

## Federation of European & international Associations based in Belgium

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### **FAIB NEWS DIGEST n° 105 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016**

#### **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**” summarising 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.

**Join our membership!** For additional details, call Barbara Panacci +32 2 641 11 95 or [faib@faib.org](mailto:faib@faib.org).

#### **Editorial : “FAIB FUTURE PERSPECTIVES” by D. Van Espen and D. Vranken**

The FAIB Board of Directors has made considerable progress in addressing the future of the Federation by creating a Task Force Strategy. At a meeting fully dedicated to reviewing a SWOT analysis carried out amongst board members, several of them offered to address specific items flowing from the analysis, i.e.

- Growth of membership;
- Expansion of service offer;
- Improving communications;
- Enhancing relevance/credibility;
- Financial stability/growth;
- Adaptation of FAIB statutes.

Their recommendations will be reviewed at the next Board of directors meeting on 24 November 2016. It will include a review of possible/existing partnerships to improve the support to INPA's based in Belgium.

#### **Calendar of events**

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

- 18 October: Brexit for Associations, jointly organised by FAIB and the Association Leadership Academy
- 20 October: Update Social Law & Belgian Social Security System, by Group S and Symbio;
- 17 November: Data driven advocacy: Whether it is traffic reports, voting intentions or weather patterns, almost every single aspect of modern life has come to rely heavily on the use of accurate and up-to-the-millisecond data by Fernando Anton, Director Communications - Cambres Associate
- 2017 New Year's reception 19 or 26 January, to be confirmed according to keynote speaker's availability;
- 16 February: Digital transformation & the strategic importance of language technologies, by Peter Van Den Steene, CEO Innovation & Business Development, Presence Group

**-Study Tours,etc. Taylor-made/accessible** to FAIB members (free of charge fam-trip of 2/3 days aiming at the discovery of a Congress City, hotels and venues or Fairs) will be announced as soon as they become available.

- 13-15 November : Rome,MCE South Europe, The MICE Business Energizer Forum - <http://www.europecongress.com/>
- 21-22 November : 7<sup>th</sup> Edition of Mice Place Brussels, Crowne Plaza, le Palace - <http://www.mice-place.com/#section-1>
- 18-19 January 2017: 8<sup>th</sup> Edition of Conventa – Ljubljana <http://www.conventa.si/>
- 8-9 February: CONVENE, the B2B MICE event for Baltic States – see <http://www.convене.lt/>.

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

- **European Calcified Tissue Society**, charitable trust - [www.ectsoc.org](http://www.ectsoc.org)
- **EU National Institute for Culture** to promote cultural diversity and understanding - [www.eunic-online.eu](http://www.eunic-online.eu)
- **European Potato Trade Association:** professional interests of the sector - [www.europatat.eu](http://www.europatat.eu)

#### **- News from FAIB sponsors**

**Brussels Special Venues:** Our portfolio of event venues has expanded even further! Four new and unusual event locations joined our Brussels Special Venues this summer: Train World, Residence Palace, Greenbizz and Ateliers Des Tanneurs. We are expecting many more newcomers by the end of this year.

Visit: [www.venues.be](http://www.venues.be) or contact us: [heidi@venues.be](mailto:heidi@venues.be)

**SN Brussels :** a new agreement granting FAIB Members a 10% discount on all Brussels Airlines flights is currently under discussions, to come into effect on 1.1.2017.

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## **Lunch Debates**

### **27 September 2016: Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and other trade agreements - impact on consumers and international associations**, by Léa Auffret, Trade Policy Officer, BEUC

The European Consumer Organisation co-chairs the Transatlantic Consumer Dialogue (TACD), a forum developing joint recommendations to the EU Commission and the US Trade Department. Its accompaniment of the TTIP dates back to February 2014. The deal is highly controversial.

The highlight of the presentation was to learn how national members can have their voice heard at the “upper level” of their BEUC European hub and how discussions could take place between EU and US consumer entities. Léa was expecting some positive impacts, but the outcome is still hard to assess. This is partly due of a lack of transparency on behalf of US negotiators. Moreover, the future EU legislation could be subordinated to the provisions of a Trade Deal and the proposed “Investment Court System” could not wipe out the core flaws of the previous proposal.

