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President's Editorial

"I am starting off my message with news I had always hoped I would never need to communicate: Danièle Vranken, after 13 years as our Secretary General, has decided to go for her second retirement; why second retirement? Indeed, after a long career in COLIPA (now cosmetics Europe), the European Cosmetics Industry Association, she decided to volunteer first as Board member, then as Secretary General of FAIB. We are very sorry to see her leave us after many years of dynamic stewardship which has allowed FAIB to modernise, strengthen its advocacy and communication capabilities, and grow in its membership. Thank you Danièle for your myriad contributions to FAIB and our members. And happy second retirement!..[...]"

Future Events

20.04.23 | 12:00 -14:30 | FAIB Lunch-debate

«E-invoicing» with Thomas Hermie, from I-HEB THG, FAIB Sponsor
Venue : M.A.I., rue Washington 40, 1050 Ixelles.

27 & 28.04.2023 | European Association Summit (EAS)

«This year's summit will use the EU Year of Skills 2023 as a springboard to explore the impact of the green and blue revolutions on the associative world. Through innovative and participative session formats, attendees will explore ways to promote professional development and advance the next generation of association professionals. Expert speakers will share practical strategies for creating a more inclusive and diverse association that reflects the needs and interests of all members. Participants will also gain insights on how to diversify streams of revenue from a hands-on perspective.

Whether you are a small or large-sized association, a young officer or the president of the board,

based in Brussels or elsewhere, this conference is tailored to meet your needs. Join the EAS on April 27th and 28th for this exciting event and be a part of the conversation that will shape the future of associations in Europe!»

[Registrations are open](#)

Venue: Sparks, 60 rue Ravenstein 1000 Brussels.

15.06.2023 | FAIB General Assembly

Ordinary General Assembly

Venue : M.A.I., rue Washington 40, 1050 Ixelles

Schedule to be advised.

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



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News from FAIB Board of Directors from 16 February 2023

Danièle Vranken announced her wish to retire from her position of Secretary General which she took up in 2010.

In the light of this, the Board reviewed the results of FAIB's 2016 strategy and agreed to further work on it for the future later this year.

Relations with banks: not many developments. Initiatives undertaken by the President show that they do not have common positions and that a proposal – already long ago – to create a “banking service chamber” is still awaiting the publication of a Royal Decree.

FAIB is in contact with a “coalition” of foundations and charity associations who also have a position on the issue and with which the FAIB might join forces: the aim is to resolve the issue of members who are refused the opening of a bank account with “regular big banks”.

FAQ's: a proposal will be drafted to give easier access to non-members who might like to join FAIB, but do not have access to some FAQs related to setting up an association. An article concerning cross border recognition will be published, at FAIB's request, in the next edition of UIAs newsletter (based on the article by Francis Houben).

Financial situation first semester 2022 draft account and Review of 2023 budget. The Treasurer's report will be available for the next Board of Directors meeting (11 May 2023).

New Year's reception took place on Thursday 26 January 2023 at the “Maison de la Gilde des Arbalétriers” ([see pictures](#)) near the Place Royale. A presentation took place on the occasion by Christophe Delmarcelle on HR matters on which a summary is published in this edition.

EAS: will take place on 27-28 April 2023. Although it seems that the programme will be somewhat limited, FAIB will still look at presenting developments in the issue of banks.

Gold sponsorship: in addition to welcoming new full members, and Daldewolf as a regular sponsor, FAIB accepted idloom as a gold sponsor, given its contribution.

Farewell

Dear “friends”,

That is indeed what you have become over the 13 years of my serving as voluntary Secretary General of FAIB. Unfortunately, now my health conditions do not allow me to drive or travel to Brussels to fulfil this mission anymore and I will focus on spending a healthy life at the countryside, whilst regretting you and FAIB every day.

It has indeed been a real pleasure to work for you and, together with the very friendly and competent Directors of the Board whom I have had a chance to collaborate with, and bring FAIB to the level it has reached today. Yet there is still room for improvement, and I am sure the succeeding team about which you will hear in the next future will work on achieving this.

But as we say in French, only mountains never meet again, and I hope that our paths will cross in the future! It will always be a pleasure to help in any way I can. It will not be “farewell” today but “see you soon” and thank you for your support and enthusiasm! I favor writing to speaking since I get too emotional by doing the latter...

Danièle

This month's articles for members in FAIB News

- **Proofs and evidences in employment law in 2023 - What to know in the context of the telework ?** // [By Christophe Delmarcelle, Partner at DEL-Law.](#)
 - **Companies and associations code - Final stretch to bring your articles of association in compliance** // [By Alix Degrez, Counsel, Fantine Miroir, Junior Associate and Antoine Druetz, Partner at EY Law.](#)
 - **How to register for VAT abroad ?** // [By Bernard Ickowicz, VAT Partner at European Vat Desk](#)
 - **The whistleblowing directive - What next ?** // [By Marina Stravropoulou, EU and Competition Law at DWMC.](#)
 - **News from sponsors** // [By Spreds](#)
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FAIB's missions

Pursue every initiative to encourage European and international associations to settle and remain in Belgium.

Represent its members to third parties and defend their interests towards all public and private bodies.

Obtain legal recognition of associations and the associative movement by Belgian, European and international authorities.

Facilitate its member's activities in every possible way within its remits.

Assist its members with joint studies, administrative and auxiliary services, etc.

Keep its members informed of developments in legal, administrative and all relevant matters impacting them.

Want to know more? BECOME A MEMBER & JOIN FAIB!

Membership fees

The current FAIB annual membership fees are:

- **240 € for full members with an annual budget of less than 620.000 € .**
- **360 € for full members with an annual budget of more than 620.000 € or having an office or mailbox at the MAI (International Associations Centre) .**

Join us as a member today and you will enjoy a **15 to 20% reduction** in the cost of hiring meeting rooms in the Maison des Associations Internationales. Depending on the room hired, just a few meetings in their meeting rooms will allow you to cover the cost of your annual FAIB membership fee (max. 360.-€). This is yet another of the benefits you will enjoy by being an FAIB member!

FAQ



The articles mentioned above and much more can now be found under our **FAQs page on the 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 \[faib@faib.org\]\(mailto:faib@faib.org\).](#)

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Informs or consults FAIB members, in between two editions of the FAIB News, about latest developments.

FAIB DIGEST

Main topics covered in the FAIB News - distributed by email to non-member international associations in Belgium and posted on the homepage of the FAIB website. It keeps non-members updated on FAIB activities.

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