieanlagen GmbH - became the chairman of the Near and Middle East Association.

Helene Rang became chief executive officer and deputy chairperson of the association.

The association was completely restructured. The number of board members was raised and the country committees were revived. An advisory committee was set up, the members of which were to be selected from public figures as well as experts with special relations to the region.

1998: Founding of the German-Yemenite Forum



f. r. t. l.: H.E. Ali Abdullah Saleh, President of the Republic of Yemen, H.E. Dr. Helga Gräfin Strachwitz, Ambassador in Yemen, first female German Ambassador in the region, Werner Schoeltzke, Helene Rang

1998: A business delegation of the Near and Middle East Association, in cooperation with the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development and the Hessian Ministry of Economics, travelled to Yemen in spring 1998. **Since 1998, the Near and Middle East Association has been organising fact-finding missions which help obtain first-hand regional information about the respective countries.**



1999: Hans-Jürgen Wischniewski - also known as Ben Wisch - became Honorary Chairman of the Near and Middle East Association.

Hans-Jürgen Wischniewski



H.H. Hamad bin Jassim bin Mohammed Al Thani and H.E. Roman Herzog

1999: H.H. Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani was the first Qatari head of state to visit Germany. During his visit he was also received by H.E. Roman Herzog who was the Federal President at the time.

2000: In July 2000, the president of the Islamic Republic of Iran, H.E. Mohammed Chatami visited Germany. It was the first visit of an Iranian head of state in 33 years.



f.l.t.r.: Jens-Ove Stier, Vice-chairman of the Near and Middle East Association, Walter Weinberger, German Ambassador to Qatar, H.H. Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Emir of Qatar, Werner Schoeltzke, Chairman of the Near and Middle East Association



H.E. Mohammed Chatami, Werner Schoeltzke

2000: Founding of the Federation of European Middle East Business Associations

2001: Founding of the NUMOV Junior Section

2001: Founding of the NUMOV Senior Consultants Section



H.H. Abdullah II. of Jordan

2000: In October, H.H. King Abdullah II of Jordan participated in a meeting with more than 100 German economic representatives in Berlin. The meeting was headed by the chairman of the Near and Middle East Association, Werner Schoeltzke.

2001: The Near and Middle East Association has in the meantime become the best-known German organisation in Qatar, apart from the companies operating in the country such as KruppUdde. On behalf of the Federal Ministry of Economics and Labour, the Near and Middle East Association organised a delegation of about 44 German business representatives to Qatar and Oman. It was the largest German business delegation that had ever visited Qatar. The Ambassador to Qatar at the time, H.E. Rolf Meyer-Olden, gave confirmation to the Near and Middle East Association and the Foreign Ministry that there had never been so much publicity for Germany in Qatar.

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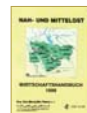
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1992: From 1991 to 1994, the oil-rich Gulf States were at the centre of attention of German companies. The second Gulf crisis came to an end in January 1991 and the way was clear for economic activities in the Gulf. The commencement of the reconstruction work in Lebanon as well as the declarations of independence of the central Asian Republics of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan in 1990 and 1991 constituted important developments for economic involvement in the region. In 1991, members of the board of the Near and Middle East Association accompanied the Federal Minister of Economics, Müllemann, on his trip to Iran, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia. In February 1992, another conference of the German-Saudi mixed Economic Commission took place in Riyadh. For that reason, the Federal Minister of Economics travelled to the Saudi Arabian capital with a German delegation again. The Near and Middle East Association was involved in preparing and implementing the trip. The prospect of German investments in Saudi Arabia as well as Saudi investments in Germany, especially in the new federal states, was one of the most important topics. In 1994, members of the board of the Near and Middle East Association accompanied another delegation of the Federal Minister of Economics at the time, Dr. Rexroth, to the country. In that year Saudi Arabia became Germany's third-largest trading partner in the Arab world.



