

**IFA – Romania Branch Opening**

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**ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SERBIAN FISCAL SOCIETY –  
IFA SERBIA BRANCH**

Distinguished President Prof. Toma, distinguished Dr. Desax, ladies and gentlemen,  
dear colleagues and friends,

I am really honored to participate here in Bucharest at the Inauguration Ceremony of IFA – Romania Branch. I am delivering you the best wishes from the members of IFA – Serbia Branch. Our birth happens to be simultaneous with yours, Kyoto being the common birth-place. We are looking forward to working jointly with central IFA and IFA national branches in order to enhance the performances of our tax profession. In particular, we would enjoy establishing close relations with our Romanian friends, since we assess that there is a number of important fiscal measures already carried out in Romania on its way to the membership of the EU that yet have to be executed in my country. The majority of citizens of Serbia is strongly committed to the European values and recent signing of the SAA between the EU and Serbia should reaffirm such commitment. Romania is a historical friend with Serbia and we are really happy to see the progress the Romanian society is making. Furthermore, we are keen to learn from your experience how to achieve as soon as possible our national objective – full membership in the EU.

But, specifically, I expect that in the domain of taxation we can work together in order to enhance our profession. Serbian IFA Branch has committed itself to contribute to increasing awareness of the importance of fiscal issues in our society, as well as of the international dimension of tax phenomena. Our 42 members know that they belong to the great IFA family and that it is crucial to work together with our cousins – members of that family. Sharing vast experience accumulated there would be of utmost importance for us; I think that we may contribute with a small piece of our experience, too. My presence here today is aimed at delivering this message to our Romanian friends and to other IFA officials.

I wish many successes to IFA – Romania Branch in the years to come.