CIOT/ATT Joint Presidents' event: Nautical but nice

Briefings



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This year's CIOT/ATT Joint Presidents' event in Scotland took place onboard the Royal Yacht Britannia.

In a year that sees both bodies headed up by Scottish Presidents, CIOT President Charlotte Barbour and ATT President Senga Prior welcomed more than 100 guests from Scotland's tax, law and accountancy professions to Edinburgh's Leith shore for an event with a different look and feel to previous years, as guests swapped the traditional lunchtime get-together for an evening of networking and ceilidh dancing.

The Presidents reflected on the consultative and constructive relationships that the Institute and Association have established with Scottish tax stakeholders, including Revenue Scotland, which this year marks the tenth anniversary of its establishment.

Elaine Lorimer, who is stepping down as the Revenue Scotland Chief Executive later this year, and John Whiting, who retired from the tax authority's board on the day of the event, were both singled out for their contributions to the Scottish tax

landscape.

The reception was also an opportunity to honour three members for their significant contributions to tax in Scotland.

Derek Francis, chair of the CIOT/ATT Edinburgh Branch, received a Joint Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, in part for his work spearheading the Edinburgh Tax Network, a respected and highly influential network of tax advisers, accountants and legal professionals working in Scotland.

Isobel d’Inverno, Director of Corporate Tax with Brodies, was recognised with a Joint Certificate for her leadership in the development of Scotland’s devolved taxes, most notably the land and buildings transaction tax, and for her contributions to the profession as Chair of the Law Society of Scotland’s Tax Law Sub-Committee.

And Eric Brown was presented with a CIOT Certificate of Merit for his contributions to CIOT’s Scottish Technical Committee, which in the past year has included expert evidence on the development of the aggregates tax, Scotland’s devolved replacement for landfill tax.

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