

## Federation of European & international Associations based in Belgium

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### **FAIB NEWS DIGEST n° 100 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2015**

#### **FAIB News distribution, DIGEST and FLASH FAIB (Reminder)**

The full version of the **FAIB News** is only available to FAIB Members both in printed and electronic version (via their personal password to the FAIB Website – contact [faib@faib.org](mailto:faib@faib.org) for details).

A “**FAIB Digest**” – prepared by André Douette - summarizing the contents of the full version, is distributed to the non-member international associations in Belgium so as to inform them of the subjects dealt with at FAIB level. It is also posted on the home-page of our website.

Furthermore, in between two editions of the FAIB News, a “**FLASH FAIB**” system is implemented by which our members are informed of the latest news or consulted on relevant enquiries from third parties.

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#### **Editorial de Daniel Van Espen, Président de la FAIB, qui nous rappelle son rapport de politique générale, présenté à l'Assemblée générale de la FAIB du 28 mai 2015**

Le Président a surtout mis en lumière les activités de la FAIB, tournée vers ses partenaires externes.

Avec VisitBrussels, une fructueuse collaboration permet la progression du "European Association Summit" sur l'idée d'un nouveau modèle associatif. A l'initiative de la Secrétaire d'Etat au Commerce Extérieur de la Région de Bruxelles-Capitale, Mme Cécile Jodogne, un séminaire a eu lieu dans le cadre du "European Business Summit" au cours duquel le concept de "Guichet unique pour INPA" a été présenté; il sera basé sur le Guide Pratique publié par la FAIB. Ceci après avoir déjà fait entendre la voix de la FAIB dans la consultation portant sur le programme 2014-2019 de la Fédération Wallonie- Bruxelles.

La FAIB a aussi porté les opinions majoritaires de ses membres dans le débat de l'European Transparency.

De façon plus appuyée que par le passé, c'est le tryptique UAI-FAIB-MAI qui s'est présenté dans un profil d'unité, appuyant le redéploiement de la MAI qui, désormais, sera présidée par M. l'Ambassadeur Jean-François Branders. Pour ces actions et ces succès, Daniel rend hommage à l'équipe renforcée du secrétariat, aux membres de son Conseil, avec un accent particulier pour le dynamisme de Danièle Vranken.

#### **Calendar of events**

- **Lunch Debates:** (12.00-13.00: sandwich-lunch; 13.00-14.30: presentation and Q/A)

- 24 September: “**Directors and daily managers of INPAs : corporate and employment law aspects**” by **Antoine Druetz & Bertold Theeuwes, Partners at the law firm Koan Lorenz.**

- **Study Tours** (free of charge fam trip of 2/3 days aiming at the discovery of a Congress City, hotels and venues)

- 11-13 September: Lyon, second Congress City in France

- **Congresses, Seminars** : 13 November, 9<sup>th</sup> UIA Associations Round Table Europe. See [www.roundtable.uia.org](http://www.roundtable.uia.org)

**Other invitations dedicated to FAIB members are under preparation and will be announced in due course.**

- **FAIB New members:** we are pleased to welcome the following associations:

- **EAHP aisbl** – European Association of Hospital Pharmacists : [www.eahp.eu](http://www.eahp.eu)
- **EGEA aisbl** – European Garage Equipment Association : [www.egea-association.eu](http://www.egea-association.eu)
- **ECOS asbl** – European Citizens' Environment for Standardization (green and sustainable economy) : [www.ecostandard.org](http://www.ecostandard.org)
- **Europlatforms:** the European Logistics Platforms Association [www.europlatforms.eu](http://www.europlatforms.eu)

- **FAIB New sponsor: The Presence Group:** translations/interpretation: [www.presencegroup.eu](http://www.presencegroup.eu).

**Brussels Airlines** renewed the **framework agreement** for FAIB members: details soon on FAIB's website.

Contact us for any detail on our sponsorship agreements (cf. website: <http://faib.org/sponsors/>).

Remember: the FAIB website enables member associations to post their job offers / vacancies.

**- HR update: the end of paper luncheon vouchers:** As from 1 January 2016 onwards, **NO MORE PAPER LUNCHEON VOUCHERS** will be issued / accepted. Employers are recommended to make the transition to electronic luncheon vouchers as soon as possible (at the latest end of September) and amend their Working Rules.  
**More: Consult your luncheon vouchers supplier / payroll bureau.**

### **- FAIB General Assembly of 28 May 2015.**

The 2015 General Assembly of the FAIB took place on 28.5.2015, co-sponsored by the Husa Hotel President Park Brussels ( <http://www.husapresidentpark.com/default-fr.html>). The draft Minutes of the statutory meeting as well as all background documents are available on FAIB's website: <http://faib.org/events/past-events/>.

