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REPORT ON THE XVII CENTERS' INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE "CURRENCY, TAXES AND OTHER INSTITUTES OF FINANCIAL LAW IN THE YEAR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA"

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Let's remind that the first international scientific conference patronized by the Center for Information and Research Organization of Public Finance and Taxes of the Central and Eastern Europe at the Faculty of Law of the University of Bialystok, established shortly before, was held in Bialystok on 19-21 September 2002. Since then, over the years, the Center's annual international conferences took place successively in Brno, Vilnius, Kosice, Grodno, Voronezh, Paris, Lviv, Prague, Gyor, Bialystok, Omsk, Mikulov, Strbske Pleso, Bialystok, and Vilnius.

The 17th international scientific conference of the Center took place at the Faculty of Law of the Charles University in Prague on 20-21September 2018 and was co-organized by the Faculty of Law of the Charles University in Prague, and the Institute for Research and Development on State and Governance of the National University of Public Service in Budapest. The conference was entitled "Currency, Taxes and Other Institutions of Financial Law in the Year of the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of Czechoslovakia" and covered the current issues of financial law, especially its sub-fields of tax law and currency law, as well as other related fields of law. This conference aimed to introduce and evaluate the issues and topics important for financial law not just in the Czech Republic, but also in the whole of Europe.

The conference was ceremoniously opened by prof. Jan Kuklík – Dean of Faculty of Law, Charles University, prof. Marie Karfíková – Head of Financial Law and Financial Science Department, dr. Alena Schillerová – Minister of Ministry of Finance, prof. Eugeniusz Ruśkowski – Chairman of the Board of Center for Information and Research Organization of Public Finance and Taxes of the Central and Eastern Europe, and Governor of Czech National Bank, Jiří Rusnok. The opening session was chaired by prof. Petr Kotáb.

Next, during the plenary session, the speakers from different parts of Europe presented the results of their research. Namely, prof. Giuseppe Marino presented the paper entitled "International and European Measures for De-offshoring", prof. Wojciech Morawski presented the paper entitled "Tax Rulings in Poland – Wealth or Crisis?", prof. Aleksander Kostyukov presented the paper entitled "Central Bank of Russian Federation as Mega-regulator of Financial Markets", prof. Cesar García Novoa presented the paper entitled "Basic Issues of Permanent Establishment", and finally dr. Cosmin Flavius Costaş presented the paper entitled "Access to File: Right(s) of Defence or Defence of Right(s)?".

During two days of the conference, several parallel sessions devoted to specific questions of financial law took place. On the starting conference day, first the budgetary law session chaired by dr. Radim Boháč and the Russian speaking session chaired by prof. Hana Marková were organized. Next, the taxation session chaired by prof. Soraya Rodriguez Losada and the nonfiscal session chaired by doc. Michael Kohajda were held. On the second conference day, the public finance session chaired by dr. Roman Vybíral and the taxation, customs, and theory session chaired by dr. Tomáš Sejkora took place. Moreover, during the conference, the international commission for scientific awards, chaired by prof. Krystyna Piotrowska-Marczak, awarded the academic prize for an outstanding doctorate in the field of public finances and tax law from the countries of Central and Eastern Europe. The prize, that has been awarded to dr. Ewa Lotko will be discerned during the next annual international Center's conference that is being organized by the Yanka Kupala State University in Grodno. The main theme of the XVIII Center's annual international conference will be "Axiology in the financial law of Central and Eastern Europe".