



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

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The purpose of the DocMIT and PITF is to provide researchers with an opportunity to discuss their current research projects with leading academics and a select circle of colleagues. Participants benefit from tailored coaching provided by our panel of international tax professors, as well as from feedback provided by peers from around the world. We will also host an interdisciplinary symposium, which will allow four of the DocMIT and PITF participants to present an article written under the mentorship of a well-known tax professor, with the ultimate goal of being published in an IBFD digital or printed collection.

## Who should attend?

### DocMIT

The DocMIT is designed for students working on their doctoral theses in the fields of international, European or comparative tax law. There are no age limits or requirements concerning the stage of development of theses.

Nevertheless, we expect all participants to have made some substantial progress in their research already and to have a good grasp of their subject, well-defined research questions, at least a first outline of their 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 12 doctoral students will be admitted. Applications will be selected on the basis of the quality and originality of their 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 under the age of 50
- ▶ Spend 30% or more of their work time on research-related activities (regardless of the place in which such activities are performed: 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 12 researchers will be admitted. Applications will be selected on the basis of the quality and originality of the research.

### Interdisciplinary Symposium on International Taxation

Following the very positive experience of the last five years, this year we will once again host a symposium dedicated to fundamental interdisciplinary issues concerning international taxation. Accordingly, four researchers will be selected to write a high-quality paper and deliver a 20-minute presentation based on the paper, under the mentorship of a prestigious professor of tax law with the ultimate goal of publishing it in the IBFD World Tax Journal. The topic this year will be "Developing Countries".

We invite all scholars (doctoral candidates, postdoctoral researchers, fellows and professors) to submit abstracts (no more than 500 words) and draft a table of content on the proposed topic. From the applications received, we will select the best four proposals.

IBFD will make a contribution towards the cost of travel and accommodation of the selected symposium speakers.

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## Individual coaching sessions (DocMIT and PITF)

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

Participants will receive in advance a schedule specifying the date and time of each presentation. A PowerPoint template will be provided by IBFD for the selected candidates to create their presentations. The aforementioned template is designed to help the participants better structure their research, although deviations from it are permitted in order to highlight the relevant issues to be presented.

Participants (or IBFD researchers) with an interest in a similar or related topic may be invited, in advance, to prepare a short input statement on one of the presentations. After each input, feedback by the coaches and mentors will be given. The discussions will aim to cover the individual topics presented as well as the common themes and connections between them.

## Methodological sessions (DocMIT)

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

**Please note that participation in all sessions is mandatory.**

## Research stays at the IBFD Library

The IBFD Library has the largest collection of international tax publications in the world. Although research at the Library during the meeting days is almost impossible due to the tight programme of the DocMIT and PITF, we suggest you combine your attendance at the meetings with a research stay at the Library. Please let us know in advance about the length of your stay (to take place either before or after the meeting), and we will gladly assist you with the arrangements and in securing a workstation at IBFD's Library.

## Panel of experts

The 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** – Em. Professor at Boston College Law School
- ▶ **Prof. Pasquale Pistone** – 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
- ▶ **Prof. Rainer Prokisch** – Professor at Maastricht University, the Netherlands
- ▶ **Prof. María Teresa Soler Roch** – Professor at the University of Alicante, Spain
- ▶ **Prof. Frans Vanistendael** – Em. Professor at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium
- ▶ **Prof. Stef van Weeghel** – Professor at the University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands; Chairman of the IBFD Board of Trustees; Tax Partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers
- ▶ **Prof. Joanna Wheeler** – Senior Principal Research Associate of the Academic Department, IBFD and the University of Amsterdam

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The meetings will take place at the IBFD Head Office in Amsterdam on Monday, 20 April 2020 and Tuesday, 21 April 2020 from 08:30 to 18:30.

In addition to the scientific part, we have also arranged a social programme for the participants. This includes a boat tour and drinks. Please note that on Sunday, 19 April 2020, we will enjoy our traditional boat tour (15:40 to 17:00), and on Monday, 20 April 2020, we will have the DocMIT and PITF drinks (17:30 to 19:00).

## Application procedure and requirements

All documents should be sent at [academic@ibfd.org](mailto:academic@ibfd.org)

### DocMIT

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

- ▶ A short CV (see infra)
- ▶ A synopsis of your research (please follow [this template](#))
- ▶ A scanned version of the certificate of enrolment in an official PhD programme

### PITF

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

- ▶ A short CV (see infra)
- ▶ A synopsis of your research (please follow [this template](#))
- ▶ A scanned version of your PhD certificate

### Symposium

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- ▶ A short CV (see infra)
- ▶ An abstract and draft table of content based on the topic "Developing Countries"

### Please note

- ▶ The CV should include: contact details (phone number and email address); a full list of your academic degrees; universities or research institutes of affiliation; name(s) and contact details of supervisor(s); the working title of your doctoral or postdoctoral research project; start and expected end dates of the research; and a list of academic publications and teaching assignments (if applicable).
- ▶ For those who have already participated in previous editions of the meetings, participation is still possible insofar that the topic of the research is substantially different; nonetheless, priority will be given to those who have not attended before.

Applicants who are not selected, as well as researchers, are welcome to participate in the meetings.

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## Materials

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

- ▶ Information to prepare for their research stay in Amsterdam
- ▶ The final schedule of the meetings
- ▶ All synopses and PowerPoints of the participants. Everyone is expected to carefully read the materials in advance in order to provide useful feedback

## Important information

- ▶ The official language of both meetings is English.
- ▶ We normally confirm receipt of all emails within two working days. If you do not receive a confirmation within this time frame, please contact us telephonically.
- ▶ 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 such proceedings. Please mention whether you require this upon application.
- ▶ No fee will be charged for attending the meeting, and you will also be invited to participate in 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 at the symposium, who will be entitled to a contribution towards travel and accommodation costs).
- ▶ A Wi-Fi connection will not be available during the meetings.

## Deadlines and time frame

- ▶ **Monday, 11 November 2019:** Applications for the DocMIT and PITF, and to be a speaker at the symposium
- ▶ **Thursday, 28 November 2019:** Announcement of the selected participants and of the speakers at the symposium
- ▶ **Friday, 3 April 2020:** Submission of PowerPoint presentations and of the revised synopses (and, for the speakers at the symposium, the final drafts of the papers).

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

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