



## AIACE

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Newsletter from the International Bureau to AIACE members

*This newsletter aims to show how AIACE's international administrative structures are designed to promote and bring together the interests of our 11,000 members. It aims to provide a glimpse into some of the main activities of the International Bureau, and is distributed to members via the Sections, who send it out to their members, after translating it if they deem appropriate. Each Section chooses the means they think best to ensure that all members receive the Newsletter, be that in their own newsletters or bulletins, by email, on their website, or a combination thereof. This 4th issue covered the period from May to September 2016.*

### Highlights during this period

#### THE ASSISES IN TRIESTE (24 TO 28 MAY)

These conferences met with great success and the participants discovered with interest the city of Trieste and the excursions proposed. The VOX journal provides more information and photos. At the work level, the Bureau concentrated on the meeting of the Board of Directors, the management of the General Assembly and the facilitation of the three workshops and discussions with the administrators of the Institutions. During the General Assembly, the Director of the PMO made important announcements, notably for preventive medicine as part of the spousal complementarity insurance. Please refer to the article in the last VOX number 103 (page 25) in which we present the progress made in our relations with the PMO and the problems for the pensioners which still exist. A member of the Bureau participated in each of the three workshops: PMO / JSIS, Pensions and Social Affairs. In the PMO / JSIS workshop, the participants were able to interact with the head of JSIS's central office, the head of the Ispra liquidation office and the representative of the European Parliament's administration at CGAM. In the pensions workshop, Mr Giuseppe Scognamiglio answered the many specific questions of the participants, in particular as regards the weightings factors.

#### THE BREXIT

The outcome of the referendum on 23 June required a quick reaction to be published in Vox 103 in order to inform the members of an initial analysis of the situation. The Presidents of Parliament and the Commission sent a message of support to British officials working in the institutions. In

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connection with the UK section of Aiace which is very active on this issue we will, *for our part*, ensure that the situation is taken into consideration. The implementation of the Brexit could mean that the pensioners resident in Great Britain i.e. no longer residing in a Member State, might be affected by a double taxation.

#### OTHER IMPORTANT POINTS

- CGAM meetings in May, July and September 2016: We raised the problem created by the overcharging of medical services in Luxembourg, authorized by an agreement signed 20 years ago by the Commission.
- Website of the International Association [www.aiace-europa.eu](http://www.aiace-europa.eu): this new site, which was the subject of an important development with an external service provider, came into production at the time of the Assises. Thanks to this site, it was possible, for those who did not go to Trieste, to follow the debates of our AG live (webstreaming).
- On 28 June 2016, Mrs Maruja Gutierrez, Vice-President of the Spanish Section, attended her first meeting of the International Bureau for which she will be in charge of the communication policy.
- Removal of our offices currently located in the Rue de la Science in Brussels: unfortunately the Commission will stop using this building and we have received proposals to locate the International Aiace and the Belgium section in other buildings. The DG HR has echoed our needs but unfortunately what we are offered is less than the current situation and does not allow us to stay grouped. The AIACE International (with Senior space) and the Belgium section will be relocated in different buildings.
- Luxembourg announces the opening of a Senior Space.
- Insurance. Aiace has negotiated two insurances corresponding to the pensioners' needs: accident insurance and hospitalization insurance called "big risks" These insurances have been presented during the seminars preparing for retirement. We note that during these seminars organized by the Council and the Commission in Brussels other insurances are presented. As this leads to some confusion we had a first contact meeting between Afiliatys, Aiace and DG HR on 27 July 2016. No solution was found and Willy Hoebeeck, President of the Aiace Insurance Working Group, made contacts with our CIGNA broker to find a satisfactory solution for us. We will report this in the next Info-sections and in the VOX 105.