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The full version of the **FAIB News** is only available to FAIB Members both in printed and electronic version (via their personal password to the FAIB Website – contact faib@faib.org for details).

A “**FAIB Digest**”, prepared by André Douette - member of the Board - summarising the contents of the full version, is distributed to the non-member international associations operating in Belgium so as to inform them of the subjects dealt with at FAIB level. It is also posted on the home-page of our website.

Furthermore, between two editions of the FAIB News, a “**FAIB FLASH**” system is implemented by which our members are informed of the latest news or consulted on relevant enquiries from third parties.

Join our membership! More information from Barbara Panacci at: +32 (0) 2 641 11 95 or faib@faib.org.

Editorial de Daniel Van Espen, Président de la FAIB: La FAIB est active et poursuit son engagement ; le point de vue du Président sur l'Assemblée Générale du 28 mai.

Daniel Van Espen épingle les principaux points abordés au cours de notre assemblée générale statutaire: 10 déjeuners débats ; croissance du nombre des membres (277 à ce jour); engagement de nos 23 experts-membres associés; nouveaux partenariats dont Brussels Airlines; participation au European Association Summit; contacts avec les autorités européennes, fédérales et régionales. Ce dernier fait est confirmé par la présence du Ministre-Président de la région de Bruxelles-Capitale, Rudy Vervoort à l'Assemblée, avec un échange d'informations sur Bruxelles et les références à la récente enquête socio-économique FAIB.

Le rapport d'activités de la Secrétaire Générale et celui d'André Douette sur les membres & affiliations sont sur notre site.

Calendar of events.

- **Lunch Debates under preparation** : (12.00-13.00: sandwich-lunch; 13.00-14.30: presentation and QA session)

- Board Governance for International Associations
- Overcoming cultural differences in Communications, by Isabel Amaral

UAI Associations Roundtable, 12 November 2013 Hotel Pullman Midi, Brussels, including a session on VAT & fiscal aspects impacting INPAs coordinated by the FAIB, animated by Brent Springael, Bird&Bird.

- **Study tours & Trade Fairs**: call the FAIB secretariat and get more details

- 26 to 28.9.2013: FAIB dedicated study tour in Luxemburg;
- 7 – 8 October 2013: “Access ‘13” at the Hofburg in Vienna;
- 17 to 19.10.2013: study tour to Tallinn by the Estonian Convention Bureau.

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

- **CEOC International**: International Confederation of Inspection and Certification Organisations : www.ceoc.com
- **CUS**: Comité Universitaire de Solidarité : www.cus-uks.org
- **EFPT** : European Federation of Psychiatric Trainees : www.efpt.eu
- **SPACE**: European Network for Business Studies and Languages www.space-eu.info

FAIB Lunch Debate of 26.3.2013 on Salary optimization by Group S

Group S experts advised on how to limit employers' labor costs, whilst increasing employees' salary pocket by granting legally accepted fringe benefits' amongst which:

- tools made available by the employer for private use (PC, home internet, mobile phone, company car);
- private life events bonus (wedding, birth of a child, child care and seniority);
- meals voucher, but also cultural -, gifts- eco vouchers;
- reimbursement of travel expenses (home to work-place / public transport, car, bicycle);
- reimbursement of employers specific expenses;
- results-related benefits: bonus linked to a defined, measurable and uncertain objective –up to 3100 euro / year.

For such advantages, employers have to observe strict conditions that can become tricky when Social Security Office and Tax Administration have different views... More : faib@faib.org (presentation) and international@groups.be

FAIB Déjeuner-débat du 18.4.2013 - Aspects fiscaux & comptables des aisbl en Belgique, Sebastian Kirsch, Senior manager TVA, KPMG Conseils - Membre associé de la FAIB - et D. Pazienza / P. Gamito KPMG.

La législation sur les a(i)sbl a fortement évolué : plus de transparence, mais plus de lourdeur et de responsabilité. Que ce soit en matière de types de comptabilité, d'application de la TVA ou d'impôts directs. En matière de TVA, KPMG donne des précisions sur la circulaire administrative du 3 janvier 2012 et sur l'application de la taxe selon la localisation de la prestation des services. En matière d'impôts, l'attention est portée sur la taxation des avantages en nature, honoraires, commissions si les conditions légales ne sont pas respectées. *Plus de détails : faib@faib.org ou sebastiankirsch@kpmg.com*

Assemblée générale FAIB du 28 mai 2013 : intervention de Monsieur Rudy Vervoort, Ministre-Président.

