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President's Editorial

"I have just been going through our preliminary FAIB report for 2020, including the financial report, which we hope to present to you at our forthcoming June General Assembly – hopefully in person, otherwise virtually. Several things struck me: our membership has continued to grow steadily [...] Our webinars, which are replacing for the moment our lunchtime events (and which we might want to continue in part in the future), are proving a real success [...] But most significantly of all, what this implies from my perspective, is that associations remain all the more important at this time, even though our members cannot physically meet."

Future Events

29.04 - Webinar | "Virtual Leadership"

with Antoine Henry de Frahan, Consultant, Strategy & Organisation. More to come.

17.06 - FAIB General Assembly | 13:00-15:00

Virtual or "presential"

Under preparation - "Retaining membership & continuing lobbying activities"

Speakers and timing to be advised.



Other Events

9 – 11.03 | European Association Summit, including an FAIB session

FAIB session on Wednesday 21 April from 9.45 to 10.30 am

Topic: «The never ending story – Belgian association and foundation law (CAC) changes again...»

Speakers: Ruth Wirtz, Osborne Clarke, Antoine Druetz EY Law, Alain Costantini, DKW (represented by Ms Lauranne Pauwels), Ludwig Forrest, Fondation Roi Baudoin, moderated by Adrian Harris, FAIB President.

Other topics will be addressed in future webinars (or hybrid meetings if possible),
so keep an eye here for updates:



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FAIB Webinars

General Assembly 2.0 - How to apply and benefit from the recent legal updates

On 4 February, 2021, [Antoine Druetz, Associate Partner at EY Law - FAIB Associate member, and Alix Degrez, Associate at EY Law](#) had the pleasure to give a webinar on 3 recent legal updates introduced by the law of 20.12.20 in the companies and associations Code: virtual general assembly, advance voting before the GA, and unanimous written decisions of the GA. The other guest speaker was [Charles-Albert de Radzitzky, CEO of our sponsor Spreds](#), who brought a pragmatic insight to these legal novelties by showcasing a digital tool Spreds has developed to organise virtual GAs.

HR matters under the current circumstances - Part I

On 18 February, 2021, [Christophe Delmarcelle, Partner at Del-Law and FAIB Associate Member, together with Florence Bindelle, Secretary General of EuropeanIssuers and FAIB Vice-President](#), addressed in a webinar and in the most pragmatic way various issues and questions concerning, amongst others, the employment, the hiring, the management, the recruitment and the monitoring of employees.

FAIB Expert Articles

INPO & VAT Right of access to an educational event - the Belgian tax administration reviews its position for the umpteenth time!

[VAT Desk, FAIB Associate Member](#), reviews the recently published circular (2021/C/19) by the Belgian tax administration regarding VAT for educational events taking place in Belgium and abroad that charge a registration fee to participants.

Which mandatory information to mention on your annual accounts? The specific case of the directors

In accordance with the companies and associations Code, each year, (I)NPAs are required to draw up and file annual accounts. The Code provides that mandatory information shall be mentioned on annual accounts, such as the directors in office. The terms “in office” has led to varying interpretations over the past years. [Antoine Druetz, Associate Partner at EY Law & FAIB Associate Member, and Sakine Yilmaz, Junior Associate at EY Law](#) bring FAIB members on-point clarification on this topic.

Challenges and hurdles for associations in times of COVID-19 - Joint Survey

Together with [FAIB Associate member, Deloitte](#), we launched a survey in December 2020 to assess the extent to which international associations are or will be impacted financially due to the pandemic. In this article, Deloitte analyses the findings and results amongst almost 50 (I)NPAs respondents, to whom we are grateful.

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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.

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eGovernance solution for virtual general assemblies

Thanks to eGovernance, a digital meeting solution developed by Spreds, international non-profit associations (INPAs) will now be able to benefit from a tool that offers a valid legal framework for the meetings of all their governing bodies (general assemblies, board meetings,...).

From proxy creation, online voting and minutes generation, eGovernance helps you save time and money by doing the work for you and digitalizing all aspects of your administration while insuring the legal validity of your meetings.

Spreds also offers FAIB members a special 20% discount on all existing plans.

For any question, please contact Erwan Adouani, Sales Manager at Spreds, via erwan@spreds.com.

Work Permits: Permit B or Single Permit?

Hugues Thibaut, Public Affairs - Wallonia, SD Worx and FAIB sponsor, explains how to apply for a work permit to hire non-European employees and trainees, and specifically British workers.

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