



**International Fiscal Association (Canadian Branch)
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President's Greeting October 11, 2012



Fellow IFA Members

Well, fall is definitely here.

There is that chill in the air. Morning frost on the grass is pushing back golf tee times. And, of course, there are the beautiful fall colours. It was the fall colours that convinced Lori and I to drive to Boston for the 2012 IFA Congress. The views driving through New York state and Massachusetts were truly spectacular.

Yes, it is good time of year, except for the no hockey nonsense!!

IFA Congress - Boston

Speaking of the Boston IFA Congress, Ken Vacovec and the entire U.S. branch put on a great show. The scientific program was very informative and the social events entertaining, highlighted by a performance of the Boston Pops Orchestra in Symphony Hall.

Canada was well represented at the Congress with over 80 attendees, one of the largest contingents. We were also well represented on the scientific program: John Oatway was a panellist on the Mutual Agreement Procedure and the Resolution of Cross Border Disputes seminar; Danny Cisterna was a panellist on the VAT and Non-Resident Sellers seminar; and Jinyan Li chaired the seminar on International Telecommunications Income.

Closer to home the Executive and Council of the Canadian Branch are busy preparing events for the coming year.

Y.I.N. Webinar – November 7

On November 7 there will be another webinar put on by our Young IFA Network (Y.I.N.). This one will be on the new foreign debt dumping rules and our presenters will be Derek Chiasson and Jeff Oldewening. Details on this webinar and registration are on the [website](#).

Our new Y.I.N. leader, Michael Kandev, is planning another webinar for the winter of 2013.

2013 Spring Seminar – May 23-24, Montreal

Brian Bloom and Ken Bутtenham are beginning to plan our 2013 spring seminar to be held May 23-24 in Montreal at the Centre Mont-Royal. A reception is being planned for the evening of May 23. Follow this [link](#) to the Branch's

website for more information. If you have suggestions for possible seminar topics, Brian and Ken would love to hear from you.

2013 Travelling Lectureship

Plans are also being made for our next Travelling Lectureship, which will be held in the fall of 2013. Our presenter will be Stephen Richardson, one of Canada's best known tax practitioners and a former Associate Deputy Minister of Finance in Ottawa.

Annual CTF Conference – November 25-27, Calgary

In the meantime, we all look forward to another great [annual conference of the Canadian Tax Foundation](#) in Calgary November 25-27. The Canadian Branch continues to work collaboratively with Larry Chapman and his team at the CTF on a number of fronts. On Sunday morning November 25, our Y.I.N. group will jointly present two of the international tax workshops along with the CTF's Young Practitioners group.

Have a great Fall and we will see you in Calgary.

Nick Pantaleo, FCA
President
