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Editorial :

The Treaty of Rome at 60 years... and then ? By Daniel Van Espen, The FAIB President considers five scenarios that could guide the future of EU and its citizens. Between the two extremes “Carrying on” and “Nothing but the single market”, there are various opportunities. Behind policies, Daniel Van Espen insists on the underlying European values as they were reminded by Pope Francis: solidarity, hope for the youth and man in the centre of our institutions.

Calendar of events :

- **FAIB General Assembly : 14 June. Details will follow.**

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

18.04 : Brexit for associations (Joint initiative with Association Leadership Academy) at the Press Club Brussels

27.04 : Organisation of the Management and Delegation of powers (A. Druetz, A. Degrez, Koan Law) Novotel-Vierge Noire

09.10 : Alternative Funding Methods for Associations: Ruth Wirtz, Counsel, Osborne Clark, FAIB Associate member – Venue to be advised

16.11 : Services and opportunities for Associations from & by Actiris, Brussels Region Employment Agency – Venue to be advised

- **Study Tours, Taylor-made/accessible** to FAIB members (study tours aiming at the discovery of a Congress City, hotels and venues)

21-24.06 : Discovering Dresden and Leipzig.

Other announcements will follow

SAVE THE DATES

30-31.05.2017 : EAS European Association Summit https://visit.brussels/en/sites/eas/m_article/programme# As a member of the Strategic Committee, FAIB recommends to attend, and still benefit from the “Early Bird Registration until 20.04.17

10.11.2017 : Union of International Associations (UIA) RoundTable <https://www.uia.org/roundtable/europe-2017>

FAIB new members : we are pleased to welcome the following associations:

- **Confederation of European Senior Experts Services aisbl** www.ceses.net
- **European Fund and Asset Management Association aisbl** www.efama.org

FAIB new sponsors :

AccorHotels a world-leading travel & lifestyle group with more than 4,100 hotels in 95 countries. Its “Success in Congress” programme aims at developing innovative measures to meet the particular hospitality requirements of associations organising congresses : Associationcongress.global.ales@accor.com Phone: +33(0)1 41 33 71 10

The 7 pitfalls in your articles of association and their consequences, by A. Druetz, Partner KOAN Law Firm & FAIB Associate member

(Following the article in our previous News) Antoine Druetz develops the most frequent shortcomings such as official Belgian language resulting from English translation, confusion between natural persons and legal entities, time limits regarding rules, quorum requested, proxy, delegation of powers, use of new technologies...

More: adr@koan.law

Lunch Debates:

15.12.2016: Overview of the developments in legislation / regulations impacting INPAs , by five experts at Bird & Bird. Incredible, the number of measures taken in a year's time that changed the regulatory environment of associations! A sharp and extensive review in judicial, employment, competition, transparency, tax or statutory matters was made raising many questions related to effective management of associations. Brent Springael concluded the lunch debate with an overview of court cases, rulings, administrative decisions. Thus, a practical illustration of the impact and precious advice on coping with changing times. <https://www.twobirds.com/>

16.02.2017: The Digiconomy, the beginning of the end or the end of the beginning, by Peter Van Den Steene, CEO Presence www.presencegroup.eu. The digital age is taking shape fast. It will radically transform the way we meet, interact, communicate. Opportunities and challenges seen by a multilingual communications and interaction agency. Presence is pleading for a closer link between biological and digital intelligence.

16.03.2017: What can the Union of International Associations (www.uia.org) do for INPA corporation and other stakeholders, by Nancy Carfrae and Ryan Brubaker

For over a century the UIA has been acting as a non-governmental, independent, self-financed, not-for-profit institution with offices in the MAI, rue Washington, 40, 1050 Brussels and a close partnership with the FAIB. Around the global target of collecting information on INPAs, on a worldwide basis, UIA publishes updated / reliable data from its database in which no less than 75.000 associations and over 500.000 meetings are identified / classified.

A Yearbook, an annual Meeting Report, a Congress Calendar and a Monthly News are available: associations can use these multi-purpose tools to find international alliances (with detailed profiles, classified in clusters), to advertise their meetings by a simple and cost free e-mail to joel@uia.org (by so doing spreading the word and drawing the attention of researchers and policy makers on their action), to share opinions with peers.

Navigating on the website is easy (35.000 visitors monthly!); it makes you discover an invaluable content of data, charts, tables and other visual representations.

FAIB services, activities and partnerships:

Internship vacancies / candidatures on FAIB Website: a special section is now open in our "Job Platform". Contact dvranken@faib.org to upload your offer. http://faib.org/job_forum already enables associations to post their job vacancies / offers. Check this site regularly for updates.

Background documentation on FAIB lunch-debates: Emails with attachments to our contacts are often rejected by filters for security reasons. Slides related to our lunch-debates available to members and attendees are therefore quickly posted on our website. Contact faib@faib.org for information.

Financial Action Task Force (FATF) The Belgian Ministry of Justice is requested again to draw attention to the risk of financing terrorism and money laundering by the non-profit sector. FAIB is invited and will report after the meeting taking place on 24.4.2017.

Partnership with the British Chamber of Commerce (www.britishchamber.be). The Chamber is an international network that connects businesses, a wide spectrum of national and European policymakers, and customers. Having identified synergies with FAIB, a calendar of their activities will be published on <http://faib.org/events/other-events/> and vice-versa. Discover business opportunities, training sessions and briefings on global business issues.

Agreement with Brussels Airlines: the special rate granted to FAIB members applies only to online-bookings.

European Association Awards 2017: 250 persons gathered for the first edition of this event created by Cambre Associates. D. Vranken handed over the award for the Best Lobbying Campaign to the Association for the Study of Obesity and for the Best Training Initiative to the Law Society of Scotland. Cambre Associates itself went back home with a second prize as their client the European Telecom Network Operators received the highly commented Award for best Association. Congratulations to all of them!

More details on all awards/winners from: <http://europeanassociationawards.com/winners/>

26.01.2017: FAIB New Year's Reception: Beyond traditional wishes, participants were informed of some aspects of the FAIB Strategic Plan that includes actualization of the "Salary Benchmark" and the "Quinquennial Socio-Economic Survey". A survey on "How Associations are funded" (membership fees, partnerships, events, grants...) will follow.

FAIB SURVEYS ARE IMPORTANT FOR YOU AS WELL.

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO RESPOND TO ENSURE THE CREDIBILITY OF THE ANALYSES AND ALLOW US TO DEFEND THE CORPORATION ON THE BASIS OF RELIABLE DATA.

FAIB Study Missions :

- **Study Tour in Israel** 5-10.02.2017: an exciting visit in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem dedicated to hosted buyers. Interesting articles are to be found on <http://www.tmf-dialogue.net/category/clients/Israel-ministry-of-tourism>
- **Convène in Vilnius** 7-9.02.2017 (www.convène.lt): an update on the Baltic Region, Poland and the Scandinavian area, as attractive places for your business meetings. Each city has an official Convention Bureau that will provide impartial and free advice. Spotlight on the city of Vilnius which is changing every day (almost) !
- **Study Tour in Malta** 10-13.03.2017: the FAIB and travel agents group - selected by the Malta Office in Belgium marianne.hoogeveen@malta.be - were shown many of the facets that make a comprehensive offer, perfect match between business and leisure which delegates also enjoy.
- **Le Forum SOEvenement in Bordeaux** 22-23.3.2017: discover soon the region "Nouvelle Aquitaine" and its flagship, Bordeaux where smaller and larger meetings will definitely find their way.
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