1998: The **Near and Middle East Economic Handbook** was published for the first time. It has been published every two years since then and gives an overview of the current economic developments in the region. The first edition of the **"Economic Forum Near and Middle East"** followed in March the same year. There had been no comparable publication in Germany so far. Today, it is Germany's largest economic publication for the Near and Middle East and is also well known in the region.

2000: Founding of the Qatar German Business Forum



H.E. Dr. Johannes Rau and H.H. Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani

2000: February saw the first visit of a Federal President to the State of Qatar. H.H. Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani and President H.E. Dr. h.c. Johannes Rau met for official talks. H.H. Sheikh Hamad emphasized the significance of the bilateral economic relations. The vice-chairperson of the German Near and Middle East Association, Helene Rang, representing the association's management, was also a member of the president's delegation.

2001: NUMOV intensified its activities at international fairs. Following the initiative of the Near and Middle East Association, the Oil & Gas Fair in Teheran was put on the official foreign fair agenda of the Federal Government.

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H.E. Kemal Dervis

2002: The Turkish minister of economics, Kemal Dervis, came to Hamburg in April, following an invitation of the Near and Middle East Association to speak before 200 guests at the German Near and Middle East Gala Event 2002 at the hotel "Vier Jahreszeiten".

2003: In cooperation with the Federal Ministry for Economics and Labour, the Near and Middle East Association organized a Near and Middle East Conference on the ministry's premises on October 20th, 2003. About 300 high-ranking German business representatives attended the conference. The Near and Middle East Association arranged a grand gala the same evening. During his speech Dr. Ditmar Staffelt, parliamentary state secretary to the Federal Ministry of Economics and Labour, outlined the government's current efforts with regard to the Near and Middle East.



Ingrid Matthäus-Maier, Dr. Karl-Ernst Brauner

2004: The first business conference on Sharjah in Germany was organised by NUMOV at Deutsche Bank in Berlin and attracted a large number of German business executives. A high-ranking delegation led by Dr. Rashid Al Leem provided a comprehensive insight into the business environment in the third largest emirate of the UAE.

2003: The Near and Middle East Association initiated the visit of a high-ranking economic delegation from Dubai to Germany in early summer. The delegation was headed by H.E. Qassim Sultan, the Mayor of Dubai.

2002: The Federal Minister of Economics, H.E. Dr. Werner Müller, travelled to Saudi Arabia for the first time, in response to Crown Prince H.E. Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud's visit a year before. This was a historic milestone in the bilateral relations.



H.E. Dr. Werner Müller, Federal Minister of Economics, and H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Al-Assaf, Minister of Finance of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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2002: In April 2002, the association opened its office in Berlin-Mitte. After 68 years, the Association had returned to the place of its founding in Jägerstraße and is now permanently present in Berlin once again.



2002: Publication: Water Management and Water Technology in the Near and Middle East

2003: The seminar "Learning to understand Arabic" was offered by the Association in May, 2003 for the first time. Since then it has been presented regularly due to its great success. The goal of the seminar is to teach businessmen the basics of Arabic as well as important cultural characteristics.

2003: The association's general meeting was combined for the first time with a Near East Day at the Foreign Ministry in Berlin. Representatives of the ministry's economic department as well as a number of German ambassadors explained current political and economic issues concerning the Near and Middle East region.



2003: In cooperation with the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates in Germany, the Near and Middle East Association published the first issue of the journal "The United Arab Emirates in Focus". The publication provides a detailed overview of the numerous projects and activities in the United Arab Emirates.



H.E. Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, Dr. Karl-Ernst Brauner

2004: In June, NUMOV organised the German-Kuwaiti Business Forum in Berlin on the occasion of a visit by H.E. Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, Special Representative of H.H. the Prime Minister of Kuwait, and Minister of Communications, Planning and Development, who was accompanied by a high-ranking delegation.



