Consulate General of Ireland, São Paulo

Newsletter

Dear Members and Friends of the Irish Community,

Firstly, Happy New Year! We hope that this finds you well and that you enjoyed the festive season.

Please find below some news and events which may be of interest. As outlined, we are eager to include St Patrick's Day events being held in the region in our next newsletter and as such, if you are aware of, or involved in planning, any events please do let us know by <u>contacting us</u>.

RBS 6 Nations

Starting 4th February, All Black, Sao Paulo

The 2017 RBS 6 nations championship was formally launched last week and we're already looking forward to cheering on Ireland during the course of the competition. We'll be gathering at All Black pub in São Paulo, who will once again show Ireland's games, and will be offering Guinness at a promotional rate to Irish supporters.

IBN, Rio de Janeiro

Bar Astor, Ipanema, Thursday 2nd February, 8pm

The next gathering of the Irish Business Network in Rio de Janeiro will take place on Thursday 2nd February at Bar Astor, Ipanema starting at 8pm. This month, the IBN will welcome two former Ambassadors of Brazil to Ireland, Pedro Fernando Brêtas Bastos and Stelio Marcos Amarante, and all are welcome to attend.

2017 Emigrant Support Programme

Deadline: 15 February

The 2017 grant round for the Emigrant Support Programme has now opened and applications can be submitted up until Wednesday 15th February. The key objectives of the Emigrant Support Programme include supporting projects and initiatives including those which celebrate, maintain and strengthen the links between Ireland and the Global Irish; Fostering a more vibrant sense of community and of Irish identity; Supporting business networks to connect Irish people to each other at home and abroad; and connecting with the increasingly diverse global Irish, including non-traditional diasporas. Those considering making an application can find further information, including how to apply on the <u>ESP's website</u>.

Series on Irish people working in Wildlife/Conservation

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An Irish production company are currently developing a new wildlife series focusing on Irish people working in the areas of wildlife / conservation all over the globe. The idea is to follow these people and highlight the work they do to an Irish audience. If you are aware of any Irish people working in the areas of wildlife or conservation in Brazil who would be interested in being part of this series, please let us know by contacting us

2nd European Financial Forum

Dublin Castle, January 2017

IDA Ireland, in partnership with The Financial Times, hosted the 2nd annual European Financial Forum at Dublin Castle, Dublin in January 2017, bringing together international and Irish industry leaders, policy makers, regulators from the global financial services industry. Speeches and panel discussions from the forum can be viewed on the <u>Financial Times'</u> website.

St Patrick's Day

March 2017

St Patrick's Day is quickly approaching and the Consulate is already putting together a programme of celebrations for 2017 which will be published in our next newsletter. We're always interested to hear how the Irish and Brazilian communities will come together to celebrate the day and as such, if you're aware, or involved in any events, please do let us know by <u>contacting us</u>

Travel Advice

The Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade recently updated its travel advice for Brazil following the current outbreak of Yellow Fever in some states. This <u>updated advice</u> is based on information provided by the Health Protection Surveillance Centre.

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To stay up-to-date on all News and Events, don't forget to CG São Paulo on twitter <u>@irlsaopaulo</u> or visit our website: <u>www.dfa.ie/sao-paulo</u>

Please let us know if you have any news or events that you would like to share with the broader Irish community through the Consulate's newsletter by <u>contacting us</u>