

Global Pension Alliance

Many important issues for European pension funds and other IORP's are increasingly international and global. Examples of this are e.g. the international accounting standards which strongly affect the pension schemes as well as solvency rules. In recent years especially the financial market regulatory development has been based on decisions by international bodies such as the G20 and the Financial Stability Board. Also development in supervision and in governance has been international and global. Long term and infrastructure investments are topical the world over.

In order to follow these developments and lobby our interests we have launched together with the European Association of Paritarian Institutions of Social Protection (AEIP) in 2013 a co-operation with three North-American organizations: American Benefits Council, the National Coordinating Committee for Multiemployer Plans in the USA (NCCMP) and the Multi-Employer Benefit Plans Council of Canada (MEBCO). We signed a protocol together and named this co-operation **Global Pension Alliance**. Last autumn, the Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia (ASFA) joined. At present time the International Federation of Pension Fund Administrators (FIAP) has requested to be part of the Alliance.

The Global Pension Alliance is representing a major part of private sector funded pensions around the world. The members are representative organizations and advocates working on behalf of occupational pension funds with non-profit objectives and often joint labor-management, paritarian retirement plans, their participants and sponsors. The members of the Alliance exchange ideas and experiences in order to learn from each other and to promote best practices as well as to enable more effective education and representation on issues of common interest. They also forward to each other invitations of their respective public events, such as conferences and seminars and to promote the exchange of information on best practices. And they strive to increase the awareness of global issues of common interest with the view of enlarging the Global Pension Alliance further.

The next European event for the Global Pension Alliance will be a conference in Frankfurt on 11 – 12 June 2014.