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Editorial de Daniel Van Espen, Président.

Hommage est rendu à André De Schutter qui, ce 14 décembre s’est vu décerné la médaille de Commandeur de l’ordre de Léopold II. Une distinction qui souligne sa carrière diplomatique exceptionnelle et qui, pour les membres de la FAIB, honore son travail intense comme Président de la Fédération pendant plus de 16 années. La manifestation a eu lieu et était parrainée par le Brussels International – Tourism and Congrès (BITC, 2, rue Royale), avec qui la FAIB a entrepris de renforcer les liens de coopération.

Calendar of future events:

1 . Lunch Debates: 12-13h sandwich-lunch followed by 13-14h presentation & question-answer debate

- **26.01.2011:** L’assurance des personnes dans un cadre collectif, par **Sébastien Petit** (Mercer Belgium ;
- **23.02.2011:** Advocacy at international association level, by **Charles Laroche** (Laroche Consulting);
- **March/April 2011:** A helicopter view on recurring and arising legal issues affecting INPAs, by various **Bird and Bird** speakers at their premises.

Other topics under preparation (eg mandatory insurances / presentation of the UIA / Fund raising / Audit ...

2. Exhibitions and site inspection visits: call the FAIB secretariat and get more details.

CONVENTA, Ljubjana (Si) 19 - 20.01.2010 / MCE-CEE, Prague (Czech Rep), 13-15 February 2011 / MITM Euromed, Vigo (Northwestern Spain), 19-20 April.

New Members: we are very pleased to welcome the following associations within our membership:

- Architects Council of Europe www.ace-cae.eu
- Association of Poultry Processors and Poultry Trade in EU Countries www.avec-poultry.eu
- Foundation Europe-Atlas (projects of development in emerging countries) www.europatlas.org
- World Federation of Consuls www.ficiacworld.org

VAT Task force FAIB meeting of 29.9.2010

A tour de table allowed participants to present their association and the problems they face in VAT management: collecting VAT numbers of EU countries based members is a major issue. Clarification will be requested from the Belgian VAT Administration on their acceptance of a declaration indicating that a member is VAT exempt. Participants also underlined the lack of clarity in defining lobbying activities and agreed to ask clarifications from Belgian Authorities of the definition of “collective interests”.

The opinion was expressed that the Administration should accept two situations: 0% or 100% VAT submission, mixed declaration being the exception.

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NEW VAT Provisions: Reminder

As from 1.1.2011 seminar and conference services will follow the general B2B rule except for entrance or admission fees.

UIA: one hundred years of international associations

The Union of International Associations celebrated its 100th anniversary on 18 and 19 November 2010. Two panels gave insights into the way organisations go about their task of arranging meetings. Congratulations to UIA that for a full century has been gathering documentation on associations and their meetings for the use of everyone.

Eligibility of costs and securing full payment of European grants (FAIB lunch debate 7 October 2010). By Luc Van Heule, Manager at Deloitte.

Many international associations make use of their specific and thorough know-how in technical matters to perform grant agreements following tender procedures launched by the EU Commission.

But which costs are eligible to secure the full and swift payment of the related grant?

L. Van Heule recommended to not only examine the terms and conditions of the grant agreement but also thoroughly scrutinize the financial guidelines and the guidance, with a view to clearly assessing the eligibility period; minimizing the risk of having some costs rejected and maximizing the eligibility of other expenditure. The aim is to focus as early as possible on the final control that can take place 5 to 7 years after the final payment. This requires adequate internal administrative organization, audit trail and accounting system. Safeguarding all material is indispensable. Deloitte can be of great help!

The various kinds of expenses were reviewed from their eligibility viewpoint: staff costs, depreciation of durable equipment, travel and daily allowances, subcontracting, indirect cost.

Errors can raise problems in the control phase: some are obvious, such as double financing, overestimated hourly rates, calculation or missing supporting documentation...; but others more surprising like inadequate publicity mentioning the EU participation in the project. Read more: www.faib.org

Citizens' initiative

On December 1st, the EP Constitutional Affairs Committee, the Commission and the Council reached an agreement that will make easier to use the Citizens' Initiative procedure.

- The admissibility check of an initiative will be made at the point of registration, not after the 300.000 signatures have already been collected.
- To ensure that the initiatives are well founded and have an European scope, a Committee of at least 7 members coming from different Member States will be set up to register the initiative,
- The signatories must come from at least one-quarter of the Member States,
- The Commission will help the organizers of an initiative by providing a user-friendly guide and setting-up a point of contact.

Key MEPs welcomed the agreement. The institutions are continuing negotiations and the European Parliament might soon vote on the final regulation. Read more: www.faib.org

Social legislation affecting international associations (FAIB Lunch debate 1 December 2010)

GroupeS www.groupes.be .

Le GroupeS est un des principaux secrétariats sociaux en Belgique. A l'initiative de Hugues Thibaut, membre du CA de FAIB, un déjeuner débat a été consacré aux aspects particuliers de la législation sociale affectant les associations.

Comment traiter les avantages extra-légaux (usage mixte de PC, d'Internet, de téléphones mobiles, de voitures, etc.) et se mettre en ordre avec la loi. Quelle est la valeur de ces avantages ?

Comment profiter des avantages fiscaux liés à des bonus collectifs ?

Employer un stagiaire... très bien, mais sous quel contrat ? Combien le rémunérer ? Et comment rencontrer les obligations mises en région bruxelloise par Actiris ?

Quelles précautions prendre lors de la mise à disposition de personnel étranger à l'association ?

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