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President's Editorial

"I had announced Danièle Vranken's retirement in my last message. We have just held our annual General Assembly – on 15 June – during which we confirmed the retirement of Danièle Vranken and her replacement by Stella Sauvan from the end of the General Assembly onward. As you might imagine, this was something of an emotional goodbye, since Danièle became Secretary General in 2010 after her retirement from COLIPA (now Cosmetics Europe) where she had been working for close to 30 years.[...]. We are of course lucky to be able to count on Stella Sauvan as the new Secretary General of FAIB.[...]."

As one of the major subjects we have dealt with during the past year has been the relationship of associations with (their) banks, we have gone on working on the issue with the Belgian banking association and a coalition of Belgian associations representing not-for-profit associations and foundations, and hope that we may find ways to improve access to banks by our members.[...]."

Future Events

03.10.23 | 12:00 -14:30 | FAIB Lunch-debate

«*The recent developments in employment law: how will my organisation be impacted ?* » with Nicolas Tancredi, Partner at DWMC - FAIB Associate Member
Venue : M.A.I., rue Washington 40, 1050 Ixelles.

26.10.23 | 12:00 - 14:30 | FAIB Lunch-debate

Topic to be advised.
With Ruth Wirtz, from Osborne-Clarke

Other topics will be addressed in future events, so keep an eye here for updates:



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News from FAIB Ordinary General Assembly on 15 June 2023

The 2023 FAIB General Assembly meeting took place in the premises of the MAI, Rue Washington 40, 1050 Bruxelles, on 15 June 2023.

The following documents/reports were tabled at the meeting (some of which are available for members only on FAIB website with access code) namely the:

- Agenda for the meeting ;
- Minutes of the previous meeting (June 2022) ;
- Accounts/balance sheet on 31 December 2022 ;
- Budget for 2023 and the Treasurers' report ;
- The membership report on 15 June 2023 indicating that the FAIB presently counts 325 members and showing 7 resignations during 2022 and 18 new affiliations since the last General Assembly in June 2022.

In addition to approving the accounts for 2022 and the budget for 2023, the General Assembly discharged the Members of the Board of Directors of their actions and responsibilities in the year 2022.

The General Assembly endorsed the:

- renewal of the mandates within the Board of Directors of: Frederic Van Houte, Vice-President, Rodolphe de Looze Corswarem, Axel Jansen, Treasurer and Jacques de Mevius ;
- resignation of Danièle Vranken, Secretary general, and Rebecca Humphries.

The General Assembly meeting was preceded by a nice lunch Buffet on the occasion of Danièle Vranken's retirement and a very interesting keynote speech by Mrs Alexandra Jour-Schroeder, Deputy Director General of DG FISMA.

This month's articles for members in FAIB News

- **Budgetary adjustment: the Government is now targeting NPOs** // By Alain Costantini, Partner at DWMC and Aurélie Meledina, Counsel at DWMC.
- **Partial VAT deduction following direct attribution of costs** // By Marie-Hellen Christonakis, Chrysoula Gkana and Philippe Noirhomme.
- **The current state of e-invoicing and what the near future will bring us ?** // By Thomas Hermie, Head VAT/Indirect Tax, THG Group.
- **Belgian tax regime for foreign executives and inbound researchers** // By Nicolas Tancredi, Partner at DWMC.

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Pursue every initiative to encourage European and international associations to settle and remain in Belgium.

Represent its members to third parties and defend their interests towards all public and private bodies.

Obtain legal recognition of associations and the associative movement by Belgian, European and international authorities.

Facilitate its member's activities in every possible way within its remits.

Assist its members with joint studies, administrative and auxiliary services, etc.

Keep its members informed of developments in legal, administrative and all relevant matters impacting them.

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FAQ



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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