BEUC is also following the negotiations with Canada (the CETA that is showing a number of shortcomings is now coming in its phase of formal political approval !) and the Trade and Service Agreement with 22 countries (the TiSA that is a continuation of the former GATS). Thanks Lea for the nice and neutral presentation! More info: [www.beuc.eu/blog](http://www.beuc.eu/blog) or [www.tacd.org](http://www.tacd.org)

## **News in short**

### **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**, by Laurent Masson, Partner Dear Krzewinski and Willez, attorneys at law, FAIB Associate Members.

The EU Regulation 2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regards to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (GDPR) contains the (numerous) new provisions applicable regarding the protection of personal data within the European Union. It will only be applicable as from May 25 2018. It will e.g. impact not only the Belgian law of 8.12.1992 called the “Privacy Act”, but also all companies and organizations processing personal data.

As to the reinforcement of the rights of the data subject, one can mention its consent, the possibility of erasure and the communication on demand of all infos provided or sent by the data controller. New obligations are also imposed to the data controller (comply with the principles of privacy, demonstrate that they respect the new requirements, maintain a record of all processing activities, notify a breach to the supervisory authority, assess the impact on the rights and freedoms of the person...). An incentive to anticipate the entry into force is that non-compliance will be strictly sanctioned.

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### **EU Transparency Register** Announcement by Vice-President F. Timmermans of 28 Sept. 2016. Link for the full speech on: [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_SPEECH-16-3223\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_SPEECH-16-3223_en.htm).

The register would cover all 3 European Institutions (covering the Council of Ministers as well). The “no registration, no meeting” rule would be applied to all lobbyists. Measures are proposed to improve data and exert a better control on their quality.

## **One-stop-shop for Associations**

Visit Brussels has set up the Association Bureau to help them meet their business goals by providing support in four key areas:

- to act as a single point of contact, steering associations in the right direction for numerous issues: legal, financial, HR, office space, meeting facilities, living in Brussels as an expat...
  - Global Associations Hub Partnership, a strategic partnership with Washington, Dubai, Singapore for a development strategy
  - Training opportunities and continuous education (e.g. with Solvay Business School or the annual “European Association Summit”).
  - Networking project: a formal framework for association executives to converse and exchange information. As from 2017, the International Association Club will benefit from a space of co-working (63, Avenue d'Auderghem, Brussels).
- FAIB, MAI, UAI and the European Society of Association Executives (ESAE) are the core partners of these initiatives

### **2017 Edition of the Executive Master in Association Management**, by Solvay Brussels School (FAIB participating)

Starting in January 2017, the programme provides a targeted, pragmatic and action-oriented curriculum focusing on the specific challenges met by assoc. executives in today's economy.

Need information? Contact the programme manager Asja Kamenica at [asja.kamenica@solvay.edu](mailto:asja.kamenica@solvay.edu) . c +32.2.650.38.94

## **FAIB Activities and other news**

### **Human resources – work regulations**

In Belgium (Law 8.4.1965), each worker must be provided with a copy of the work regulations on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of his occupation at the latest. There are various mandatory provisions, a procedure and rules about the language used. Group S can supply you with draft work regulations and records of comments in French, Dutch and English ([international@groups.be](mailto:international@groups.be)).

The FAIB simplified version based on the Group S template is also available upon request: [dvranken@faib.org](mailto:dvranken@faib.org)

### **European Association Awards**

FAIB and other partners are supporting these 16 inaugural Awards designed to recognize excellence. The ceremony is planned on 24 Feb 2017. More info from C. Wormsley. Visit [claire@globalconferencenetwork.co.uk](mailto:claire@globalconferencenetwork.co.uk) ☎ +44 208 374 1712

### **FAIB Study Missions**

- 31.8 to 2.9 : Fam Trip in Luxemburg to discover this close and ideal location. Very useful to consult [www.lcb.eu](http://www.lcb.eu)
- 18-21 Sept.: Catalonia to showcase elegant, sportive, incentive-driven MICE venues in and around Barcelona (Tarragona and Reus) <http://faib.org/events/mice-events/past-events/>).
- 29-30 Sept.: Champagne-Ardennes. At a two hours “TGV” journey, the mythic vineyard region of the Marne Valley with Reims as a flagship. See our [FAIB website](http://faib.org) (MICE Events) for more details on the large number of unique venues
- 1-4 Oct 2016: Qatar. An unusual study tour of Doha, a blooming capital with two amazing conference and exhibition centers. More details on our FAIB website. <http://faib.org/events/mice-events/past-events/>.