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## President's Editorial

*"Despite the now well-known pandemic conditions, 2021 has been an active year for us at FAIB as we have organised many webinars on topical issues, as well as a couple of physical meetings, not least of which were our two extraordinary General Assemblies where we updated our statutes to put them in line with the provisions of the Company and Association Code; this is a thing which we have been exhorting our members to do for some time. [...]"*

## Future Events

**27.01.22 - CANCELLED | FAIB New Year's reception**

**19.05.22 (tbc) 12:00 -14:30 | Lunch-debate Impact of VAT on (I)NPAs**

*EY advisors (tbc) coordinated by Antoine Druetz, EY Law Corporate and Non-Profit Law Leader, FAIB associate member. (meeting in person unless advised otherwise).*

**16 June (Time tbc) | Ordinary General Assembly**



Other topics will be addressed in future event, so keep an eye here for updates:

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## Other Events

Starting in January 2022, the new **EMIAM (Executive Master in International Association Management)** will be launched. The seven modules course will last until June 2022. More information soon and/or from:

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## FAIB Webinars

### Antitrust compliance – a priority for modern professional associations

In the recent years, competition law compliance has become a priority for most professional associations around the world. This was the result of the practice by competition agencies that increasingly looked into the role and involvement of professional associations in unlawful competition practices. In a hybrid lunch-debate on September 23 2021, *Antoine Druetz, Associate Partner at EY Law & FAIB Associate Member, and Margarita Peristeraki, Partner at EY Law* discussed competition law for (I)NPAS and provided a set of a set of practical rules that should be observed in the day-to-day activities of an association.

### The intersections & synergies of media relations & social media

FAIB hosted an online debate on 25 November 2021 with Brussels communications and advocacy consultancy Cambre Associates on the intersections and synergies of media relations and social media public relations. *Anne-Claude Martin, media coordinator at Cambre Associates (FAIB Sponsor) and Vanessa Terrier, the agency's digital coordinator* shared their knowledge and expertise, showing best practice examples and providing the audience with practical advice on how to master media and social media activities. They demonstrated that although media relations and social media activities are distinct disciplines, they are very complementary and interdependent.

## FAIB Expert Articles

### New belgian tax regime for foreign executives and inbound researchers in 2022

A draft program law introducing the new tax regime for “inbound taxpayers and inbound researchers” has been submitted to the Parliament. It aims replacing the administrative circular of 1983 on the “special tax status for foreign executives in Belgium”. The intention is to align the Belgian expatriate regime more closely with the one of our neighboring countries. *Alain Costantini, Partner and FAIB Associate Member, DWMC Legal*, explained the key features of the new regime based on the draft program law.

### Special tax regime for inpatriate taxpayers and inpatriate researchers

The new special tax regime for inpatriate taxpayers and for inpatriate researchers can be summarized as follows (article 32/1 new of the CIR 92 – Program law of December 27, 2021). *Christophe Delmarcelle, Partner at DEL-Law & FAIB Associate Member* unpacked this new special tax regimes and details all there is to know for (I)NPAs.

### Telework abroad: watch out for the social and tax consequences!

Over the years, telework has become an increasingly popular way of working for both employees and employers. The current COVID-19 crisis has confirmed and strengthened this trend. *Alain Costantini, Partner and FAIB Associate Member, DWMC Legal untangled for us the* social and tax consequences resulting from this new trend that employers and employees alike have to be aware of.

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website, which contains valuable documents - primarily meant for its members - such as draft statutes, practical guidance on the Company and Association Code, on dealing with banks, etc.

The FAQs page has been created in order to provide answers to the many questions asked by International Associations. If you are an association but not a member of the FAIB and wish to access the FAQ page, the cost is 360 €/year. For more information, contact the FAIB Team at [faib@faib.org](mailto:faib@faib.org).

### FAIB News

#### 2021: dealing with banks as (I)NPAs: FAIB survey

In 2021, FAIB members informed and complained to FAIB about the issue of negative interest rates and penalties imposed by their banks on substantial deposits. [This is why FAIB decided to carry out a short survey on the topic](#) within our membership to help us prepare a possible action on the matter. The results of this short survey demonstrated that many associations face difficulties with banks in Belgium and they have now asked FAIB to try to intervene. FAIB received many comments on this problem and has therefore decided to take some action. [Contact us if you wish to know more.](#)

#### Changes in FAIB Associate Members

Ms , formerly representing PwC Legal, is now involved with EDB Law and [will join the FAIB as Associate Member](#) and contribute to our knowledge sharing. Our Associate member, [Alain Costantini, will now represent the law firm DWMC](#) (Dear, Willez, Masson, Costantini) of which he is a partner.

#### Renewed FAIB Sponsor

[Visit.Britain](#) will join FAIB again as sponsor and conduct a lunch debate as soon as allowed in all safety.

### News from members

#### EPMA - European Powder Metallurgy Association

The World Powder Metallurgy Congress, [World PM2022](#), organised by the [European Powder Metallurgy Association](#) will be held in Lyon, France, from 9 to 13 October 2022. If you are interested in the congress or in powder metallurgy you can contact them at [info@epma.com](mailto:info@epma.com).

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