

## European Chapter Continues Scholarship Program

As it did in 2007, in early March the European Chapter of Tax Executives Institute granted scholarships to four doctoral students at the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law at the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration. The presentations were made on the Institute's behalf by Alexander Kölbl of General Dynamics. Also present was Professor Claus Staringer who helped coordinate the granting of the scholarships.

The recipients were Florian Brugger, Thomas Ecker, Sabine Heidenbauer, and Vanessa Metzler, all accomplished scholar who serve as research assistants at the Institute.

Mr. Kölbl filed the following report:

These prizes were distributed this March in Vienna at the opening event of the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law's semester. As a tribute to traditions, the event took place at Buschenschank Wilfinger, a proud representative of the Austrian "Heuringer" fraternity. . . . Heuringers serve the region's latest vintage, rarely dull mixtures. This goes well with healthy and crafty regional specialties — this year's Blunzn'gröstl (a blood sausage-based delicacy) has left its memory both in my palate and on my weighing scale! The event was sponsored by BDO Auxilia, which served the Institute's desire to enhance contacts between its students and potential employers.

**But back to our scholarships:** This time, TEI's awards were alone on the menu, which made them even more so appreciated. Such links between Academia and TEI are both a support to the next generation of tax geniuses and a superb opportunity for TEI



The European Chapter's scholarships were presented by Alexander Kölbl of General Dynamics (right). On the left is Prof. Claus Staringer of the Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law. In the center is one of the recipient, Florian Brugger.

to anchor its burgeoning European name in the minds of our future leaders.

Loud applause was given to Florian Brugger for his publication entitled "International and EC Tax Aspects of Groups of Companies – Austria." Thomas Ecker's inspirational contribution on the "Taxation of Non-Profit Organizations with Multinational Activities" was equally appreciated. Regrettably, Sabine Heidenbauer and Vanessa Metzler could not attend the awards ceremony, so their joint national report on the EU's fundamental freedoms was handed over in the absence of their charms, but was nevertheless warmly acclaimed. ☺



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