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Editorial de Daniel Van Espen, Président : AG 2012 bilan et des perspectives stimulantes.

Le Président se réjouit de l'intervention du Vice-Premier Ministre D. Reynders (voir ci-dessous) comme hôte de marque de l'Assemblée générale de la FAIB du 7 juin 2012.

Quant à la partie statutaire, Daniel se félicite de l'approbation très positive des nombreux membres présents sur la politique suivie par la FAIB entraînant des synergies avec des institutions complémentaires, un renforcement de notre positionnement et un accroissement du nombre de membres. Pour 2013, il annonce la relance de l'enquête socio-économique périodique et l'objectif de la création d'un guichet des associations internationales dans un cadre institutionnel approprié.

Voir rapport complet sur le site web <http://faib.org>

Calendar of events.

- Lunch Debates:

- 14 September : aspects juridiques des social media: B. Van Asbroek, Bird and Bird
- 4 October: sensibilisation Fonds Européens, G. Radošević, EU Funding Welcomeurope.

- Exhibitions and site inspection visits: call the FAIB secretariat and get more details on :

Hamburg: 3-5 August (famtrip) / **Cologne and Düsseldorf:** postponed to September / October.

New members. We are pleased to welcome the following associations and foundations :

- **Development Gateway:** IT tools and advisory services to development www.developmentgateway.org
- **EASE :** storage of energy www.ease-storage.eu
- **Eco Innovation:** eco-innovation and urban gardens www.eco-innovation.net
- **European federation of Osteopaths:** working conditions and regulation of the profession www.efo.eu
- **Euro Heat and Power :** energy sources and technologies for district heating and cooling www.euroheat.org
- **Eucass:** international conferences for aero-space sciences www.eucass.eu
- **Foreign Trade Association :** free trade and improvement of supply chain www.fta-intl.org
- **Global institute for Risk Management Standards:** risk management based on ISO3100 www.G31000.org
- **Global Solar Council :** promotion of solar energy in the environment policy www.globalsolarcouncil.net
- **International Union of Radioecology :** biological effects of radionuclides radiations www.iur-uir.org
- **International Zinc Association :** promotion of the industrial sector, research, technology transfers www.zing.org
- **Party of the citizens of Europe:** construction of a international more peaceful society www.pace-europe.eu
- **Platform for European fathers:** fatherhood and equal parenting rights www.europeanfathers.eu
- **World Fair Trade Organisation:** representation of Fair Trade Organisations at EU level www.wfto-europe.org.

Key Success factors for International Associations: FAIB Lunch Debate 14.6.2012 by Mr Mark Dober.

Representing Ellwood & Atfield – www.ellwoodandatfield.com, a specialist executive search firm focused on communication and public affairs, the speaker commented a survey consisting of interviews of high level officers of international associations to identify key factors that make associations successful.

He pointed out 4 reasons, each of them split in a number of sub-elements: leadership and good governance, consensus between members, communications that tend to be downgraded and the added-value of the body. As special comments, we had a view on the 7 criteria that allow assessing the role of the DG and the way he fulfils his mission, and the criteria to be used by members to measure the efficiency of their European representatives.

Presentation available to members at faib@faib.org

Assemblée générale: Discours du Vice-Premier Didier Reynders

Dans un exposé brillant et clair, **M. Reynders** donne un panorama des principaux chantiers de son département des Affaires étrangères : Afghanistan, Afrique Centrale, Syrie et Iran.

Il développe les problèmes de la zone Euro et plaide, au-delà des Euro bonds, pour un transfert complémentaire de compétences vers le centre de l'UE pour une harmonisation des politiques budgétaires.

Pour Bruxelles, souvent perçue à l'étranger comme une entité en soi, il épingle les efforts faits pour les infrastructures (Conseil des Ministres, OTAN, Zaventem, Centre de Congrès), mais il met l'accent sur l'accueil des travailleurs et visiteurs étrangers, les réseaux pour une action cohérente et l'environnement.

A des questions de l'auditoire, il donne des pistes intéressantes pour l'efficacité et la simplification de l'action des associations internationales.

More? Contact faib@faib.org

VAT applicable to INPA's from the **VAT Desk Flash** 510 February 2012. (www.vatdesk.be)

Fiscal authorities appear extremely strict on compliant invoices. By January 2013, a new Directive will harmonize rules throughout Member States. The changes will notably affect the following:

- one single competent Member state to determine the VAT obligations in order to ensure a better legal certainty (the fear is that this obligation will end up in some cases to grotesque situations);
- uniform mandatory mentions: an exhaustive list of requested data;
- invoicing deadlines for B2B services: at the latest, the 15th day after the taxable event occurred.

The BELGIAN VAT DESK recommends being more vigilant than ever; FAIB will soon re-activate its VAT workgroup to share the experiences of its members and assess the way forward (see below).

EU Public Consultations

Transparency: Commissioner Šefčovič has presented the new portal that offers a wide variety of information. The Register counts now 5150 interest representatives. **We remind you that a public consultation is available until 31.8.2012:** http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/civil_society/consultation/tr.

Normes communes de qualité pour les stages dans l'UE: Le document de la Commission (SWD(2012) 99 final) peut être consulté sur le site de la Commission – Dg Affaires sociales (<http://ec.europa.eu/social/>).

FAIB Activities... recent / future developments...

- The **FAIB VAT Task Force** will be convened shortly after the summer break to evaluate the current situation in the light of members' experience.

Take part; let us know your case study / questions and advice: dvranken@faib.org.

- The **FAIB Socio-Economic Survey** (produced every 5 years – see website http://faib.org/survey_2008) will be updated in 2013. A Task Force will be set up to examine the questions / tools / circulation. Contact FAIB if interested in taking part and make sure to provide your input to the questionnaire.

- The **FAIB web site** allows both individual and associations to post their availability for recruitment and to visit job vacancies. Please check regularly www.faib.org/members/announcements.php.

- The **official welcome desk of the Brussels Capital Region (BELO)** expressed to FAIB their willingness to extend their services to the personnel / family of international associations based in Brussels. Subscribe to their free monthly e-newsletter and consult <http://www.blbe.be/en> . Phone: +32 (0)2.280.00.80.

Study tours attended by FAIB and members

- Monaco Study: 15-17.06.2012: consult www.montecarlo.sbm.com and <http://www.visitmonaco.com/fr/Business-Meetings/convention-Bureau>
- Ostend : 22 June - consult <http://www.meet-in-oostende.be/en>.