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Season Greetings and Best Wishes for 2004

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Dear colleagues

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Nicolas Valticos

I have the great regret to announce the death of Nicolas Valticos, formerly Assistant Director-General of the International Labour Office. A major figure in the field of international labour law, Mr. Valticos will be remembered for his exceptional contribution to the ILO's standard-setting activities and for a legendary career entirely devoted to the promotion of law and social justice.

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John P. Windmuller

I also regret to announce the death of John Philip Windmuller, the Martin P. Catherwood Professor Emeritus of Industrial and Labour Relations at Cornell University. Professor Windmuller was one of the world's leading experts on international and comparative labour relations. In addition to his research and teaching at Cornell, he did research in the ILO for his seminal book, *Collective Bargaining in Industrial Market Economies: A Reappraisal* (International Labour Office, Geneva, Switzerland, 1987).

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News from the ISLLSS

1. Executive Committee

Pursuant to the adoption of our new by-laws I have written to all the Members of the Executive Committee, to ask them to provide me with detailed information on each national association of labour law and social security.

2. Forthcoming congresses of the ISLSSL:

VI th American Regional Congress, Mexico, 2004

The Congress will be held from 14 to 17 September 2004. Talks are now underway to move the venue, from Mexico DF to Querétaro. Querétaro is a charming historical city, some two hours away from Mexico DF, and is the cradle of the Mexican Constitution.

The agenda will include the following points:

1. Special labour relations.
2. Internationalization of labour and employment relations within the framework of the Free Trade Agreement for the Americas.
3. Social accountability of multinational enterprises: voluntary codes of labour practices and their private monitoring.
4. Round Table: Evolution and Recent Trends of the Labour Law in Europe, North America and Latin America.
5. Round Table: Social Security Law: public service or privatization?
6. The right to strike: Keynote speech by Néstor de Buen (Mexico)
7. The future of Labour Law: Keynote speech by Mozart V. Russomano (Brazil)

Consultations to appoint the reporters and panelists, and to finalize the programme are still underway. I expect to announce the final programme together with my next Bulletin, in March 2004.

VIII Asian Congress: Taipei, 2005

The Congress will take place from 25 to 28 April 2005. The working languages will be English and Chinese, with interpretation.

The Agenda of the Congress will include the following themes:

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| Theme 1 | The participation of Women in the Labour Market -- Toward the Goal of Gender Equality in Employment in the 21st Century. |
| Theme 2 | The Impetus for Economic Restructuring and the Protection of Workers' Rights. |
| Theme 3 | The Asian Experiences on the Old-Age Security or Pension System. |
| | Round Table: The Impact of Globalization on Work Patterns and Labour Relations |

I will share with you all the information that I will be receiving from the Organizing Committee.

VIII th European Regional Congress, Bologna, 2005

The Congress will take place from 21 to 23 September 2005. The Executive Committee will meet on 20 September, from 9 am to 1 pm, with an afternoon sitting if necessary. Poster sessions will also take place on 20 September, upon request.

Professor Carinci, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, has announced that this Congress will benefit from interpretation into and from English, French, Spanish, German and Italian.

The Executive Committee has approved the following modified agenda of this Congress:

- Theme 1: Family Allowances.
- Theme 2: Processes of social law making and implementation within the European Union.
- Theme 3: Transfer of Undertakings: a Delicate Compromise among Individual Protection, Labour Market and Economic Development.
- Round Table: The New Boundaries of Employee Information and Consultation.
- Round Table: Challenges in Labour Law and Collective Bargaining in Central European Countries, which arise out of their integration into the European Union.

The name of the reporters, moderators and panellists will be announced in due time.

XVIII th World Congress, Paris 2006

The Executive Committee has agreed that this Congress will take place from Tuesday 5, to Friday 8 September 2006, with the following agenda:

- Theme 1: Trade liberalization and labour law and social security.
- Theme 2: Labour law (in its individual and collective aspects) and productive decentralization.
- Theme 3: Occupational risks: social protection and the employer's liability.
- Round Table: What future for statutory regulation in the field of labour law?

