

WELCOME TO THE NEW AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES



Our new Ambassador, Dr. Hans-Peter Manz, assumed his post on December 1st, 2011, succeeding Dr. Christian Prosl, who retired earlier last year.

Dr. Manz, a native of Vienna and a graduate of the famed "Theresianum", is the son of Austrian diplomats and was born in Canberra, Australia.

During his long and distinguished career, Dr. Manz served in a variety of positions, including as foreign policy advisor to the Chancellor of Austria. His overseas postings included Tehran, Berne and New York.

I had the pleasure of being introduced to Dr. Manz at the recent "Salute to Vienna" concert, celebrating the New York in the Austrian tradition, and subsequently met with him at the Embassy on January 5, 2012, in order to brief him on our Society. He showed a great deal of interest in our activities and may actually participate in the upcoming Viennese Cafe on President's Day, February 20th, 2012.

We wish Dr. Manz the very best for his stay in Washington DC and look forward to working with him and his team in the years to come.

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