

## About our speakers: the Consuls General

### Susie Kitchens, Consul General, United Kingdom



Ms. **Kitchens** is an experienced diplomat with an academic and professional background in development, (she holds a degree in Human Sciences from Oxford University and an MSc from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical medicine), and was appointed Her Majesty's Consul General to New England in August 2012. Ms. Kitchens was previously posted to Tanzania and Guatemala and in the Foreign Office in London working on political, consular and multilateral issues including the U.N. Security Council. She lives in Boston with her U.S.-born husband and their two school-age children.

The work of the British Consulate is to promote British interests in New England. Much of this centers around trade

and investment promotion in Boston's leading fields of Life Sciences, financial services and tech, underpinned by building relationships with politicians, local leaders and opinion formers, highlighting U.K. areas of strength and interest, and connecting the best and brightest innovators and scientists across the Atlantic. The Consulate welcomes many British visitors to New England, including British Prime Minister David Cameron earlier this year, and works closely with the British American Business Council to ensure these visits are successful and constructive. In addition, the Consulate and the BABCNE also support New England visitors to the U.K. showcasing to them the GREAT opportunities it presents!

### Fabien Fieschi, Consul General, France



Mr. **Fieschi** was named Consul General in Boston in August 2012. Prior to this position, he acted as Head of the East Asia division in the Asia and Oceania Directorate at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from May to August 2012. Fieschi is a graduate of Sciences Po in Paris and holds a certificate in International Relations. He participated in an exchange program with Keio University in Tokyo, Japan.

After serving at the Consulate General of France in Tokyo from 1995 to 1997, Mr. Fieschi passed the examination at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with a specialty in the Orient and was admitted as Councilor of Foreign Affairs in March 1998. Until 2001, he was in charge of disarmament and non-proliferation at the Strategic

Affairs Directorate of the Ministry. In addition, from 1999-2001, he taught Contemporary Japanese at Sciences Po in Paris and at the National Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations. From 2001-2002, he was attached to the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Tokyo and later was named First Secretary at the French Embassy, in charge of bilateral questions and domestic affairs in Japan (2002-2006). He joined the French Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York as First Secretary in charge of human rights (2006-2009). In 2009, he joined the office of Prime Minister François Fillon as an advisor in charge of Strategic Affairs and Relations with European and Asian nations.

### Mathias Kruse, Deputy Consul General, Germany



Mr. **Kruse** has been the Deputy Consul General at the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Boston since August 2013. His responsibilities at the consulate are in the areas of business, science and public affairs.

After joining the German Foreign Service in 1993, Mr. Kruse served in diverse functions in Almaty (Kazakhstan), Rome (Italy), and Bucharest (Romania). His previous assignment before coming to Boston took him to Doha, Qatar where he was designated as the Deputy Head of Mission at the German Embassy from 2010 to 2013.

He holds a Masters degree (Diploma) in economics and political science from the University of Heidelberg. He has also worked as a research assistant at the Institute for Technology Management at the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland.

Earlier in his career, he worked with one of the leading firms in international grain trading in Hamburg, Germany.

### Giuseppe Pastorelli, Consul General, Italy



Mr. **Pastorelli** was born in Rome. He received a Law degree from the University of Rome "La Sapienza" in 1996 and the following year he began his diplomatic career at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

From 1997 to 2000 he worked as a Desk Officer at the Secretary General's office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 2000 to 2004 he was appointed 'Head of Section' at the Commercial and Economic Section of the Italian Embassy in Ankara (Turkey).

In 2004 he was assigned to the Italian Embassy in Budapest, Hungary, where he served as 'Deputy Head of Mission'.

From 2008 to 2010 he was appointed as 'Head of Eastern Africa Department' at the Directorate General for Sub-Saharan Africa at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome.

In October 2010 he began his mandate as Consul General of Italy in Boston.

### Felix Moesner, Consul General, Switzerland



Dr. **Moesner**, a doctoral graduate from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) with research records at the University of Tokyo specialized in robotics, MEMS and nanotechnologies. He acquired professional experiences at Credit Suisse Life Insurance, Japan; Solution Providers; Kanagawa Academy of Science & Technology; Toshiba Corporation, Japan; and Egon Zehnder International, Zurich.

Dr. Felix Moesner is the Director of swissnex Boston and the Consul of the Consulate of Switzerland. Established as the world's first "science consulate" in 2000, swissnex Boston is

part of a global network of five knowledge outposts including San Francisco (2003), Singapore (2004), China (2007) and India (2009). Formerly, Felix Moesner was the head of the Science and Technology Office at the Embassy of Switzerland in Tokyo promoting Swiss Science, Technology and Education in Japan and interfacing between Swiss and Japanese governments, universities, R&D institutions and companies. Since 2005, he has also the presidency of the Science & Technology Diplomatic Circle, comprising of 80+ diplomatic missions and affiliates in Tokyo. Several awards and grants underline his proactive commitments.

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