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Editorial de Daniel Van Espen, Président.

Faisant écho aux préoccupations de nombreuses associations à but humanitaire, Daniel se penche sur les nombreux déficits sécuritaires auxquels fait face l’humanité : violence politique et sociale, problèmes sanitaires, aggravés par l’inégale répartition des ressources, l’analphabétisme, l’inégal statut des femmes. On reste loin du compte des Objectifs Millénaires pour le Développement (OMD) lancés par l’ONU. Une fenêtre d’espoir : la mise en place d’une justice pénale internationale permanente.

Calendar of events.

- **FAIB General Assembly:** 7 june 2012 Invited VIP: Mr Didier Reynders, Minister Foreign Affairs, External & European Trade
- **Exhibitions & Site inspection visits:** call the FAIB Secretariat and get more details on :
 - Monaco:** 15-17 June 2012
 - Cologne and Düsseldorf:** 29 June- 2 July 2012

New members. We are pleased to welcome the following associations and foundations :

- BIG : breast cancer research, worldwide www.breastinternationalgroup.be
- EuroACE: sustainable patterns of energy use in buildings www.euroace.org
- Europe-Tiers Monde : coopération entre ressortissants Europe et Tiers Monde www.europethirdworld.eu
- European Historic Houses Foundation: 50.000 European historic properties www.eurohistorichouses.eu
- International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network : www.ippfen.org
- Non-violent peaceforce: unarmed civilian peacekeeping in troubled areas www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org
- Observatoire International de Justice Juvénile Fondation : www.oiji.org

Cross-border philanthropy in Europe. FAIB Lunch- Debate of 12.01.2012

Ludwig Forrest, advisor at the King Baudouin Foundation (www.kbs-frb.be) presented the Foundation and focused on tax-deductible gifts to non-profit associations. While figures show a growing trend, the KBF is involved throughout the whole process since 10 years as a member of the Transnational Europe Giving Network (15 countries and a subsidiary in the USA). Actions launched by the EU DG Taxation and Customs Union helped to create a momentum. Ludwig Forrest broadened his presentation on the procedure to follow in order to receive fiscal exemption and to benefit of donations channeled by the KBF.

Presentation for FAIB members at faib@faib.org

The European Transparency Initiative (ETI). FAIB Lunch Debate 16.02.2012 by Mr Gérard Legris, Head of Unit “Transparency and coordinator of the common Parliament - Commission Transparency Register Secretariat;

The speaker gave an outlook of the experience gained since 2008. The number of 5000 organizations recorded will be soon reached. The Common register EP – EC enhanced the transparency of the system. It worked as a preliminary step for a fast-track access to the Parliament’s buildings. Linked to art.11 of the Lisbon Treaty, the ETI could involve the Council of Ministers in a near future. Complementary guidelines will be published with a purpose of clarification and harmonization. In the meantime, the Secretariat proceeds with sample screening of the registrations. The review of the system will prompt a public consultation in May 2012.

In the debate, FAIB members were anxious to discuss the impact on the application of the Belgian VAT, the voluntary character of the register, the definitions used for the various categories of operators and the use of the ETI as an anti-corruption tool.

More from faib@faib.org

Récentes évolutions du droit du licenciement individuel Déjeuner-débat du 15.03.2012 par Me Olivier Debray, membre associé FAIB, avocat associé au Cabinet Claeys & Engels.

Cette branche du droit, «polluée» notamment par la discrimination ouvriers / employés vient de connaître une première évolution avant un bouleversement attendu pour la mi-2013. Le législateur a établi 3 catégories d’employés et applique un traitement différencié aux employés dits «supérieurs» au travail depuis le 1.1.2012 en matière de négociation et de fixation du préavis de rupture. Me Debray a aussi expliqué l’application de la «grille Claeys». Il a donné divers conseils pratiques bien utiles pour la rédaction du contrat de travail, du règlement de travail et sur les procédures de licenciement.

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FAIB Activities... recent developments...

The survey on remunerations / fringe benefits within the international non-profit sector was launched by FAIB, processed by Bird&Bird. It delivered very interesting conclusions on the remuneration package applied by INPAS by categories of personnel and by types of associations.

Members were contacted to assess their interest in continuing/ expanding the exercise.

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- **FAIB’s follow-up of the Belgian vacation system** that was challenged by the EU Commission. The FAIB participated in an interview by Canal Z.
- **Questions from members (eg. about the accounting system applicable to INPA’s and place of payment of VAT)** will be uploaded on FAIB website accessible to FAIB Members.
- **Update of the FAIB Practical Guide** under “free contributions of universality or branch of activity”. The Practical Guide (http://faib.org/practical_guide_book is only accessible to members.
- **Fam-trips attended by FAIB and members**
 - Conventa 2012 in Ljubjana , 16 - 17.01.2012 www.conventa.info
 - MicePlace Méditerranée, Marseille, 2 – 3.02.2012 www.miceandcom.com
 - MCE-CEE, Prague, 12-14.02.2012 Second Congress “Central Europe” www.europecongress.com
 - Study tour in Budapest, 9-11.03.2012 – The Budapest Convention Bureau siposa@itthon.hu

Miscellaneous

Those having landed at Brussels National Airport (Zaventem) recently will have certainly been shocked by the new “inhospitable” look of the arrival area. Indeed, it is now absolutely impossible to stop, be it for a few seconds, to fetch an arriving passenger and drive away. The entire area – named “kiss & ride” ...- has been “planted” with green posts that make this logical move unfeasible... Let’s hope our authorities will review their copy to make visitors feel really “Welcome in Belgium”.