

IBFD

Doctoral Meeting of Researchers in International Taxation (DocMIT) and Postdoctoral International Tax Forum (PITF)

21 - 22 May 2015

Amsterdam - The Netherlands



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In 2015, IBFD will organize the 13th edition of the meeting for doctoral researchers and the 4th edition of its postdoctoral (early career scholars) meeting.

The purpose of these meetings is to provide the researchers with an opportunity to discuss their current research projects with leading academics and a select circle of colleagues. Participants will benefit from tailored coaching provided by our panel of international tax professors, as well as from the feedback provided by peers from various parts of the world. Our aim is to provide tax researchers with a forum to further their research in the field of taxation.

Venue and dates

The meetings will take place at the IBFD Head Office in Amsterdam on Thursday 21 and Friday 22 May from 8:30 to 18:30.

Who should attend?

DocMIT

The DocMIT is designed for students working on their doctoral thesis in the field of international, European or comparative tax law. There are no age limits or requirements concerning the stage of development of the theses. Nevertheless, we expect all participants to have already made some substantial progress in their research in order to have a good grasp of their subject, to have well defined research questions, at least a first outline of the thesis and preferably some preliminary conclusions. Doctoral students should be at a stage where the external coaching and exchange of points are most valuable.

A maximum of 8 doctoral students will be admitted. Applications will be selected on the basis of the quality and originality of the research as stated in the synopsis.

PITF

The aim of the PITF is to provide a worldwide forum for young tax scholars from all over the world to meet and discuss their ongoing research projects. In order to qualify applicants must:

- have obtained their PhD
- be younger than 50
- spend at least 50% of their work time on research-related activities (regardless of the place where they are developed: universities, international organizations, institutes, research centres, etc.)

Candidates are expected to be in the process of developing a comprehensive research project on international, European or comparative taxation, preferably different from the one that granted them their doctoral degree. University professors and lecturers are particularly encouraged to apply. A maximum of 8 researchers will be admitted. Applications will be selected on the basis of the quality and originality of the research.

Event programme

Individual coaching sessions

One of the key sections of the meetings is the individual coaching session. Each participant will present an overview of her/his research project, and the specific details in terms of findings made and/or obstacles faced. Participants are expected to highlight the most interesting and controversial issues of their research and to introduce some questions or propositions conceived to provoke discussion amongst the participants. The time should be equally split between the researcher findings so far and the outstanding issues and questions.

Participants will receive in advance a schedule specifying the date and time of each presentation. They are allowed to use a ppt file based on a template provided by IBFD to the selected candidates.

Participants (or IBFD researchers) with interest in a similar or related topic may be invited, in advance, to prepare a short input statement on one of the presentations. Each one of them will be followed by feedback from peers and mentors from our international panel of professors. The discussions are aimed at covering the individual topics presented as well as the common themes and connections between them.

Inter-disciplinary symposium on international taxation

Following the very positive experience of last year, we will host again a symposium dedicated to fundamental interdisciplinary issues concerning international taxation. Both doctoral and postdoctoral researchers are invited to apply to be an active participant in this symposium, by presenting a high quality paper and by delivering a 20-minute presentation, based on the paper. This year's topic is "Substance and Form in Tax Law". Speakers will be selected on the basis of a Brief Explanation (no more than 500 words) and Outline (draft table of contents), to be submitted together with their application to the meetings (DocMIT or PITF). Only those selected to the DocMIT and PITF will be considered for the symposium.

In case you are selected, you will work under the supervision of an author of repute in international taxation, with the goal of publishing a high-quality article with an appropriate IBFD journal. IBFD will make a contribution towards the costs of travel and accommodation of the selected symposium speakers.

Methodological session

In addition to the presentations and the symposium, we will have a special methodological session on academic writing. This will cover important topics such as object of research, methodology, research plan, selection of the materials, definition of the right output and insights into how to get published.

For the postdoctoral researchers, the methodological session will be on writing for peer-reviewed journals. This will cover guidance on how to define the topic for the article, specific advanced guidance for the research, definition of the conclusions and other aspects.

