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Editorial de Daniel Van Espen, Président de la FAIB En préparation aux élections européennes.

Le résultat des élections des 22-25 mai pèsera de façon décisive sur la direction que prendra l'UE, à un moment où la crise a réveillé les nationalismes et où l'équilibre des pouvoirs change sur la scène mondiale. Dans les nouveaux programmes, l'engagement de refinancement pour les citoyens réserve quelques surprises. Les réseaux thématiques de municipalités jumelées vont être soutenus par un programme 2014-2020 dans lequel les associations ont la possibilité de se tailler une place. Ceci devrait améliorer la citoyenneté européenne, favoriser la compréhension mutuelle, le dialogue interculturel, l'engagement solidaire et le bénévolat. Le large éventail des acteurs que l'UE considère comme des partenaires donne de multiples points d'entrée pour l'action du monde associatif.

Un objectif présomptueux ? Soit, mais la FAIB est déterminée à le soutenir. En témoigne son rôle dans le “European Association Summit” et “European Business Summit” des 14 et 15 mai prochains.

Calendar of events

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

- 6 May: Analysis of the political scenery in the context of the European Elections of May 2014, by Charles Laroche, FAIB Associate member;
- 18 September: Association mapping: key constituents, relationship, functioning, Antoine Henry de Frahan;
- 16 October: “Understanding Twitter and Using It” + review of other social media: Cambre Associate speaker;
- 20 November: Virtual general assembly and e-voting: an interesting option for an INPO? Ruth Wirtz, Counsel, Osborne Clarke & Faib Associate member, together with a practical case by an IT specialist.

- **FAIB General Assembly: 12 June 2014** - invited keynote speaker Mr Herman Van Rompuy, President of the Council of Europe (schedule to be advised).

- **Study Tours and Trade Fairs 2014:** call the FAIB secretariat, get more details + registration websites

- 22-26 June: Luxemburg with the national Tourism Board
- Two appointments with Turismo de Portugal : Porto and the North (17-20 Oct.) + Madeira (28 Nov – 1 Dec).

- **Association Congress** to which FAIB takes part:

- International Associations Congress, Paris, La Défense, 27-29 April <http://www.associationscongress.com/>.

REGISTER SOON : the 2nd European Association Summit of 14 May tying in with the European Business Summit of 15 May. FAIB moderates the session “How to evolve in a new competitive world and become an essential tool for members”
More details on www.easummit.eu Information available from faib@faib.org

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

- **Association of Mutual Insurers and Insurance Cooperatives in Europe aisbl;** www.amice-eu.org
- **European LPG Association aisbl** : promotion of this industry segment; www.aegpl.eu
- **European Association of Military organisations aisbl** : a forum of 29 military association; www.euromil.org
- **International Light Association ILA aisbl:** Light for health and wellness; www.international-light-association.org
- **Phiren Amenca aisbl** : network of Roma and non-Roma volunteers for non-formal education; www.phirenamenca.eu

Lunch- Debate of 16.1.2014: Competition compliance for Trade Associations by Nicole Maréchal, Senior Legal Counsellor and Governance Officer - CEFIC, European Chemical Industry Council

European Competition policies ensure that companies compete equally and fairly in the internal market. Associations are concerned as they provide the opportunity to competitors of meeting and exchanging sensible information. The risk is to be charged huge fines and to lose credibility as a professional organization. An actual enforcement is set in place by the Commission. The speaker addressed the issue by explaining how CEFIC implemented measures optimizing compliance: awareness raising, training, practical actions and follow-up. The disclosure of information is also subject to precautions (EU guidelines of January 2011).

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Lunch-debate of 25.2.2014: How to prepare and to successfully go through a tax audit by Ms E. Delsaux and Ms C. Speleers, Managers at Deloitte, FAIB Associate member:

The number of tax audits on (I)NPOs is drastically increasing. Hence the necessity to be prepared, mainly on the tax issues most scrutinized.

Ms Speleers recapped the VAT guidelines and addressed the main issues that can come under review (membership fees, services from a provider not established in Belgium, organization of a congress attended by non-VAT and VAT liable payers).

Ms Delsaux followed with direct tax issues, focusing on company cars, indemnities paid to volunteers and the so-called secret commission tax. Very useful reminders!

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Employment Incentives and Social Security reductions, by Group S – HR and management: A summary of existing employment incentives provided for employing older workers. A series of similar articles listing other incentives will be published in next editions of FAIB News. Want to find out more about reducing your labor costs? Contact international@groups.be and receive 10% reduction as a FAIB member.

Internships in Belgium: in this article, Stijn Marquant & Sara Beutels, lawyers of the Belgian law Firm K Law, explain the legal framework and conditions for International Not for Profit Associations (INPA) to provide internships to local and foreign young graduates and professionals.

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Séminaire 26 février 2014 : “Engagement social, société civile et médias en ligne“ Fondation Roi Baudouin (FRB)

Au cours de ce séminaire auquel A-M. Leclercq a représenté la FAIB, Mr Carpentier a présenté les grandes lignes de son rapport et rappelé comment les organisations de la société civile peuvent utiliser les médias en ligne pour renforcer l’engagement social des citoyens.

Cette étude a généré une typologie reposant sur : a) Le rôle des médias en ligne dans et par la société civile ;

b) la distinction entre accès interaction et participation.

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- The FAIB offers a sponsoring agreement to selected partners whose core business is in line with our members’ activities (see FAIB website). Interested? Contact dvranken@faib.org.

NEW SPONSOR: the Mexico Tourism Board, operational in the field of business meetings and incentives www.visitmexico.com/meetings

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- In March 2014, the results of the **FAIB socio-economic Survey** were presented to the “Institut für Sozial- und Wirtschaftspolitische Ausbildung” in Berlin and to some 35 Economic attachés of the Brussels region.

- The FAIB will take part in informal discussions with the Minister of Economy and Employment of the Brussels Region and present topics of relevance to INPAs, such as the heavy administrative procedures linked to VAT / hiring of post-graduate interns / the state of the Maison des Associations Internationales and a stronger support from authorities of the many INPAs operating in Belgium.

FAIB Study Tours and Fairs attended:

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- **Conventa:** 6th edition of the South East Europe exhibition for meetings and incentives – Ljubljana, 21 - 23.01.2014 (www.conventa.org) and (www.slovenia-convention.org);
- **MICE-CEE:** related to MICE in Central & Eastern Europe, Bucharest 9-11.02.2014 (www.europe-congress.com)
- **Hamburg:** fam-trip and discovery of the Elbe city as one of the favourite congress destinations (www.hamburg.convention.com).