

Saudi BBGs hold third inter regional meeting

By John Freel



*Standing (L-R): John Graham, John Jackson, John Freel, Noel O'Donnell, Nick Mackey.
Front: Jon Carter & Richard Northern*

The third Inter-Regional Meeting of Saudi BBGs was hosted by the RGBB at Richard Northern's residence in February and was attended by John Graham and Nick Mackey (Jeddah BBG), Jon Carter (Eastern Province BBA), Richard Northern and Ted Cole (British Embassy) with John Freel, John Jackson and Noel O'Donnell representing the RGBB. The meeting was chaired by John Freel and the main item on the agenda was (once again) the joint DTI/BBGs' Internet Web-Site. Nick Mackey, who is coordinating efforts to develop the joint BBG Web-site gave a presentation and reported good progress in the design of the proposed Web-pages. Following a discussion on the various formats, a consensus was reached on the content of the pages and work is now

progressing to produce a design which will be agreeable to all BBGs. Jeddah also reported that they have taken a leaf out of the RGBB's book and have now established their own Internet Task Force to develop a dedicated Web-site for themselves. It was agreed that each BBG would develop their own sites in their own time, but within a standardised format similar to that proposed by the RGBB. Other matters discussed were BBG Directories, Reciprocal Arrangements, Newsletters, Privilege Cards, Social Events, the Inter-Gulf Conference and a number of issues are being explored for further development in all of these areas. The next Saudi BBGs' Inter-Regional meeting will be hosted by Eastern Province BBA towards the end of May.

RGBB Internet Update

By Noel O'Donnell

Development of the RGBB web site (rgbb.com) has continued since the New Year and it will be previewed to members at the AGM on 2nd May 1998 and will go live soon after.

The design of the site is initially fairly simple and basic, and once we get an idea of the level and nature of enquiries generated by the site, we will be in a position to further develop the site. The aim of the web site is to highlight the RGBB and the services it can offer to UK Companies and initially it will consist of the following elements.

1. The Home Page. This provides an introduction to the RGBB.
2. Chairman's Message. A more detailed outline of the RGBB and in particular the ways in which it can help UK Companies.
3. A map of Saudi Arabia showing the location of Riyadh alongside some outline information about the City. For visitors requiring more detailed information on doing business in Saudi Arabia, there is a link to the Whinney Murray / Ernst and Young web site.

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