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13th International and European Tax Moot Court Competition 2016-2017

Dear Professor,
Dear Colleague,

I would like to hereby inform you that KU Leuven and IBFD will organize in academic year 2016-2017 the 13th edition of the International and European Tax Moot Court Competition. This unique competition entails a great opportunity for your students to interact and connect with students from various different countries while gaining first-hand experience in the field of international and European taxation.

Students will work intensively on a case drafted by IBFD researchers specifically for purposes of this competition. They will draft memoranda and present their case to a panel of renowned judges selected from academia and private practice. The Academic Chairman of the IBFD, Professor Pasquale Pistone, will serve as Arbitrator.

The 13th edition contains two parts. A first, written, phase runs from October till December 2016. The second, oral, phase will be held in Leuven from 26 March till 1 April 2016. There is no pre-selection based on the written phase, hence, all participating teams will defend their case during the oral pleadings.

The 2016-2017 Competition is open to sixteen universities. Universities are invited to send in their application by the specific deadline depending on the start of the academic year:

- before 15 September 2016: 15 September 2016
- after 15 September 2016: 2 October 2016

Participating teams may consist of at most four students and one coach. The registration fee amounts to € 375 per student and covers the accommodation cost of both students and coach (7 day-stay in hotel, breakfast included), as well as all scheduled activities such as a visit to the EU Commission. Unfortunately, we cannot provide any financial aid with regard to your travel arrangements. Specific funding may however always be available within your institution or via third-party sponsoring.

Teams will be selected by the Arbitrator based on:

- a) performance of the university in the previous editions of the Competition;
- b) geographical spreading;

c) worldwide ranking of the law school (<http://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/university-subject-rankings/2015/law-legal-studies>).

Enclosed you will find both the Official Rules and Schedule for your review. We strongly advise you to consult them in order to be duly aware of the rules and deadlines. You may also consult them on our website: <https://www.law.kuleuven.be/taxmootcourt/>

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further inquiries. We are very much looking forward to your application.

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