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Dear Members,

Welcome to another edition to our newsletter packed with interesting news from a wide variety of members.

A big thank you to Laura Fanning for her report on what was a wonderful conference in Slovakia organised by Daniel Futej and his colleagues. He has set a standard for us to match so the baton is now passing to you Carlo Mastellone for our next conference in Florence.

We welcome an article from our member ECIJA announcing their tie up with the Chinese Law firm Grandall and two articles from our Australian and New Zealand friends Pinnacle Group and Turner Hopkins clearly emigrating to either country seems a very attractive proposition.

As ever if you are looking for your moment in the spotlight please do send us your articles and news items and we will be delighted to publish them to all the IPG members.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a healthy and successful year 2020.



[Nicholas Lakeland](#)



The beautiful and charming **Slovakian capital of Bratislava** welcomed 81 delegates and 20 spouses as well as 4 candidates and 3 observers for the 2019 IPG Autumn Conference. The conference was based at the beautifully restored Radisson Blu Carlton Hotel, in the Slovakian capital's historical quarter, only a short stroll to the Danube River. Our host **Daniel Futej** and his family were so welcoming to each and every delegate.

The conference gave a detailed and interesting insight into the Slovakian economy and foreign direct invest in this fast growing economy. We even had a fascinating presentation on flying cars. We also had an excellent presentations on transfer pricing and immigration issues. The conference welcomed a number of candidates for membership to the network and we were delighted to vote for 3 new member firms at the AGM Saturday morning.

Friday evening saw a very lively gala dinner, with fantastic entertainment and dancing delegates.

On Saturday morning we had a vibrant open mic session with many delegates sharing insights about their firms or practice areas of interest. This was a great opportunity for delegates to hear about the practice areas and background of other member firms. On Saturday afternoon we took part in an informative walking tour of the city where we got an opportunity to explore the beautiful city and see its charming plazas and ornate churches. On Saturday evening, we were treated to a beautiful dinner in **HRAD restaurant** with fabulous views over the city.

Thanks to the **IPG Board and Elke** for their fabulous organisation, and particularly to Daniel our host, for arranging a fantastic and interesting itinerary. I look forward to seeing you all in Florence.



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ECIIJA expands to Asia with Grandall

ECIIJA and Grandall sign the biggest strategic agreement between a Spanish and a Chinese firm, turning out to be 3,500 lawyers and 54 offices in Iberia, Latin America and Asia.

The Spanish firm ECIIJA and the Chinese giant Grandall announce the subscription in Madrid, Spain, of one of the mayor strategic agreements between a Spanish and a Chinese firm. The agreement, which will result in one of the most ambitious international joint ventures within the legal sector, will have a exposure on three continents, Europe, Asia and Latin America, and will bring together more than 3,500 lawyers in 18 countries, up to a total amount of 54 offices.

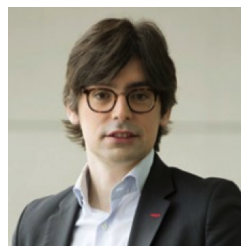
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New ECIJA Agreement with the Chinese Firm Grandall Law

As you may all recall, **we are an Iberian IPG member**. We were admitted to the network at the Norway conference this year. We are attracted by the flexibility of the network, which makes it very suitable as a business platform.

Most of you may already know that our firm, ECIJA, is well represented in the **Iberian Peninsula** as well as in **many Central and South American Jurisdictions**. We currently have a total of 8 offices in **Portugal** and **Spain** and we are present in 10 other jurisdictions in the Spanish speaking Americas, including the large jurisdictions of **Chile** and **Mexico**.

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Australia's CGT main residence exemption removed for foreign residents

Australia's Current CGT main residence exemption

Under the current law, all taxpayers (residents and foreign residents) are entitled to the capital gains tax ('CGT') main resident exemption, where their property is, or has been their family home or main residence for a period of their ownership. This provision means that any capital gains made in relation to a qualifying main residence are currently exempt from CGT. This is a very generous concession as it allows taxpayers to claim the tax exemption even if they no longer live in the property provided they do not have another property as their main residence and provided they do not use the property for income producing purposes (i.e. rental income). However, if the property is being used for income producing purposes the exemption is capped at six years. This allows individuals who are no longer residents under the **"absence rule"** to claim this exemption either indefinitely or up to six years depending on whether the property is

being used to generate income or not. Consequences of the proposed legislation

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New Zealand Immigration

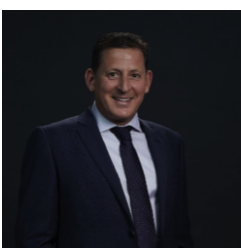
An attractive option - and it may be more achievable than you think!

In an increasingly unsettled and polarised world, New Zealand offers an opportunity to live in and enjoy the benefits of a harmonious, **inclusive and caring society**, where there is still genuine respect for the individual and personal freedom.

In our experience, many people have a misconception that immigration to New Zealand may not be achievable. In fact, it is far more readily attainable than you may think!

One of the most straightforward paths to New Zealand residency and then citizenship, is through the **Investor Category process**.

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https://jicpa.or.jp/specialized_field/ITI/2019/20190905abe.html



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