M. Vervoort axe son discours sur le rôle de Bruxelles comme capitale internationale et sur les outils en développement et projetés qui seront de nature à renforcer sa place : régionalisation du tourisme, infrastructure de congrès NEO, futur RER, refinancement... Le Ministre-Président ne se voile pas la face et reconnaît les problèmes soulevés par les associations dans l'enquête socio-économique de la FAIB : propreté, mobilité, efficacité de l'Administration. Il évoque les solutions à apporter. Un discours sans langue de bois, complet et très apprécié, suivi de questions pertinentes sur la démographie, la formation, le rôle d'Actiris, l'affectation des grands pôles de développement de Bruxelles - *Texte complet des rapports à l'AG sur www.faib.org* .

European Association Summit 16-17 May 2013: jointly organized by VisitBrussels / FAIB-UIA-ESAE:

Back-to-back with the European Business Summit, a special event dedicated to the management of international associations was organised as a forum of open debates and networking. EAS is meant to become an annual event.

Moderated by Adrian Harris, FAIB Board member and DG of Orgalime aisbl, the morning session addressed the comparative situations of Brussels and Washington regarding the place and evolution of international associations and included several practical sessions attended by some 150 participants.

European Transparency: political meeting of 5 June with Commissioner Šefčovič

FAIB had been invited as observer to take part in the meetings intended to review the EU Transparency rules. A. Douette expressed the FAIB opinion: support of the initiative, provided it remains voluntary and based on an unchanged code of conduct. We admit a positive discrimination between registered and unregistered associations and indicated our readiness to promote the system. We were the sole participant to express a preoccupation about possible misinterpretation by the Belgian tax Administration confusing advocacy and the VAT exemption status: there is a broad gap between "lobbying" and the advocacy activity leading to registration. EU authorities should make it clearer.

FAIB made various suggestions: accreditation to the Parliament as a pass for other EU offices; no 100% status of "lobbyist" for those who have an EP access pass; a lower threshold for estimated costs; more detailed guidelines... The final version of the review is expected by the fall of 2013. We will keep members posted.

New rules governing the filing of annual accounts: update by Antoine Druetz, Counsel at Lorenz, FAIB Associate member

The new rules will be applicable as from September 2013. As of that date, very large and large INPA's will have to file their approved annual accounts with the National Bank of Belgium (cost: 78 to 148 euro); additional information will be provided (identity of the directors, of the auditor, his report...). Henceforth, the same two classes of INPA's will have to pay a contribution to cover the running costs of the Accounting Rules Commission. *More: the FAIB practical guide*

New FAIB Sponsors

- **Cambre Associates** –sponsor since February 2013. In their presentation to FAIB members, Cambre stated that it believes in advocacy specialisation in sector-specific policy: in legislative procedures, in networks but also in search engine optimisation, info-graphics, personal profiling, online campaigning and multimedia. It will help you with all aspects of advocacy.

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FAIB Socio-economic Survey 2013: the results analysed with the support of Bird & Bird were presented at the FAIB General Assembly. The survey is available from faib@faib.org . Some major findings are:

- the number of INPA's is constantly increasing: 2265 in 2013, of which 94% based in Brussels region
- 73% of them have chosen the aisbl statutes; 67% are VAT registered (37% in 2008)
- Estimated annual income and expenditure of 2,9 billion euro; expenditures at same level of which 84% spent in Belgium, estimated direct employment: 13400 FTE, excluding volunteers + indirect employment (hotels, restaurants, service providers)... perception of Belgium as a host country for INPAs and much more...

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- **FAIB study tours and trade fairs attended:** consult Barbara at faib@faib.org for detailed information.

- Budapest Convention Bureau, 20-23.3.2013. Plenty of interesting venues... siposa@itthon.hu
- Meeting Place Mexico, Guadalajara, 1-11.06.13: Mexico Tourism Board, Virginia Arana varana@promotur.com.mx.