



**International Fiscal Association (Canadian Branch)
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President's Greeting
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Another successful May seminar

IFA Canada's annual seminar took place in beautiful Montreal on May 23rd and 24th.

We had another great turnout and a great program! The annual seminar is always an ideal opportunity to re-connect with IFA members, including officials from the Department of Finance and the Canada Revenue Agency, and to get caught up on international tax developments in Canada and abroad.

This year's seminar was particularly special for the opportunity it gave the Branch to honour one of its longstanding members, Helmut Birk, for his past service and to hear his heartfelt speech on the early days of the Branch. We are also grateful that William Robson, President and CEO of the C.D. Howe Institute, was on hand as our luncheon keynote speaker.

Our thanks are owed to many people for making the seminar a success but in particular to our co-chairs, Brian Bloom and Ken Bутtenham. Thanks Guys!!

All materials from the seminar – powerpoints and transcripts - are being posted to the members section of the website as they are finalized. This is another reason to check out the IFA Canada website (www.ifacanada.org) on a regular basis.

Other updates

At the Branch's annual meeting on May 24th I provided members with an update of all recent and upcoming events and developments involving the Branch. My address is reproduced on the website for you to refer to so I will only mention here the following key upcoming events:

- The 67th Annual IFA Congress in Copenhagen, August 25-30. There is already a large Canadian contingent registered. If you have not done so, visit <http://www.ifacopenhagen2013.com/> to register.
- The annual travelling lectureship, presented by Stephen Richardson, will take place in September and October in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and, for the first time, Halifax. Once again, visit the Branch's website for exact dates, locations and registration.

As we approach the summer months, let's continue to extend our support and best wishes to our friends and family in southern Alberta. It is great to see many firms have rallied in support of our colleagues.

Have a great summer!!

Nick Pantaleo, FCPA, FCA
President

