Volunteers celebrated at Joint Presidents Reception

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ATT and CIOT recognised the outstanding contributions of volunteers and members at their annual Joint Presidents Reception in London.

This years ATT and CIOT Joint Presidents Reception took place inLondons highest public garden, the Sky Garden, at the top of 20 Fenchurch Street in the City of London, better known as the Walkie-Talkie due to its distinctive shape.

The annual reception focuses on recognisingthe contribution of volunteers to CIOT and ATTs branches and other committees. The two bodies presidents, Paul Aplin and Barry Jefferd, paid tribute to the work of volunteers across both organisations before recognising a number of members who have made an exceptional contribution.

ATT Council Awards were presented to two former presidents, Ralph Pettengell and Senga Prior, and to Brian Palmer, whose many roles have included chairing the

Governance Working Party and representing ATT on the Taxation Disciplinary Board. An ATT Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Stephen Foulkes in recognition of his outstanding service to the ATT and the East Midlands Branch.

Five members were each awarded a Joint Certificate of Merit and Appreciation from the two bodies. Paul Davies was recognised for his contribution to the Manchester Branch, Sean Egan for hiscommitment to the Thames Valley Branch and Dipti Thakrar for her work forthe East Midlands Branch. Laura KayeTomlinson received her certificate forchairing the Joint Audit and Risk Committee, while Ritchie Tout was recognised for his contribution to the South Wales branch and the Welsh Technical Committee.

Three CIOT Certificates of Merit werepresented. John Bunkers Certificate recognised his work in leading the Institutes Private Client (UK) Committee and its predecessor, theSuccession Taxes Sub-Committee. Gabby Donalds reflected her work as chair of the Indirect Taxes Committee. John Endacotts Certificate acknowledged his dedicated service onthe Nominations Committee, as well as making a significant contribution to CIOTs trustee appointment process.

The evening also saw the presentation of only the ninth CIOT Council Award ever made. This went to private client tax and trust barrister Emma Chamberlain, recognising her exceptional contribution to the Institute and wider tax profession, including through the Wealth Tax Commission and CIOTs Private Client (International) Committee.

Former CIOT President Nichola Ross Martin was also presented with her past presidential scroll and photo album, while Peter Rayney received a certificate in recognition of his decade of service on CIOTs Council.