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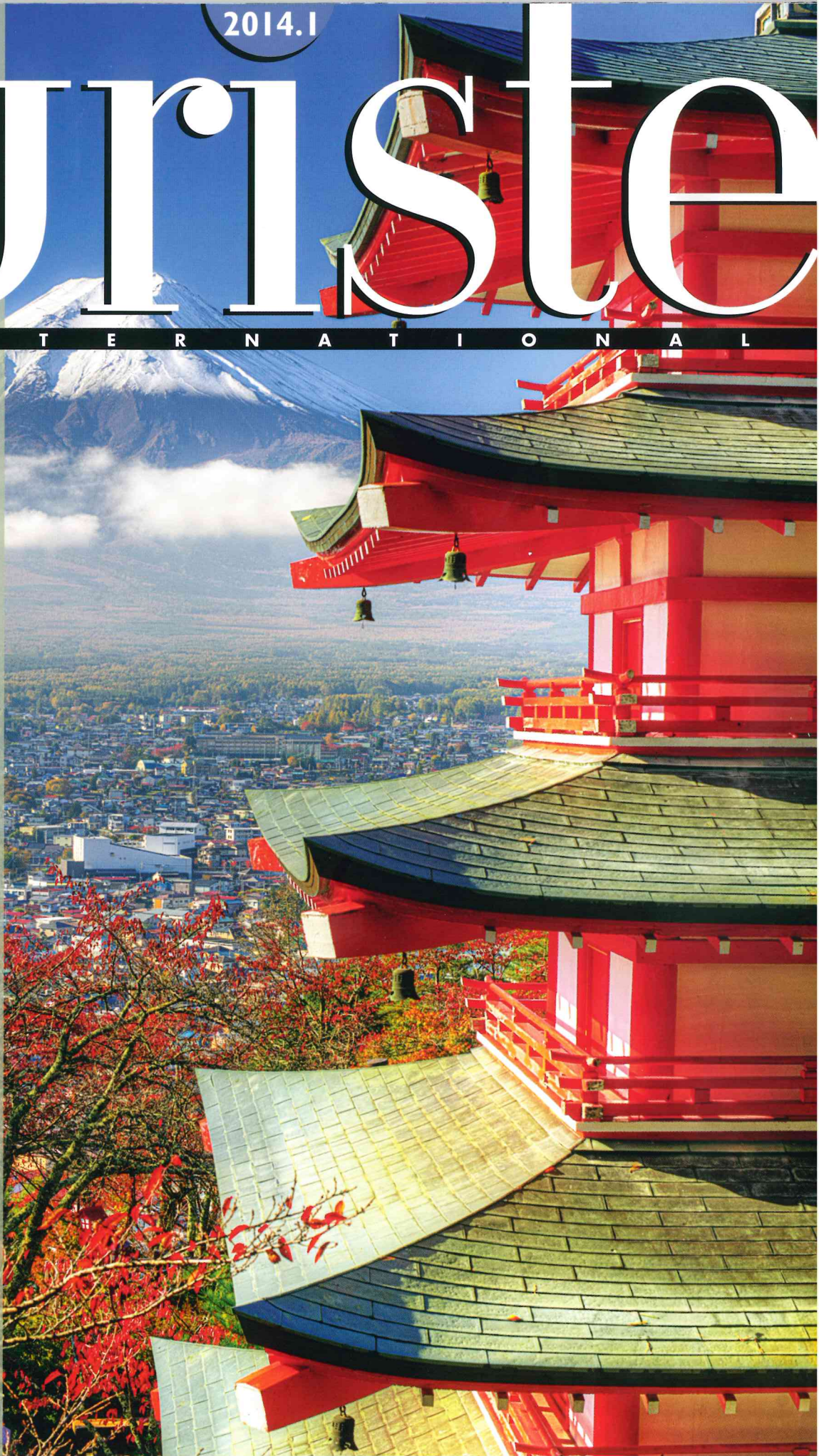
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The UIA's Tax Law Commission

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Interview of Tiago Marreiros Moreira, President of the UIA Tax Law Commission



From left to right: Pedro Pais de Almeida (Portugal), Alan Jessup (Australia), Tiago Marreiros Moreira (Portugal), Daniel Lehman (Switzerland), Agustina Loinaz (Uruguay) and Alexander Pupeter (Germany)

Juriste International (JI): *In Macau, you were awarded the UIA's first edition of the Commission of the Year Prize. How does it feel?*

Tiago Marreiros Moreira (TMM): It is a great privilege and a huge responsibility for the tax law commission to be awarded this very important prize, especially in its first edition and also because many other commissions have done a fantastic work.

Ji: *How does your commission work throughout the year?*

TMM: In the last years, we have organized an annual meeting of our commission which takes place in the country of the Commission members. I organized the first meeting in Lisbon and we held the second one in Malta. We have also organized and participated actively in several UIA seminars, such as the ones taking place in Lisbon, Mozambique and Argentina (this one jointly organized with the AIJA). We also organize regular conference calls to prepare the tax law commission annual meetings as well as the UIA seminars and congresses.

Ji: *How do you involve your members in the work of the commission?*

TMM: I try to delegate to the Vice-Presidents of the commission and to other active

members of my commission, several roles in coordination and organization of the tax law commission activities. Another innovative approach that we introduced to make sure that everyone has a chance to participate actively in the congress, was to always organize two sessions for the congress: (i) a tax law commission session, to allow us to debate the most relevant tax issues and trends and (ii) a joint session with other commissions, to promote networking and team work between UIA commission members.

Ji: *What kind of advice would you give other commissions so that they perform as well as yours?*

TMM: It is very important that they have a good balance between youth and veteran members, giving everyone a chance to participate actively in the commission works and in the congresses and seminars. It is also very important to recruit new members from new jurisdictions every year. It is also very important to organize seminars with other commissions on a regular basis.

Ji: *Why is tax law of major concern for lawyers?*

TMM: Because tax law impacts almost all other Law areas and has an immediate financial impact on most transactions and, ultimately on clients. The increasing globalization of businesses

demands a high level of competitiveness and this is where tax law plays a difference.

Ji: *What kind of activities are you planning to organize for 2014?*

TMM: In 2014, we are co-organizing with the banking law, corporate law and M&A commissions a seminar in Lisbon, taking place on June 20 and 21 on: "The New Restructuring of Businesses". Juriste International readers are all invited to come to Lisbon to attend this seminar – I am sure that they will find the discussions very profitable and they will love the city.

Ji: *What could you tell Juriste International readers to make them join your commission?*

TMM: If you are a dynamic and hardworking lawyer and you want to have fun with a team of fantastic colleagues from several corners of the world, join the UIA tax law commission! Who knows, you may win another UIA prize...

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