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President's Editorial

"[...] As we do not believe Covid19 will go away soon, we will be organising a series of webinars in the coming months on issues such as how to keep our members committed to the association, budgetary and staff issues as well as other subjects which our members might suggest to us. [...] A final word from my side: thank you all for your support which is and even more so at this time; this is encouraging all of us to continue offering you the support on Belgian issues which is our core strength."

Future Events

22.10 - "Liability of Associations"

by Alain Costantini, DKW & FAIB Associate Member & Valérie Mot, Gérante - Agent de banque et d'assurance FORÊT de Soignes, SCOMM

17.12 - Webinar "Year-in Legal Review"

at Bird&Bird coordinated by Brent Springael,
FAIB Associate Member
(To be confirmed)

26.11 - "Annual accounts and accounting (law): what shall your association do in practice?"

by Nathalie Van Hoorebeek (EY – Chartered accountant), Eric Van Hoof (EY – Statutory auditor) and Antoine Druetz (EY – Lawyer and FAIB Associate Member)



FAIB Expert Articles

Why should you regulate the organisation of virtual meetings of the general assembly in the statutes of your association? What we have learnt from the Covid-19 pandemic

The Covid-19 pandemic has again confirmed the necessity for members to be able to participate in virtual meetings of the general assembly. *Antoine Druetz, Partner & FAIB Associate Member, and Sakine Yilmaz, Junior Associate, EY Law* offer a clear explanation to FAIB members on how to ensure associations can validly organise virtual meetings of the general assembly by explicitly allowing it in the statutes of the NPA/INPAs.

Schrems II - ECJ Ruling: What you need to know in 5 questions

Christophe Delmarcelle, Attorney at law & FAIB Associate Member, and Jilani Nezroug, Associate, from DEL-LAW, make sure FAIB members know all about data privacy and transfer of personal data.

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News from FAIB Members

Information on vaccine development following the Covid-19 pandemic

VAC4EU, FAIB member, together with the University of Utrecht answered to an opening of competition on feasibility analysis of an EU infrastructure for Covid-19 vaccine monitoring. The competition was strong and VAC4EU is proud to announce that its project has been selected. VAC4EU is now engaged in an international pan-European feasibility study.

Invitation to take part in the UIA 2020 survey

Every 2 years, the Union of International Associations (UIA), FAIB member, conducts its Survey on International Meetings Issues. The largest survey looking into the meetings behavior of all the diverse types of international associations representing civic, charitable, commercial, or industrial interests around the world, take the survey here.

FAIB News

New FAIB Associate Member

Christophe Delmarcelle

Founding Partner DEL-LAW Attorney at law (Brussels – Luxemburg) Supplemental judge to the labour tribunal of Brussels

Expert on all Human Resources-related matters



New FAIB Staff Member

Teresa Iglesias Lopez

Communications & Administration Assistant



NEW! FAQ PAGE ON THE WEBSITE



The FAIB Practical Guide will gradually be replaced by a page on the FAIB website called "FAQs" (Frequently Asked Questions) primarily reserved to FAIB members - via their access code - except for publicly available information.

It contains – amongst others – a template (in English and French) of core statutes that comply with current legislation, prepared by our Associate Member, Ms Ruth Wirtz, Osborne Clarke.

A confidential copy can also be available for associations not yet a member of the FAIB.

Do not hesitate to contact us for further details at faib@faib.org.

FAIB SOCIO-ECONOMIC SURVEY

A new socio-economic survey amongst international associations will shortly be carried out to enable us to lobby on behalf of the entire international association community with the support of this data. We rely upon your support to help us get a better picture of the socio-economic status of the community.

FAIB GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This year, due to current circumstances, **FAIB General Assembly took place virtually on Thursday 3 September 2020** (as authorized exceptionally by Belgian authorities given the Covid-19 crisis).

It approved the resignation of **Dale Chadwick** (WWF), **Paul de Theux** (Signis), **Patrick d'Hose** (Plastics Europe) and **Christian Preud'homme** (CEFIC) with the Board's recognition for the services rendered to the Federation. It also approved the appointment of **3 new Board Members**, with effect from **3 Semptember 2020**. A warm welcome to:



Rebecca Humphries
Public Affairs Officer



Jonathan Mead Finance Manager



Silvia Selandari Legal Affairs & Trade Policy Adviser





New FAIB Members













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