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International Association of Former Staff of the European Union

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Newsletter of the International Bureau for members of the Association

The purpose of this publication is to serve as a link between the work of our Association's international structure and our approximately 15 000 members. It consists of a few brief items containing information about the work of the international Bureau and is being sent to the sections so that they can pass it on to their members. This 17th number covers the first half of 2024.

Elections

At the meeting of the Management Board on 18 June, D. Deshayes was re-elected President and P. Carvounis Vice-President, both unanimously. S. Jacobs will succeed D. Hespel as Secretary-General on 1 September, and F. Rinaudo has been confirmed as Treasurer-General.

National health systems

The negotiations with Italy are at a standstill. The agreement which had been negotiated by the Commission has not yet been signed, and does not meet with AIACE's approval.

A solution has been found for Belgium in the form of an additional (virtual) "mutuelle" which will deal only with JSIS reimbursements. At present, this is scheduled for implementation towards the end of 2024. Initially it will only cover general practitioners, pharmacies and specialists; physiotherapists, dentists and hospitals will follow later. The system will operate on the basis of the national number and will therefore be reserved for scheme members resident in Belgium. Invoices will automatically be sent to the JSIS without any action being required from scheme members; the reimbursement procedure will remain unchanged.

The next countries to be dealt with will be France and Germany; no progress is currently being made with the situation in Luxembourg, but high-level contacts are planned.

The working group will meet at the beginning of September to review the situation.

Revision of the General Implementing Provisions

The revision of the General Implementing Provisions (GIP) for the JSIS has nearly been completed. The steering group has submitted all its proposals to the Health Insurance Management Committee (CGAM). An initial package has passed through the whole administrative chain and been adopted; it notably comprises rises in a number of ceilings. A second package is ready but has still not been adopted; it notably includes a new method of indexation of ceilings.

Guide for families

The guide for families will only concern the JSIS. A guide issued by DG HR concerning pensions and formalities in the event of death already exists. Work has virtually been completed on the

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French version, and the translations will follow. The core section, which is identical for all countries, will be supplemented with information applicable to specific national situations supplied by the national sections of AIACE.

The digital divide

This vital point features on the agenda for all contacts with the Commission and the PMO.

New Commission intranet

DG HR is creating a new intranet, to which – unlike the current situation – it is intended that retired staff should have only limited access. The President has sent a letter of protest to DG HR and is calling for the decision to be reconsidered.

Single phone number for the PMO

If this number were to be reserved for urgent and complex cases, it would no longer be possible to contact the PMO unless one possessed an EU Login account, by means of which to use Staff Contact, which is not acceptable.

PMOMobile/MyPMO

The PMO has replaced the application PMOMobile with MyPMO. The content has not changed much at this stage, but other functionalities will be added gradually. It is also possible to choose 4 favourite applications.

The Method / adjustment

The Method is working. A fresh interim adjustment of 3%, retroactive to 1 January, was made in June 2024. Most of the weightings have been adjusted.

In its report on the functioning of the Method, the Commission proposes making no changes.

General Assembly / Congress

The General Assembly was held by video link on 27 May, the meeting with the administrations on 28 May. The invited speaker was F. Frutuoso de Melo, whose address can be found on the website.

The Congress, which is independent of the General Assembly, will be held in Catania, Sicily, from 12 to 15 October 2024. The programme can be found on AIACE's website.

Revision of the Statutes of AIACE International

The working group has held its first meeting; it will continue its work in September to examine all the proposals on the table. It has become apparent that the vast majority of the sections do not wish the association's structure to be reformed but would prefer to see improvements to the existing Statutes.

Creation of new sections

The procedure has been launched with a view to creating Polish and Czech Sections.

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