### **- FAIB General Assembly Communication de M. Philippe Maystadt, Ministre d'Etat**

Professeur à l'UCL, M. Maystadt accéda aux plus hautes sphères du pouvoir en Belgique de 1980 à 1998 puis exerça (entre autres) la fonction de Président de la Banque européenne d'Investissement. Sa communication était très attendue sur le thème du Pacte de stabilité et de croissance ECOFIN. Une batterie d'indicateurs sert de support à une supervision européenne renforcée des flux de capitaux et de la gestion de 150 banques. Des réformes structurelles permettent de soutenir des situations de crises.

La poursuite de l'intégration européenne pose de multiples questions : les contributions de chacun des Etats ; l'avenir institutionnel (le fédéralisme de Mr Verhofstadt ou l'intégration renforcée sur un plus petit commun dénominateur) ; la discipline budgétaire prônée dans les Etats du Nord vs la solidarité défendue dans le Sud....

Au total, un débat technique et politique, ouvert, crucial animé par un acteur passionné et passionnant.

Mr Maystadt provided a summary of his presentation – cf.FAIB's website

### **- FAIB Lunch Debates**

**28.4. Working with Brussels Media**, by Cambre Associate, <http://www.cambre-associates.com>, FAIB Sponsor.

Presentation made by Victoria Main and Simos Piperedis, public relations and communication managers. The meeting was co-sponsored by the Sheraton Hotel (Place Rogier, - <http://www.sheratonbrussels.com>).

Engagement with the Brussels media village, numbering some 900 accredited journalists can prove highly complementary to the associations' communications activities. The job is not an easy one and the vast experience of the speakers was an opportunity to learn how to approach and how to behave in that fast moving environment. They proposed hands-on advice, including the difficult cases of uncomfortable situations or dealing with mistakes. Insight was also given on various available tools: face to face meetings, press conferences or social media.

More and slides : [www.faib.org](http://www.faib.org)

### **- Conferences / Seminars**

**21.04.2015: Association Leadership Academy** organized by Ellwood & Atfield (<http://www.ellwoodatfield.com>) with the HR law firm Claeys & Engels (<http://www.claeysengels.be>).

Sophie Maes, partner at Claeys & Engels, talked about what associations should be aware of when working with self-employed contractors. While employing them may be appealing because of lower social security charges and greater flexibility, it also raises serious risks, notably the so-called "fake self-employment" and Sophie shared some "do's and don'ts" with participants in this regard. The speaker also talked about the status of the secretary general of an INPA. Finally, with summer approaching, she took the opportunity to explain different ways to structure internships: either a professional immersion agreement or a *sui generis* agreement.

The slide presentation is available from [faib@faib.org](mailto:faib@faib.org).

**- The European Association Summit:** the programme, presentations and memories of the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition are available on EAS' website: [http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE\\_fr/minisite\\_eas/draft-programme-2015.do](http://visitbrussels.be/bitc/BE_fr/minisite_eas/draft-programme-2015.do).

**- Seminar @ EBS with Cécile Jodogne, State Secretary Brussels-Capital Region - Foreign Trade:** involving a broad range of stakeholders. Amongst issues discussed: FAIB's role in the proposed "One-Stop-Shop" for INPAs that would be based on its Practical Guide; and a clarification from the VAT administration of the SPF Finances.

### **- News and notes**

**- This FAIB News is the 100<sup>th</sup> edition!!!.** It is currently only distributed to FAIB Members by post but is also available in electronic format. Should you wish to receive a specific copy by email, contact: [faib@faib.org](mailto:faib@faib.org).

**- FAIB's Practical Guide for INPAs:** has recently been fully updated by several FAIB Associate members and is available for members on FAIB's website and/or upon request at: [faib@faib.org](mailto:faib@faib.org). Antoine Druetz (whose law firm has been renamed: Koan Lorenz) dealt with the article on the "necessity of a royal decree and a notarial deed throughout the existence of an international non-profit association".

### **- Study Tours: details will now be displayed in the "Past events" section of FAIB's website**

- 14-16 April 2015: Biarritz. In a workshop organized by Meet & Com/So Evénements more than 70 exhibitors presented their properties and services in the Basque country. More from: <http://www.mice-place.com/>.

- 6-8 June, Cascais. The Portuguese Tourism Board coordinated a tailor-made study tour with the **Cascais Convention Bureau** to show the FAIB delegation the impressive offer of the region: <http://www.visitcascais.com.pt>.

- 1-2 June Kortrijk Fam Trip. 8<sup>th</sup> edition of an event in a region that offers a large number of unique venues. More from: <http://www.kortrijkconventionbureau.be/>.