H.E. Gerhard Schröder, H.H. Sayyid Fahd bin Mahmoud Al Said



H.E. Gerhard Schröder, H.H. Sheikh Sultan bin Zayed Al Nahyan

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70th Anniversary of NUMOV German Near and Middle East Association



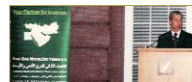
Representatives of German diplomatic missions at the anniversary celebration at the Federal Foreign Office



Gala Dinner 70 years NUMOV, hosted by Deutsche Bank



Jürgen Chrobog



Jürgen Fitschen



H.E. Sheikh Fahim Bin Sultan Al Qasimi

2004: On May 31st and June 1st, the German Near and Middle East Association celebrated its **70th anniversary**. In order to mark this auspicious occasion, a special conference on the region took place in the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin which was attended by some 600 business executives, government officials and representatives of foreign diplomatic missions as well as a high ranking delegation from the United Arab Emirates. On the evening of June 1st, a special Gala Dinner, hosted by Deutsche Bank, was held in the Atrium of the bank headquarters in Berlin. The event was attended by some 260 German and foreign guests. Guest speaker of the Gala Dinner was H.E. Sheikh Fahim Bin Sultan Al Qasimi, the UAE Minister of Economy and Trade, who was accompanied by a large delegation.

2005: Chancellor Schröder's 7-nation tour to the Gulf region



H.E. Gerhard Schröder, H.H. Abdullah ibn Abdalaziz



H.E. Gerhard Schröder, H.H. Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah



H.E. Gerhard Schröder, H.H. Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani



H.E. Gerhard Schröder, H.H. Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa



H.E. Gerhard Schröder, H.E. Abdelqader Bajamal

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Martin Bay

2005: Martin Bay, Deutsche Bahn - German Railway Group, has become the chairman of NUMOV. Werner Schoeltzke continues to serve NUMOV as Member of the Board of the Association.

2005: A large German business delegation to Afghanistan was organised by NUMOV from 8th to 11th May, 2005. It was the first German delegation of this kind to visit Kabul after more than two decades. The presence of the German delegation in Kabul was an important step in restoring and strengthening economic relationships between the two countries and was hailed as a great success.



f.l.t.r.: Dr. Peter Klaus, Member of the Board of KfW Bankengruppe, Deputy Chairman of the Board of NUMOV, H.E. Michael Glos, German Federal Minister of Economics and Technology, Martin Bay, Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors, DB ProjektBau, Chairman of the Board of NUMOV, H.E. Prof. Dr. Osama Abdulmajid Ali Shobokshi, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



H.E. Hamid Karzai

Foreign Trade Conference 2006 at the Federal Foreign Office



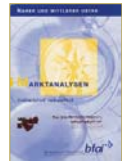
Representatives of German Embassies and Consulates General in the countries of the Near and Middle East, fourth from the right: Dr. Peter Ammon, Director General for Economic Affairs and Sustainable Development of the Federal Foreign Office.

2005: The annual Near and Middle East Gala Event of NUMOV, hosted by the KfW banking group took place on 16th February in Berlin. The Gala dinner was attended by many business and political leaders including the Federal Minister of Economics and Technology, Michael Glos, as key note speaker.

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2005: Publication: Chemische Industrie im Nahen und Mittleren Osten

2005: For the exhibition "Rebuild Iraq 2005", NUMOV organised a business delegation to Jordan in April 2005.

2005: A high-ranking Pakistani business delegation from Lahore, led by Mian Misbah-ur-Rahman, President of the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI), visited Germany at the end of July.



2006: The Near and Middle East Economic Handbook was published in English for the first time, making it accessible to an even broader audience.



f.l.t.r.: Klaus Langemann, Department Head New Business Caspian Region & Middle East Wintershall AG, Nesreen M. Sideek Barwari, Fellow, Institute of Politics, Harvard University, former Minister for Municipalities and Public Works of Iraq, Martin Bay, Chairman of the NUMOV Board, Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors, DB International, Jamal Majid Bin Thaniah, Vice President, Dubai Ports World

2006: The 8th German World Bank Forum took place from 1st - 2nd June 2006 in Hamburg, dedicated to the Middle East and its relations to Germany. The World Bank Forum was hosted by the Senate of Hamburg, the World Bank and the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce. Moreover, it was supported by various partners including the German Near and Middle East Association.



