

Dear Colleague,

As you know, the IFA Permanent Scientific Committee (PSC) has established a Programme Working Group to assist the PSC in selecting Congress Subjects and Seminar topics. The International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation (IBFD) has kindly agreed to provide scientific and logistical support which will allow the Programme Working Group to engage annually a young researcher who will provide technical assistance in the development of background material on possible subjects and topics.

The researcher will be provided with an office and other support services in the IBFD in Amsterdam for a period of approximately six months, which would ideally start some four weeks before the annual Congress, i.e. 3 August 2015 - and ending beginning of February 2016. It should be clearly understood that candidates applying for this function must be in a position to make themselves available full time for the entire period.

The remuneration for the position depends on the individual's qualifications and the period during which he or she will be able to work. In addition, the expenses of attending the annual IFA Congress (Basel, Switzerland, 30 August – 4 September 2015) and the meeting of the PSC in February 2016, will be covered.

Ideally, the candidate would have not only an academic background in tax law but would have a special interest in international taxation apparent from publications or other work; in addition, the candidate would have had some work experience. Further, the candidate should have a working knowledge of English, and one or (preferably) two other languages.

The basic job of the Research Associate is to investigate and develop topics that have been suggested as possible Congress or Seminar subjects, as well as to come up with independent suggestions for topics. A bibliography would be developed for each topic based on the database available at the IBFD.

Working from the bibliography, the Research Associate would prepare an outline of the topics that a potential subject might cover. This procedure would allow the Programme Working Group both to evaluate particular topics or aspects of topics which could usefully be investigated further and also to identify persons working in

various countries on the topics who would be potential panel or seminar participants. Throughout the process, the Research Associate would be supervised in day-to-day work by a senior technical staff member from the Bureau, while the overall responsibility is with the Vice-Chair of the Permanent Scientific Committee.

The position should be attractive to persons interested in the international fiscal area in the early stages of their tax career. It provides a chance to work in a supervised fashion with experts at the IBFD and gives an opportunity for substantial contact with members of the Permanent Scientific Committee of IFA. In the past we have had Researchers from Australia, Barbados, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, Mexico, Portugal and Spain and all have found it a useful experience.

If you are aware of any qualifying candidates who you feel might be interested in this position, could you kindly encourage them to send an application accompanied by an appropriate Curriculum Vitae to:

International Fiscal Association
Secretary General
World Trade Center
E-mail: a.gensecr@ifa.nl
(P.O. Box 30215; 3001 DE Rotterdam/The Netherlands)

The selection for a candidate for the next term will be made in early February 2015, so it would be useful to have the applications as soon as possible and, in any event, before 1 February 2015.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this project. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,
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