

IATJ
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE
June 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
By Teleconference

Participants:

Eugene Rossiter, Philippe Martin, Michael Beusch and Wim Wijnen

Absent with Regrets:

Friederike Grube

1. No agenda had been circulated prior to the meeting.

2. Financial Status:

Chief Justice Rossiter advised that the financial status of the IATJ has remained static since the pandemic had occurred without any withdrawals or deposits. More financial particulars will be provided at the next meeting.

3. Proposal by UK Accountants Group

There was a discussion with respect to a proposal for the participation in a webinar put on by a UK accountants group. There was some concern with respect to whether we would have a representative of the IATJ participate or present in the webinar because of the fact that it is an open event and the Justices will be speaking. It was generally agreed that it is important that the IATJ collaborate with other associations whose interests are similar to those of the IATJ especially in the areas of topics of concern. It was noted that whether Judges attend and participate in panels in person or participate in the webinars, the events are open and usually recorded and made available to the public.

It was agreed that representatives of the IATJ could participate in such panels or presentations by webinar provided:

- a) The speakers are approved by the IATJ Executive Committee.

- b) There is a careful examination and approval of the topics to be discussed in advance.
- c) There is a conscious effort taken by the speaker to be very careful in what is exposed in the presentation.

It was therefore approved that Justice Hogan of the Tax Court of Canada will be invited to make a presentation in this UK accountants forum under the IATJ brand with the topic being "How Canada is Implementing the Multi-Lateral Instruments, Its Impact and the Context to Existing Law and Treaty Shopping".

4. Proposal by the Swiss Chinese Association:

It was noted that a Swiss Chinese Association had invited the IATJ to be in partnership with them. After careful discussion, it was resolved that we would not accept the invitation as the IATJ is an exclusive judicial organization and it would not be appropriate to participate in a venture of this nature.

5. Webinars by the IATJ:

There was a discussion and it was concluded that the IATJ would attempt to conduct four (4) webinars a year to be offered to the members. The topics would be investigated by the Program Committee who would approve topics which might be of interest to our membership, as well as possible interesting cases and also canvass who could present same. The President of the IATJ will send out an email to all members advising them of the idea/concept, inviting their suggestions be presented to Judge Wim Wijnen, Chairman of the Program Committee for consideration.

6. General Report of Cambridge 10th Assembly:

Wim Wijnen advised that the General Report for the 10th Assembly held in Cambridge, U.K. in September 2019 is now complete and will be available to distribution to all members in the very near future.

7. Taxation of Digital Economy Paper:

The President advised that he was hopeful to have a next to final version of the paper on the taxation of digital economy ready for distribution possibly in a Newsletter and possible for publication with the IBFD through Wim Wijnen at the earliest possible date.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.