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Editorial de Daniel Van Espen, Président de la FAIB, qui nous rappelle l'impact du changement climatique et l'enjeu pour de nombreuses ONG

Le Président aborde cette fois un problème général et crucial : après le protocole de Tokyo et la décevante conférence de Copenhague, la discussion sur le climat va reprendre à Paris en décembre 2015. Des mesures ont été adoptées par l'Union européenne pour gérer un plafond d'émission de gaz à effet de serre et un échange de quotas. Mais sans l'impact escompté, tandis que la crise économique créait un excès de droits d'émission, selon Miguel Arias Canete, Commissaire Européen. Actuellement, les discussions sur un projet d'accord global se poursuivent et un engagement plus fort des Etats-Unis et de la Chine donne de l'espoir.

Pour être efficaces en faveur des générations futures, les **ONG** représentatives attendent : un accord décisif contraignant sous l'égide des Nations Unies, des engagements ambitieux (une réduction de 25 à 40% des émissions des pays développés d'ici 2020), de nouveaux objectifs de développement durable mettant l'accent sur la lutte contre la pauvreté et la stimulation durable et assorti de mesures énergétiques pour combattre les changements climatiques.

Calendar of events

- **Lunch Debates:** (standard schedule: 12.00-13.00: sandwich-lunch; 13.00-14.30: presentation and Q/A)

- 22 October: Insurances as a risk management tool, by K. Berger, Van Breda Risks and Benefits and H. Thibaut, Group S
- 24 November : The increasing politicisation of EU advocacy, by Cambre Associates

- **Study Tours / Trade Shows:**

- 5-6 October : Montpellier
- 6-7 October: Strasbourg
- 6-8 October : Tallinn

- **Congress, Seminars :**

5 - 6 November: **Mice Place in Brussels** - invitation follows.

13 November, 9th UIA Associations Round Table Europe. See www.roundtable.uia.org

Other invitations dedicated to FAIB members are under preparation and will be announced in due course.

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

- **AIBI aisbl** – Association of Plant Bakers (industrial bakeries in EU and beyond) www.aibi.eu
- **EFF aisbl** – European Franchise Federation www.eff-franchise.com
- **EOTA asbl** – European Organisation for Technical Assessment (research construction) www.eota.eu

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- FAIB Lunch Debate of 24 September 2015 : Directors and daily managers of INPAs : corporate and employment law aspects

by Koan Lorenz, law firm, FAIB Associate member. Presentation made by Antoine Druetz and Bertold Theeuwes, Partners. The meeting was co-financed by the Hilton Brussels Grand Place, Carrefour de l'Europe,3, <http://brusselsgrandplace.hilton.com>. Many thanks for their warm welcome!

In a first session, Antoine Druetz reviewed the practical aspects of appointment, resignation, revocation and remuneration of directors and persons entrusted with the daily management and their liabilities. He stressed issues related to the appointment of a *de facto* association as a director within an INPA, good governance rules, the difficult concept of daily management and the mechanisms to limit the liabilities. The second part by Bert Theeuwes was dedicated to the employment and tax aspects of the mandate as director and/or person entrusted with the daily management,

More and slides : www.faib.org , www.koanlorenz.com

- Conferences attended

16.06.2015: The annual Civil Society Day is a major European Economic and Social Committee initiative organized in partnership with European networks. This year's event aimed at laying down legislative principles and guidelines for a permanent and structured civil dialogue at European level.

In the opening session, representatives of the EESC, the EP and the EC expressed their readiness to contribute and congratulated themselves for their efforts they made so far. However, the panel concluded on much more prudent observations, considering rather an European democratic deficit. The three workshops held in the afternoon allowed to make a number of concrete proposals, most of them in line with the Riga Roadmap that was adopted by the NGO Forum in March 2015

More on www.eesc.europa.eu window "events"

European Association summit. Wrap-up conference by Mr **Loïc Armand**, President of Cosmetics Europe, in his capacity of President of L'Oreal France. He warned: "Look out associations: your members are looking at you!"

He strongly suggested to any European industry, group of interest, research team.... to become a member of an international association : "Take a seat at the table or you will be part of the menu". But members have expectations vis-à-vis their EU umbrella. Mr Armand enumerated some of them: solution minded, triggered by innovation, crusading for better regulation, led by clear objectives in full transparency, avoiding duplication but rather searching partnerships and alliances...

Some sentences are still resonant: "Lobby is not a dirty word!"... "Europe is not "them"! It is us! Engage!!"... Great !

-FAIB News and notes

- **Mr Jean-François Branders**, President of MAI, Honorary Ambassador, was nominated FAIB Board member. Welcome! Promise of yet tighter links with MAI, henceforth managed by Mr Tony Venables (www.mai.be).

- This year again the FAIB will support the course by Solvay Brussels School "**Executive Master in International Association Management**". <http://www.solvay.edu/executive-master-international-association-management>.

- **Group S** reminds us of the conditions applying to **traineeship agreements**. Many trainees perform unpaid or under very low financial agreements, not in line with Belgian legislation. A minimal compensation of 751€ is due: one of the many legal provisions the infringement of which can be punished by administrative fines or a reclassification as an employment contract. Do you need a contract template? Contact international@groups.be.

- **Study Tours: See also FAIB website** <http://faib.org/events/mice-events/past-events/>

* 6-11 July 2015: ESAE Study mission to Hong Kong. At the invitation of the HK Tourism Board (helen.chan@hktb.com; www.mehongkong.com), several FAIB members got to visit impressive venues and hotels of this vibrant city.

* 11-13 September 2015: The Lyon Convention and Exhibition Bureau proposed a dense programme aiming at changing the opinion on the second largest French city: not only the gateway to the South but also a good place for Associations' meetings, venues and a taste of a legendary cuisine. For more, contact also fmaugat@lyon-france.com

* 25-27 September 2015: Grand Hotel Bernardin - Portoroz, Slovenia. On the lovely coast of Slovenia, an elegant hotel with meeting rooms, up to 1000 participants. <http://www.bernardingroup.si/en/bernardin-resort/hotels/grand-hotel-bernardin>.

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