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**CFE awards the *Albert J Rädler Medal 2016*
for academic excellence
to Gianluca Mazzoni, University of Michigan**

Every year the CFE with its award ***Albert J Rädler Medal*** recognizes and encourages academic excellence in European among Master's students ([LINK](#)).

This year the CFE, the leading European Federation of Tax Advisers, is pleased to announce that the ***Albert J Rädler Medal 2016*** was awarded to Mr. Gianluca Mazzoni from Michigan's University, for his Master's thesis on '*Abusive and aggressive tax planning between OECD and EU initiatives: Between the new challenges of FATCA and data protection*'.

The CFE ***Albert J Rädler Medal 2016*** was launched in 2013 by CFE to encourage academic excellence among young tax students in the field of European taxation, and to recognise the outstanding contribution of the late Professor Albert J Rädler to the field of taxation.

The CFE ***Albert J Rädler Medal 2016*** was awarded in Brussels on behalf of CFE by Frits Sobels, Chief Executive Officer of the Dutch Order of Tax Advisers (NOB), at the occasion of the *Forum 2017*, CFE's international tax conference that took place on 30 March 2017.

Frits Sobels, on behalf of the CFE Academic Jury composed of Professors Michael Lang, Pasquale Pistone and Otmar Thoemmes, stated:

"This work is particularly meritorious for its combined focus on technically complex issues of taxation at the crossroads between the OECD and EU. It denotes a particularly good ability to address the issues in the light of scholarly interpretation in the EU and the US, reaching an interesting output, especially in respect of the protection of fundamental rights of taxpayers, which may be of interest for publication in an international specialized tax journal. The Jury believes that the innovative results of this thesis duly reflect the spirit of Albert J. Rädler and his vision as international tax scholar."

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Frits Sobels (Chief Executive Officer, NOB), Gianluca Mazzoni, Albert Rädler (European Commission), and Piergiorgio Valente (President of the CFE)

Note for editors:

The CFE is the umbrella organisation of the tax adviser profession in Europe. It was founded in 1959 and embraces 28 national organisations from 22 European countries and approximately 200,000 tax advisers. CFE's role is to safeguard the professional interests of tax advisers, to represent the European tax advisers before the EU institutions, to assure the quality of tax services provided by tax advisers, to exchange information about EU tax policy and professional standards, and to contribute to coordination of tax law in Europe.