H.E. Dr. Ibrahim Al-Assaf, Minister of Finance of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and H.E. Michael Glos, Minister of Economics and Technology of the Federal Republic of Germany

2006: German Federal Minister of Economics and Technology Michael Glos visited Riyadh on 14th/15th November, 2006 to open the 16th session of the Saudi - German Joint Commission on Economic and Technical Cooperation. He was accompanied by more than one hundred German business people. The Saudi delegation was led by Dr. Ibrahim Al-Assaf, Saudi Minister of Finance. On the occasion of the session of the Saudi-German Joint Commission, the 14th session of the Saudi German Business Dialogue (SGBD) took place with the two Co-Chairmen Khaled Juffali, Vice Chairman and Managing Partner, E.A. Juffali and Brothers, and Martin Bay, Chairman of the Board of NUMOV, Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors, Deutsche Bahn International.

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2006: Former Chancellor Dr. Gerhard Schröder becomes Honorary Chairman of NUMOV

2006: The German Near and Middle East Association was greatly honoured by the readiness of former Chancellor **Dr. Gerhard Schröder** to take on the role of **Honorary Chairman of NUMOV**, following the death of Hans-Jürgen Wischnewski in February 2005. On May 29th, 2006 the honorary chairmanship was handed over to Dr. Gerhard Schröder, celebrated in a splendid festive event at the Federal Foreign Office. The Foreign Minister of the UAE, H.H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan attended the ceremonial act along with approximately 500 other participants. The Federal Foreign Minister Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier expressed his congratulations to Gerhard Schröder for his acceptance of the honorary chairmanship.

Festive Dinner on the occasion of the appointment of Dr. Gerhard Schröder as Honorary Chairman of NUMOV



Jürgen Fitschen, Board Member of NUMOV and Member of the Group Executive Committee of Deutsche Bank



f.l.t.r.: Martin Bay, Chairman of the Board of NUMOV, Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors, DB ProjektBau (Deutsche Bahn Group), H.E. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates, Dr. Gerhard Schröder, Honorary Chairman of the Board of NUMOV, former Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs



Participants on the occasion of the appointment of Dr. Gerhard Schröder as Honorary Chairman of the Board of NUMOV



Dr. Gerhard Schröder, former Federal Chancellor and Honorary Chairman of NUMOV

2006: Founding of the Emirati German Friendship Society

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Participants of the first meeting of the Emirati German Friendship Society

2007: On 14th January, 2007 the Emirati German Friendship Society (EGFS) was officially launched by H.H. Sheikh Hamdan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister of the UAE, and Dr. Gerhard Schröder, former Federal Chancellor of Germany and Honorary Chairman of NUMOV, during a ceremony in Abu Dhabi. Both founding members initiated the EGFS and are the Honorary Chairmen of the society. Dinner hosted by H.H. Sheikh Hamdan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

2007: The visit of Chancellor Angela Merkel to the Middle East in February 2007 was accompanied by an economic delegation led by Michael Glos, Federal Minister of Economics and Technology.



f.l.t.r.: H.E. Michael Glos, Federal Minister of Economics and Technology, H.E. Angela Merkel, Federal Chancellor of Germany, and H.E. Nasir al-Muhammad al-Ahmad al-Jabir al-Sabah, Prime Minister of the State of Kuwait

2007: NUMOV's first German - Middle East Business Round Table for national and international members took place in Berlin on 2nd April 2007. Numerous ambassadors welcomed the invitation of the Near and Middle East Association to attend this important event hosted by Dr. Norbert Kloppenburg from the KfW banking group.



First NUMOV German - Middle East Business Round Table

Dagmar Wöhrl, Parliamentary State Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology



2007: NUMOV's Foreign Trade Conference at the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology was held on 11th May.



NUMOV Office in Berlin

Continuous engagement is apparent in the fact that the **German Orient Institute**, under the umbrella of the German Orient Foundation, proceeds with its regional research on the Near and Middle East in the new NUMOV office in Berlin, Jägerstraße 63 D.

