GLOBAL IFA CONGRESS AWARD – RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Objectives

The Global IFA Congress Award aims to connect Global IFA with scientific work of the highest quality that contributes to the study and advancement of international and comparative direct or indirect tax law in relation to the main subjects of the Annual IFA Congress.

2. Eligibility

To be eligible for the IFA Congress Award, submissions must meet the following criteria:

2.1. Types of Eligible Publications

- Published PhD theses, academic articles, books, book chapters, monographs, or other scholarly works. For the purposes of this Award, "published" shall be interpreted as works that have been formally accepted for publication before the application deadline, even if they have not yet appeared in print or online.
- The work must focus on international or comparative tax or fiscal law (including indirect tax law), and relate to one of the two Main Subjects of the Annual IFA Congress held in the same year as the Award.
- The submitted work must have been published within three years prior to deadline for application to the award.
- Submissions may be written in any language, though English is preferred.

2.2. Authorship

- Co-authored publications are eligible.
- Each author may submit up to two publications per award year.
- There are no limitations on the age, location, or academic qualifications of the author(s).
- The author(s) do not need to have an IFA membership.

2.3. Submissions and Nominations

- There is no word or page limit for the submissions.
- Previously submitted publications may be resubmitted for consideration up to two times, provided they continue to meet the eligibility requirements.
- Submissions may be made either by the (co-)author or by a third-party nominator.
- In the case of third-party nominations, the (co-)author must supply the required documentation and consent to participate.
- Works that have been submitted and have won other Global IFA Awards are not eligible.
- However, submissions that have competed for or received non-IFA awards remain eligible.

3. Application Requirements

Applicants must submit the following documents:

- A presentation letter briefly explaining the topic and relevance of the submitted publication;
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the (co-)author;
- Global IFA Membership Number (if applicable);
- The publication in a soft copy format (pdf and word);
- If the work is not in English:
    - Unofficial English translation provided by the author, *or*
    - The author must submit a Word version of the original text and consent to Global IFA producing an unofficial and unedited translation using AI-powered translation software.
- In the case the publication exceeds 10,000 words, a summary of the publication of up to 10,000 words (footnotes and bibliography excluded) in English and in article style;
- A letter of consent authorizing Global IFA to publish the summary in a medium of its choice.
- Authors preparing summary articles must comply with the IBFD "Instructions to Authors" and "Style and Spelling Guidelines", available at https://www.ibfd.org/authors-contributors/journal-articles-and-opinion-pieces.

- In case the submitted work has been formally accepted for publication but has not yet appeared in print or online, an official acceptance letter from the publisher as proof of acceptance prior to the application deadline shall be submitted with the application.
- If submission is made by a third-party nominator, a presentation letter and the soft copy of the publication are sufficient. The other documents will be requested by the (co-) author.

4. Awards

The prize for the winning publication includes:

- An invitation to attend the Annual IFA Congress of the year in which the Award is granted, with exemption from the Congress registration fee* (including the Congress dinner, if applicable)
- A monetary award of EUR 8,000 (In the case of a co-authored winning publication prize will be divided equally among the co-authors. All other elements of the prize will be granted to each co-author.)
- A certificate granted by Global IFA acknowledging the winning publication.
- A possible invitation to participate in the Annual IFA Congress in a specific role (e.g. speaker in the specific seminar), as determined by the Permanent Scientific Committee (PSC).
- One year of free Global IFA membership, if not already a member.
- The English summary of the winning work may be published in a medium selected by Global IFA.

* *Travel and accommodation costs must be covered by the participant*

5. Jury Formation

The jury shall be composed of a maximum of 5 members, out of which at least one of the PSC Vice-Chair(s) and one member for the Annual IFA Congress at which the Award will be awarded.

The established Jury may consult with a specialized tax professional for recommendations if the subject matter of the submission requires such expertise.

In the event that one or more jury members decide not to proceed, the Executive Board of IFA shall have the right to decide whether to appoint new jury members or to continue the evaluation process with the remaining members for the respective year.

6. Submission Procedure

All required documents must be submitted within the given deadline by e-mail to info@ifa.nl. In the case of third-party nominations, a limited extended deadline may be granted to allow time for collecting the required documents from the (co-)authors. The subject line of your application should clearly state the following: “Global IFA Congress Award Application”.