



# FAIB

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## **FAIB NEWS DIGEST n° 97- 3rd Quarter 2014**

### **FAIB News distribution, DIGEST and FLASH FAIB Reminder**

The full version of the **FAIB News** is only available to FAIB Members both in printed and electronic version (via their personal password to the FAIB Website – contact [faib@faib.org](mailto:faib@faib.org) for details).

A “**FAIB Digest**” summarising the contents of the full version, is distributed to the non-member international associations in Belgium so as to inform them of the subjects dealt with at FAIB level. It is also posted on the homepage of our website.

Furthermore, in between two editions of the FAIB News, a “**FLASH FAIB**” system is implemented by which our members are informed of the latest news or consulted on relevant enquiries from third parties.

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### **Editorial de Daniel Van Espen, Président de la FAIB**

Daniel met en évidence les défis qui pèsent sur Jean-Claude Juncker et la future Commission Européenne.

S’il crédite le futur Président d’une large expérience, il lui donne aussi une obligation de résultat pour répondre aux exaspérations des citoyens européens exprimées lors du dernier scrutin. Dotée d’une nouvelle structure, la Commission devra se retrouver autour d’une vision commune axée sur l’aspect social.

Les principaux défis seront de l’ordre de l’emploi, de la sécurité énergétique, de l’immigration. La politique extérieure réserve aussi à sa nouvelle « Haut Représentant », l’Italienne Federica Mogherini de sérieux problèmes avec la question ukrainienne et la poursuite des négociations transatlantiques.

### **Calendar of events**

- **Lunch Debates:** (12.00-13.00: sandwich-lunch; 13.00-14.30: presentation and QA)

- 16 October: Understanding Twitter and using it, by Cambre Associates
- 20 November: Virtual General Assemblies and e-voting: an interesting option for INPA ? by Osborne - Clarke
- 15 January 2015: "Dealing with Belgian mutuality system" by Symbio/Mutualité Neutre & GroupS.

More seminars under preparation – check FAIB website regularly (Coming events).

- **Next Study Tours and Trade Fairs 2014:** Please contact [faib@faib.org](mailto:faib@faib.org) for more details and registration form.

- Turismo de Portugal : Madeira, 28 November – 1st December

- **FAIB New members:** we are pleased to welcome the following associations and foundations:

- **ASD** – Aerospace and Defence Industries of Europe [www.asd-europe.org](http://www.asd-europe.org)
- **CER** – Community of European Railways and Infrastructure Companies [www.cer.be](http://www.cer.be)
- **EMF** – European Mortgage Federation [www.hypo.org](http://www.hypo.org)
- **ESTO** – European Synthetic Turf Organisation [www.theESTO.com](http://www.theESTO.com)
- **EuMa** – European Microwave Association [www.eumwa.org](http://www.eumwa.org)
- **European Issuers** – association of quoted companies across Europe [www.europeanissuers.eu](http://www.europeanissuers.eu)
- **FIATA:** international federation of Freight Forwarders’ associations [www.fiata.com](http://www.fiata.com)

### **18 September 2014 - FAIB Lunch Debate**

**Creating and using graphic maps to energize your association,** by Antoine Henry de Frahan

Counting on his education of corporate lawyer and organization advisor and based on the experience accumulated in numerous assignments, Antoine demonstrated by various examples how simple visual graphs can contribute to an efficient management and the organizational fitness of an association: an innovative viewpoint on goal-oriented processes ([www.frahanblonde.com](http://www.frahanblonde.com)).

The meeting was perfectly hosted by the Crowne Plaza Hotel; rue Gineste 3, 1000 Brussels.

## **Follow-up on the new legislation regarding Joint Committees (Commissions Paritaires – hereafter JC) governing international non-profit associations, by Bert Theeuwes, Lorenz International Lawyers**

Several questions were raised by members regarding this matter, still not clear. Given that JC 200 under which INPAs historically came was inactive, JC 337 applies now, unless a more specific umbrella would exist (such as JC 335). However, JC 335 and 337 are currently both inactive as well... It is expected that JC 200 or JC 335 / 337 will be activated and will take over the rules of JC 218. It is therefore prudent to communicate with your payroll agency, to adjust your working rules and internal policy and make related HR decisions.

## **Some recent changes within the services of the Commercial Court of Brussels, by Alain Costantini, Partner Dear Krzewinski & Willez (DKV) – FAIB Associate Member**

Since this Administration has been split into two sections, a new address should be used by associations for any communication regarding statutory matters: Boulevard de la 2ème Armée Britannique, 148 - 1190 Bruxelles / or Tweede Britse Legerlaan, 148 - 1190 Brussel. For the time being, the proof of filling of an extract is received with some delay and the date upon it is not the correct one. This situation might not be resorbed before a few months.

## **Voluntary work by foreign Nationals, by Group S International department [international@groups.be](mailto:international@groups.be)**

On 28 June 2014, the law on volunteer workers was amended. Restrictions applied to Belgian citizens on daily and annual allowances without social security contribution was extended to all legally residing foreign residents.

## **Transparency Register: an update by FAIB**

FAIB together with four other witness associations were invited to test the new functionalities of the TR Web that will be made available in January. The article comments on the Inter-institutional Agreement (IIA) discussed in the frame of the review process held in 2013. It notes the differences between the exacting recommendations made by the Parliament and the softer agreement signed between EP and EC.

(cf. <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+PV+20140414+ITEM-020+DOC+XML+V0//EN>)

## **Le programme politique 2014 - 2019 de la Fédération Wallonie- Bruxelles par la FAIB**

Un chapitre qui peut intéresser les associations concerne la mise en œuvre de la charte associative et la simplification pour la vérification, la mise en paiement des subventions qui leur seraient octroyées, l'encouragement au volontariat et la formation des bénévoles. La FAIB elle-même y trouve des matières à suivre pour encore améliorer son soutien, notamment par la concertation au sein du secteur non-marchand, la collecte d'information et la cohérence entre les accords sociaux.

**The FAIB proposes a sponsoring agreement to selected partners whose core business is in line with our members' activities (see FAIB website). Interested? Contact [dvranken@faib.org](mailto:dvranken@faib.org).**

### **NEW SPONSOR since May 2014: Symbio Mutualité, Mutualité Neutre:**

In addition paying refunds for medical appointments and medicines, Symbio is also responsible for the area of compulsory insurance that provides replacement income to employed, unemployed and self-employed workers who, because of their state of health, can no longer perform their usual work. It is also responsible for birth and adoption leave, pregnancy/breastfeeding spacing and breastfeeding

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## **FAIB NEWS & ACTIVITIES**

### **FAIB Study Tours and Fairs attended:**

- The Hague and Amsterdam, 11-13 July 2014 Contacts: [m.vandongen@denhaag.com](mailto:m.vandongen@denhaag.com) or [www.itbholland.com](http://www.itbholland.com)

- UK Meetings Show & Association Meeting Conference and Study Tour of Brighton: 7 - 12 July 2014: [www.visitbrighton.com/conferences](http://www.visitbrighton.com/conferences) or <http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk>.

- RIGA, Capital city of Latvia and its seaside resort sister Jūrmala: 30 September - 2 October 2014: [www.MeetRiga.com](http://www.MeetRiga.com) - [www.LiveRiga.com](http://www.LiveRiga.com) and [www.jurmala.lv](http://www.jurmala.lv).