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The Institute of Financial Services Practitioners (IFSP) and the Malta Institute of Management (MIM) are organizing a seminar on ECJ case law. This seminar aims at keeping abreast Malta tax practitioners with the developments occurring within the European Court of Justice.

This seminar is the result of discussions between the two institutes on finding areas of collaboration. The IFSP believes that for Malta to remain competitive, its practitioners need to be kept constantly updated on the tax planning opportunities if Malta is to be promoted as an International Financial services centre it aspires to be. The MIM endorses this vision and further to that it believes that managers within the Malta industry that are faced with international commercial decisions need to be aware of the tax implications their decisions might lead to.

IFSP and MIM encourage their members as well as other practitioners to benefit from the opportunity provided by the high calibre speakers that shall deliver in this seminar:

Dr. Christiana HJI Panayi B.A. BCL Ph.D. is a lecturer in Tax Law at the Centre of Commercial Law, Queen Mary, University of London. She is also a research fellow at the Institute for Fiscal Studies. Christiana mainly teaches EC Tax Law, International Tax Law I & II and UK Business Taxation in the Queen Mary LLM programme.

Christiana studied at Oxford University for the B.A. in Jurisprudence and for the BCL. She also has a Ph.D. from the London School of Economics. Her thesis is entitled “Double Taxation, Tax Treaties, Treaty Shopping and the European Community”. Christiana’s doctoral thesis has won the 2007 tax thesis competition conducted jointly by the European Commission and the European Association of Tax Law Professors. The thesis was also published by Kluwer Law, EUCOTAX Series in August 2007.

Christiana is a solicitor of England & Wales and an advocate of the Cyprus Supreme Court. Before joining Queen Mary, she had worked for Allen & Overy LLP. Christiana is also a member of the Law Society and the Cyprus Bar Association.

Christiana has published extensively in the area of EC and International Tax Law. She has given presentations at the European Commission and speaks regularly at tax conferences. She also teaches in Europe and the USA (NYU and University of Connecticut).

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Christiana is a member of the OECD's Steering Group Committee of the International Tax Research Network. Christiana is also the Cyprus reporter for LexisNexis.

Christiana's research interests are in the area of European Community tax law, international tax law and corporate finance. She has a keen interest in US and Cypriot tax law, international treaty law, state aid law and the external affairs of the European Community.

Christiana's current research focus is on the taxation of dividends in the European Union. She is also examining the human rights implications of various international and European tax developments.

Dr. Neville J. Gatt LL.D. (Malta), LL.M. (Lond) is a Tax Partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers. He graduated in law from the University of Malta in 1993 and joined the firm in 1994 after specialising in International and EC taxation at the University of London.

He was seconded to the International Tax Services Group within the London office in 1998. Neville was admitted to the partnership in January 2002 and for a long number of years he has been in charge of a variety of cross-border tax and legal assignments in different industries, ranging between banking and investment management to manufacturing and utilities. He has material experience of international tax, EC tax and related issues.

Neville also lectures and examines in International and EC Tax legislation at the University of Malta and in Tax law at the Malta Institute of Taxation. He has addressed various seminars and conferences on these subjects both locally and overseas.

The Seminar is accredited with 3 CPE Hours by the Malta Institute of Accountants.

The Seminar programme, including timings, can be viewed below.

Participation Fees:

Price for IFSP/ MIM/ MIA/ MEA member – Euro 50

Price for non members – Euro 75

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Programme		
Time	Topic	Speaker
14:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee	
14:30	“Interesting cases for corporates and tax authorities – Part 1”	Dr Christiana HJI Panayi
15:15	“The Impact of ECJ case-law on Maltese income tax legislation”	Dr Neville Gatt
15:45	“Interesting cases for corporates and tax authorities – Part 2”	Dr Christiana HJI Panayi
16:30	Coffee break	
16:45	“The Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base: Should you join?”	Dr Christiana HJI Panayi
17.30	Questions	
17:45-18.00	Closing	

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