



Short impressions summaries

Written by Alejandra Villamil

The IFA conference was one of the best events I took part in and surpassed all my expectations. The panels were thoughtfully curated, focusing on the most relevant and pressing tax topics, which undoubtedly enriched my understanding of the subject. I found the sessions incredible captivating, especially the diverse range of approaches related to tax avoidance under International and European Tax Law.

The speakers were not only engaging but also possessed remarkable academic and practical expertise, allowing them to navigate through complex matters effortlessly. Their insights were invaluable in comprehending the discussions.

One aspect that truly broadened my horizons was learning about the challenges of applying European Directives in various countries. The presentations shed light on the practical implications and nuances, which I consider an essential aspect for anyone dealing with international taxation.

Another highlight of the IFA Conference was the opportunity to interact with tax experts from different countries. Engaging in conversations with these professionals opened up a whole new world of insights and perspectives, especially regarding the latest technical developments in international taxation.

As a Master's international student, I can confidently say that the IFA Conference is an unrivaled platform to expand one's knowledge beyond the confines of the university. It provided a unique chance to explore both theoretical and practical issues that tax lawyers encounter in their profession.

Overall, the IFA conference left an indelible impression on me, and I wholeheartedly recommend it to anyone in the field of international taxation. It is an enriching and unforgettable experience.

Written by: David van Straten

The opportunity to join the IFA European Region Conference as a tax student was nothing short of a fantastic experience! The panels, consisting of practitioners, academics and policymakers, provided invaluable insights into the current state of the European approach to tackling tax avoidance, of which the (breakout) panel on state aid was a good example. Being able to hear the thoughts of a judge at the General Court of the EU on the recent *Fiat* case was highly insightful. Getting to chat and exchange views with incredibly knowledgeable and experienced colleagues over lunch and dinner – catering was excellently arranged – in the historic halls of the Beurs van Berlage was a joy too. In between panels, you bump into every kind of fellow tax nerd; from PhD students, doing very interesting work on transfer pricing, to IFA's president, sharing a story on his involvement with a Canadian case I researched. Just as with the panels, it were these first-hand experiences, which you do not get to hear every day as a student, that made attending the IFA European Region Conference so valuable.



Written by: Rouna Erhieyovwe

As a young tax professional who recently concluded his masters program at UvA, I had the rare privilege of attending the esteemed IFA European Region Conference in Amsterdam. The conference greatly impacted my technical expertise and social connections and was nothing short of insightful.

I had the honour of learning directly from some of the most scholarly and brightest minds in the tax field, shedding light on some of the practical EU tax issues and their complexities. I particularly found the discussions on “countering tax avoidance in the EU and beyond” and the subconversation on how various ATAD provisions interplay with other EU Directives as eye-opening. The discussions were mind-boggling, and the knowledge I acquired from the IFA conference would definitely have a last impact on my career.

Beyond the technical benefits, the conference allowed me to network with various tax professionals, from law firms, professional services firms and various industry practitioners. Engaging with these individuals gave me the opportunity to engage in astonishing discussions on career development and growth. This opportunity does not come every day, and it was and will be continually appreciated. For me, it was a beautiful experience and a superb opportunity to attend the prestigious IFA conference in the city of Amsterdam.