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German Near and Middle East Gala Event 2007

2007: In the evening of 11th May, 2007 NUMOV's German Near and Middle East Gala Event 2007 took place in Berlin hosted by Porsche AG. It was attended by 250 German and foreign guests, among them high-ranking government officials, German ambassadors working in the region and foreign diplomats active in Germany. Commissioner Günter Verheugen, the Vice President of the European Commission in charge of Enterprise and Industry, addressed the guests of the German Near and Middle East Gala Event 2007 on the subject of "The EU, the Middle East and the Mediterranean: A key challenge of the 21st Century".



H.E. Günter Verheugen, Vice President of the European Commission and Martin Bay, Chairman of NUMOV



Klaus Berning, Executive Vice President Sales and Marketing of Porsche AG



2007: In September, NUMOV published the "NUMOV-DIRECTORY of German Companies in the Near and Middle East" for the first time. Realising the need of German companies to present themselves in a lasting manner, and taking into account the ongoing importance of the states of the Near and Middle East and North Africa for the German industry, NUMOV distributed – free of charge – 50,000 copies of the DIRECTORY in the region.

2007: In December 2007, the German Orient – Institute re-launched its scientific magazine ORIENT. With contributions from numerous known scholars, ORIENT addresses relevant topics in politics, economics and culture of the countries of the Middle East. It is a platform for an exchange of ideas, as well as an addition to the ongoing dialogue with the Islamic world.



2007: In October 2007, NUMOV and the German Chamber of Commerce and Industry organised a German business delegation to Muscat/Oman, on the occasion of the 10th session of the German-Omani Joint Commission on Economic and Technical Cooperation. H.E. Dr. Bernd Pfaffenbach, State Secretary of the German Ministry of Economics and Technology, headed the delegation and led the commission talks with H.E. Sayyid Badr bin Hamoud Al Busaidi, Secretary General of the Foreign Ministry of Oman.



H.E. Dr. Bernd Pfaffenbach, State Secretary at the German Ministry of Economics and Technology at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and H.E. Sayyid Badr bin Hamoud Al Busaidi, General Secretary at the Foreign Ministry of Oman



Ahmet Eren, owner of Eren Holding and Helene Rang, CEO of NUMOV



H.H. King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and King of Saudi Arabia, visited Berlin from the 7th – 9th November 2007. It was the first official of a Saudi King to Germany since the visit of H.H. King Khaled in 1980.

2007: In November 2007, the 2nd NUMOV German – Middle East Business Round Table took place in Istanbul. The event was hosted by NUMOV's first international member, the Eren Holding, represented through its owner Ahmet Eren and its CFO Saffet Molvali.

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H.E. Alireza Sheikh Attar, Deputy Foreign Minister for Economic Affairs of Iran

2007: In the middle of February, a one-day business seminar on Iran took place. It was organised by NUMOV and focused on the present economic situation, the recent Foreign Investment Protection Law as well as Iran's growing privatisation efforts. The seminar was attended by a high-ranking Iranian delegation.



Business delegation from the Palestinian Territories

2007: For the first time in its history NUMOV, on behalf of the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology, welcomed a business delegation from the Palestinian Territories from 24th - 28th April 2007. The delegation was led by Bassem Khoury, President of the Palestinian Federation of Industries (PFI).

2007: On behalf of the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology, NUMOV together with the Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce and the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce organised the 3rd German-Iraqi Business Conference in Hamburg, on June 19th, 2007. The conference was attended by a high-ranking Iraqi delegation, representing both the Iraqi central government and the Kurdish regional government.