Please note that participation in all sessions is mandatory. This means that access to the library is almost impossible during the meeting days. If you want to combine your attendance to the meetings with a research stay you are most welcome to do that. Please let us know in advance the length of your stay (either after or before the meeting) and we will be glad to assist you in the arrangements and to secure a workstation at IBFD's library.

Panel of experts

Both meetings will feature panels of renowned experts in international, European and comparative tax law. In the last few years we have had the honour to host:

Prof. Hugh Ault	<i>Em. Professor at Boston College Law School.</i>
Prof. Pasquale Pistone	<i>Academic Chairman of IBFD; Jean Monnet ad personam Professor at the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law, WU Vienna, Austria and Professor at the University of Salerno, Italy.</i>
Prof. Rainer Prokisch	<i>Professor at Maastricht University, the Netherlands.</i>
Prof. María Teresa Soler Roch	<i>Professor at the University of Alicante, Spain.</i>
Prof. Frans Vanistendael	<i>Em. Professor at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium.</i>
Prof. Dennis Weber	<i>Professor at the University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands.</i>
Prof. Stef van Weeghel	<i>Professor at the University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands; Chairman of IBFD Board of Trustees; Tax Partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers.</i>
Dr Joanna Wheeler	<i>Senior Principal Research Associate of the Academic Department, IBFD.</i>
Prof. Bertil Wiman	<i>Professor of Tax Law at Uppsala University, Sweden; Chairman of the Executive Board of the European Association of Tax Law Professors (EATLP).</i>

Application requirements

DocMIT

In order to apply, please send us via email (academic@ibfd.org):

- a short CV (see infra).
- the synopsis of your research (a template is available on www.ibfd.org).
- a scanned version of the certificate of enrolment in an official PhD programme (if not available, any other document that proves your enrolment in such a programme).

PITF

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- a short CV (see infra).
- the synopsis of your research (a template is available on www.ibfd.org).
- a scanned version of your PhD certificate.

Please note:

- The CV should include the contact details (phone and email), a full list of your academic degrees, universities or research institutes of affiliation, name(s) and contact details of the supervisor(s), working title of the doctoral or postdoctoral research project; start and expected end dates of the research, list of academic publications and teaching assignments (if applicable).
- The synopsis should follow the template available at the link included above. Please respect the limits defined for each of the sections (note that this material will be shared among the participants and panel members before the meetings).
- Those applying also to be a speaker in the interdisciplinary symposium should also include a brief explanation of the proposed article (no more than 500 words) and of its outline (draft table of contents).
- For those who have already participated in previous editions of the meetings, participation is still possible insofar the topic of the research is substantially different; nonetheless, priority will be given to those who have not attended before.
- The application does not need to follow a particular form. Please just send the needed documents to academic@ibfd.org.

Materials

Prior to the meeting, all participants will receive by email:

- information to prepare for their stay in Amsterdam.
- the final schedule of the meeting.
- all synopses and PowerPoint's of the participants. Everyone is expected to read carefully the materials in advance in order to provide useful feedback.

Important information:

- The official language of both meetings is English.
- We normally confirm the receipt of all emails within 2 working days. If you do not receive a confirmation within this time frame, please contact us via phone.
- Non EU-citizens should check with local authorities for the documents and authorizations required for travelling. If needed, we will gladly provide in advance a letter of invitation to be included in those proceedings. Please mention this at the moment of your application.
- No fee will be charged for attending the meeting and you will be kindly invited to a social programme; participants will be entitled to use IBFD's restaurant and communal spaces. Travel, accommodation and other expenses are to be covered by the participants (except for those selected as speakers for the symposium, who will be entitled to a contribution towards travel and accommodation costs).
- Wi-Fi connection will not be available during the meetings.

Deadlines and time frame

Friday 5 December 2014: Applications for the DocMIT, PITF, and to be a speaker at the symposium

Friday 9 January 2015: Announcement of the selected participants and of the speakers at the symposium

Monday 27 April 2015: Submission of the final PowerPoint presentations, of the revised synopses (and, for the speakers at the symposium, of the final drafts of their papers and PowerPoint presentations).

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions!

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