Consultations in view of the appointments of the reporters and panellists are underway.

3. International Seminar on Comparative Labour Law, Industrial Relations and Social Security, 5-16 July 2004, Bordeaux, France.

Professor Philippe Auvergnon is making plans to organize a new edition of this Seminar, from 5 to 16 July 2004. This International Seminar is held every year in Bordeaux, France. It is organized by the Centre de Droit comparé du Travail et de la Sécurité sociale de l'Université Montesquieu, Bordeaux IV, France, under the patronage of our

Society. In 2004 the general topic of the Seminar will be: **Social accountability of enterprises.**

4. Financial Questions

Pursuant the instructions that I have received from the Executive Committee I have sent a reminder to all of our Members who have not paid their dues for 2002. In the first quarter of 2004 I will write to all those who have not paid their dues for 2003. The name of all the Members to whom I have sent the reminders and have not paid their dues will be made public in my March Bulletin.

Please, be reminded that the amount of the contribution to our Society is u\$ 7 for each year per individual member of a National Member or an Institutional Member. Individual Members also pay u\$ 7 per year.

Contributions are due, for the full year, on 1 st January. Their payment shall be made to the Treasurer, preferably by bank transfer to:

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ISLLSS Treasurer Prof. Asscher-Vonk

Each Member paying his/her contribution shall notify our Treasurer, Professor Asscher-Vonk, and provide her with the following information:

- (a) The name of the member;
- (b) The year for which the contribution is paid;
- (c) The number of individuals for whom the contribution is paid.

Members who have difficulties in paying may submit their problem to the Treasurer, who may propose a solution, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. Under art. 14.2 of our by-laws the Executive Committee has *the power to decide upon such reductions of the ordinary contributions which may be justified because of the situation in each case.*

5. News from our Members

Argentina

New e-mail address of the Asociación Argentina de Derecho del Trabajo y de la Seguridad Social: aadtsss@speedy.com.ar

Australia

The Australian Labour Law Association, ALLA has held its 3 rd Annual General Meeting in Sydney, on 3 November 2003. After this Meeting, a new National Management Committee has taken office. It is made up of the following colleagues:

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- Ron McCallum, *University of Sydney, NSW*

Vice President

- Richard Mitchell, *University of Melbourne, Vic*

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- Rosemary Owens, *University of Adelaide, SA*

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- Joy Lee, Freehills, WA
- Marilyn Pittard, Monash University, Vic
- Joellen Riley, University of Sydney, NSW
- Phillipa Weeks, Australian National University, ACT

You may remember that ALLA has addressed an invitation for our XIX World Congress being held in Australia, in 2009. Our Executive Committee will be invited to take a decision thereupon at its next meeting, in Bologna, September 2005.

The webpage address of ALLA is <http://www.alla.law.unimelb.edu.au/>

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11 th Meeting of European Labour Court Judges

I congratulate Justice de Matteis, President of the Social Chamber of the Cassation Court, for the great success of the 11 th Meeting of European Labour Court Judges, which was held in Florence, on 24 October 2003.

The meeting examined the following agenda:

- European equality law in labour court proceedings

- New initiatives to make Labour Court hearings more efficient: use of alternative dispute methods, collective (class) action

The list of participants, and the reports of this meeting can be consulted online, at the following address: http://www.ilo.org/public/english/dialogue/ifpdial/II/lc_04.htm

Annual Conference of the European Association of Labour Court Judges, EALCJ

The European Association of Labour Court Judges held its annual Conference in Paris, on 27-28 November 2003. It discussed the following questions:

- Protection against unjustified dismissal: the current state of play across the European Union and the Accession Countries
- Access to industrial justice: availability of formal and informal procedures"

More than 40 judges attended the meeting, coming from the following countries: Austria, Germany, Finland, France, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, United Kingdom. The Conference was held at the Embassy of the United Kingdom, with a follow-up reception at the French Cour de Cassation.

The next meetings of judges will be held in early September 2004. It is likely that the venue will be Budapest.

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Kind regards,
Arturo Bronstein
Secretary General