H.E. Fawsi Hariiri, Minister of Industry and Minerals, Republic of Iraq



f.l.t.r.: Martin Bay, Chairman of the Board of NUMOV, Co-Chairman of the Saudi-German Business Dialogue, Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors of Deutsche Bahn International and H.E. Dr. Detlev Wolter, Minister Counsellor, Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and H.E. Dr. Hamad Al Baze, Deputy Minister for Economic Affairs

2007: Nearly simultaneously, NUMOV took the responsibility to organise a business delegation on behalf of the German Ministry of Economics and Technology to the capital of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Riyadh, from the 31st August to 4th September, 2007. The delegation was headed by Martin Bay, Chairman of the Board of NUMOV, Co-Chairman of the Saudi-German Business Dialogue and Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors of Deutsche Bahn International.



f.l.t.r.: H.E. Yousef Omair Bin Yousef, H.E. Peer Steinbrück, H.H. Sheikh Bin Zayed Al-Nahyan and H.E. Dr. Gerhard Schröder



H.H. Sheikh Bin Zayed al-Nahyan, H.E. Dr. Gerhard Schröder and German participants of the Gala Dinner

2007: November 13th and 14th 2007 saw the second meeting of the Emirati German Friendship Society on the occasion of the visit of H.H. Sheikh Hamdan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and Co-Honorary Chairman of the Emirati German Friendship Society to Berlin.

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75 years of NUMOV

The German Near and Middle East Association today

f.l.t.r.: H.E. Dr. Gerhard Schröder, Former Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, Founder and Honorary Chairman of the Emirati German Friendship Society; H.H. Sheikh Muhammad bin Rashed Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Dubai, Prof. Dr. Dieter Lenzen, President of the "Freie Universität Berlin".



2008: On 2nd February 2008, NUMOV's Honorary Chairman and former German Chancellor, H.E. Dr. Gerhard Schröder welcomed H.H. Sheikh Muhammad bin Rashed Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Dubai, in Berlin. H.H. Sheikh Muhammad bin Rashed Al Maktoum was awarded the Medal of Honour in Gold of the Free University of Berlin for his outstanding contributions to the development of science and education in his country and the Arab world.



f.l.t.r.: H.H. Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabr Al Thani, H.E. Youssef Hussein Kamal, Minister of Finance and acting Minister of Economy and Commerce and Dr. Norbert Kloppenburg, Member of the Board of the KfW Banking Group, Deputy Chairman of the Board of NUMOV

2008: April likewise marked the official visit of H.H. Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabr Al Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Qatar to Germany. NUMOV arranged a business dinner on the occasion of the visit on April 22nd, providing a number of high-ranking German business representatives with the opportunity of meeting the Qatari delegation.

2008: May 28th, 2008 marked the Annual General Meeting of the Near and Middle East Association. The event was kindly hosted by the Representation Office of the European Commission in Berlin. On the same day NUMOV cooperated with the European Commission in hosting a conference entitled "The European Union as a Partner of the Near and Middle East". One of the panels focused on the relationship between the EU and the region, with a focus on the countries of the Mediterranean Basin, whereas the other panel focused on EU relationships with the GCC countries only. The conference provided all its participants with new food for thought, as well as a greater understanding of relations between the European Union and the Near and Middle East.



Annual General Meeting of the German Near and Middle East Association 2008



f.l.t.r.: Jan Hofmök, European Commission's Directorate-General for External Relations; H.E. Mohamed Al Orabi, the Egyptian ambassador to Germany; Martin Bay, Chairman of the Board of Managing Directors of German Railway Group International, Chairman of the Board of NUMOV; Dr. Marzenna Guz-Vetter, the Political Reporting Officer of the European Commission Representation in Berlin; Dr. Jana Hybaskova, Member of the European Parliament and Member of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly

German Near and Middle East Gala Event 2008

2008: In the evening of May 28th NUMOV held its annual German Near and Middle East Gala Event, this time at the Kronprinzenpalais, located in the heart of Berlin. The event was hosted by Emirates Airlines, one of the most successful airlines worldwide.



H.E. Dr. Gerhard Schröder, Former Federal Chancellor and Honorary Chairman of NUMOV



Henry Hasselbarth, Vice-President for North and Central Europe, Emirates Airlines



The German economic delegation with H.E. Nechirvan Barzani, Prime Minister of the Kurdish Regional Government, and H.E. Dr. Christof Weil, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Iraq

2008: On behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economics and Technology, NUMOV arranged a German business delegation to Iraq on the occasion of the Erbil International Fair 2008. More than 50 business and press representatives participated in the delegation, which lasted from October 17th to 20th, 2008.



