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Editorial FAIB President

First this year we will be carrying out the Economic Survey which was last published in 2013. This is an essential visiting card for us. It is regularly used by politicians when evaluating the impact that international associations have on Belgium's economy. It provides us easier access to policy makers. But 2013 is a long time ago. So we need to have updated figures, but our survey can only be authoritative if we have sufficient data to provide realistic figures. Please do participate. It really is important.

Next, there is as always in associations, the question of finance. Our membership fees although they will be indexed next year, are very modest. To keep on modernising FAIB, we need to increase our income. My favoured approach is to have more members and here you can really be of help to us: please tell your colleagues in associations about us and encourage them to join FAIB. We count on your support for this. Thank you.

Adrian HARRIS

FAIB GENERAL ASSEMBLY 7 JUNE 2018

During the **statutory session**, the following reports were presented (available for members on FAIB website)

- Policy report by the President;
- Report by the Treasurer including Report on membership (new members, resignations, exclusions);
- Activity report by the Secretary General.

Open session: A summary of the very interesting presentation on the EU Multiannual Financial Framework, by Fabian Zuleeg, Chief Executive & Chief Economist of the European Policy Centre is available in this newsletter.

GDPR FINALLY BECAME REALITY

On June 21, 2018, Antoine DRUETZ, partner, and Nicolas HAMBLENNÉ, associate at KOAN Law Firm have given a seminar regarding the General Data Protection Regulation (hereafter: "GDPR"), which finally became reality on May 25, 2018. KOAN gives you a glimpse of this seminar and extremely topical matter.

Antoine DRUETZ, partner at KOAN Law Firm

NEW COMPANIES AND ASSOCIATIONS CODE – REVOLUTION OR EVOLUTION FOR (I)NPAs?

On May 17, 2018, Alix DEGREGZ, associate, and Antoine DRUETZ, partner at KOAN Law Firm have given a seminar regarding the draft bill introducing the new Code on companies and associations. The Belgian federal government has been (and still is) working on this draft bill for over a year now. How will the new companies and associations Code affect Belgian (I)NPAs and foundations?

Alix DEGREGZ, associate, and Antoine DRUETZ, partner at KOAN Law Firm

IMPACT OF THE NEW GDPR ON THE RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION PROCESS

The GDPR has a dramatic impact on the recruitment and selection process. One usually kept dozens of CVs, notes or e-mails containing personal data of the candidates stored in multiple locations (laptop of all the managers and HR people involved, smart phones, cloud, etc.) for very long period of times and without caring too much. These blessed days are over and unless if you want to get a taste of the very expensive new sanctions imposed by the GDPR, you should better take some actions.

Christophe Delmarcelle
Partner

Attorney at law (Brussels – Luxembourg)
Supplemental judge to the labour tribunal of Brussels

R&D Opportunity: what you need to know!

In the past three decades, Belgium has introduced various measures aimed at stimulating innovation and research and development ("R&D"). One of those favourable tax measures is to be found in section 275/3 of the Income Tax Code, which allows certain employers (including non-profit organisations) not to pay on to the Belgian Treasury part of the wage withholding tax they withhold from the salaries of their researchers. Since July 2013, the exemption rate has been fixed at 80%.

Myriam Boudinar – PwC
Lionel Wielemans – PwC

Crisis Communications: What to do when it hits the fan

Just as you have systems in place to prevent, detect and extinguish a house or office fire, associations should consider having a solid crisis plan handy. However, this is not usually the case either due to lack of resources – we all know how understaffed associations can be – or due to the absence of a clear mandate from the members. Companies tend to have extensive plans to deal with accidents and unexpected situations but they rarely see the need for their European associations to follow the same logic.

Fernando Anton
Director at Cambre Associates

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NEW MEMBERS

- **AITA/IATA International Amateur Theatre Association, asbl:**
www.aitaiata.net
- **EnScope, aisbl:** www.enscope.org
- **LightingEurope, aisbl:**
www.lightingeurope.org

UIA launches its 2018 survey on the meetings of international associations

The results of the survey will be published in November 2018.

It is with sadness that we announce the decease - on 10 June 2018 - of the honorary President of FAIB, **André De Schutter**. During his long diplomatic career, André De Schutter rose to become Ambassador of Belgium in several countries and at Unesco. His legal background and international and national experience have been of tremendous value to the FAIB of which he was President for almost 17 years, from 1994 to 2010. Amongst others, he has been a keyplayer in the revision of the law on international non-profit of 2002.

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On behalf of us all, "Au revoir André ..."

FAIB EVENTS

27 SEPTEMBER 2018

Lunch-debate VAT: opportunities & risks by Deloitte, FAIB Associate member – Venue: to be advised

18 OCTOBER 2018

Lunch-debate "Which Insurances for (I)NPAs?" – by Valerie Mot-Dehon, Insurance broker specialised in (I)NPAs. – Venue: to be advised

29 NOVEMBER 2018

Lunch-debate Banks: how to comply with their requirements (statutes, signatures, etc.) and more by and at ING Brussels

OTHER EVENTS

24 JANUARY 2019

YEAR-END RECEPTION
Including the celebration of two anniversaries: the law on NPAs of 1919 and FAIB's 70th ...!

28 FEBRUARY – 1ST MARCH 2019

European Association Summit: FAIB plans to tackle the "Reform of the Belgian Companies Code" during its session. More details in due course.



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