H.H. Sheikh Hamdan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and Honorary Chairman of the Emirati German Friendship Society (EGFS) and H.E. Dr. Gerhard Schröder, Former German Chancellor and Honorary Chairman of the EGFS

2008: The 3rd Meeting of the Emirati-German Friendship Society (EGFS) took place in Abu Dhabi from November 14th to 15th 2008 upon invitation of H.H. Sheikh Hamdan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister of the UAE and Honorary Chairman of the EGFS. Headed by H.E. Dr. Gerhard Schröder, Former German Chancellor and Honorary Chairman of the EGFS, a high-ranking German delegation comprising 22 members visited Abu Dhabi on the occasion of the meeting. One of the highlights of the trip was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Technical University Berlin and Abu Dhabi University.



H.E. Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, German Minister of Foreign Affairs and Iraqi Prime Minister H.E. Nouri al-Maliki

2009: The First German - Middle East Energy Round Table took place on May 5th, 2009 in Berlin.

Anniversary Celebration 75 years of NUMOV



Qatar Symphonic Orchestra



H.H. Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al Missned, Consort of His Highness the Emir of Qatar and Chairperson of Qatar Foundation

2009: May 29th, 2009 marked the joyous celebration of the **75th anniversary** of the German Near and Middle East Association. The day was marked by three events, the first being the NUMOV member's annual meeting in the morning. The afternoon saw the NUMOV Near and Middle East Annual Economic Conference 2009.

The splendid gala event, attended by numerous influential office holders and high-ranking personalities, held ready a further delight: a performance of the Qatar National Symphony Orchestra. Guest of honour was H.H. Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al Missned, Consort of His Highness the Emir of Qatar and Chairperson of Qatar Foundation.

Konzerthaus Berlin



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H.E. Nouri Al-Maliki, Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq and H.E. Fawzi al-Hariri, Minister of Industry of the Republic of Iraq

2008: The Iraqi-German Joint Commission on Economic and Technical Cooperation held its 5th session – 21 years after its 4th session. The Iraqi delegation, headed by H.E. Fawzi Al-Hariri, Minister of Industry of Iraq expressed their profound interest in strengthening the bilateral relations with Germany.



H.M. King Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa of the Kingdom of Bahrain

2008: H.M. King Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa of the Kingdom of Bahrain embarked on his first official visit to Germany from October 26th to 29th 2008. On the occasion of the visit an **Economic Forum Bahrain** was hosted by Hochtief Facility Management in cooperation with the Embassy of Bahrain and NUMOV.

2009: On January 19th, the German Orient-Institute organized a panel discussion in cooperation with the representation of the European Commission in Germany on the events in the Gaza Strip.



f.l.t.r.: Oliver Ernst, Konrad Adenauer Foundation; Hajo Lanz, Friedrich Ebert Foundation; Nina Obermeier, Near East division of the EC's Directorate-General for Foreign Affairs; Dr. Thomas Ehler, Czech Embassy; Dr. Marzenna Guz-Vetter, the German Representation of the EC; Dr. Gunter Mulack, Executive Director of the German Orient-Institute; Boris Ruge, Head of Division for the Near and Middle East in the German Foreign Office and Mathias Weiter, representative of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development



H.E. Gerhard Schröder and H.E. Muhammad Chatami, Former Iranian President

2009: On February 19th – 22nd, former German Chancellor and Honorary Chairman of NUMOV, H.E. Gerhard Schröder travelled to Iran to participate in the opening of a scientific foundation. During his travel Schröder also met a number of high-ranking Iranian officials, among them most prominently H.E. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the Iranian President. Further, the trip included talks with the Oil Minister H.E. Gholam Hossein Nosari, the Foreign Minister H.E. Manutschehr Mottaki, and the former Iranian President H.E. Muhammad Chatami.



2009: The 5th NUMOV German-Middle East Business Round Table focused on the industry of Iran. It took place on April 27th, 2009 in Düsseldorf. The event featured high-ranking guests of honour from Iran.