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Announcement by the Secretary General

Professor Clyde Summers has resigned as President of our Society, on health grounds. We all respect, appreciate and admire Professor Summers, whose mind and teaching have enlightened so many scholars, in his country and abroad. It is very regrettable to learn that his state of health has not improved.

Section 9.4 of our by-laws provides the following:

In case of vacancy in the Presidency, if a President-Elect has already been appointed, he or she shall immediately succeed to that office. If the President-Elect has not yet been appointed the Secretary-General, after consultation with the Vice-Presidents will ask one of the Vice-Presidents to take up the office of President until a new President is appointed.

I have therefore invited our President Elect, Professor Kazuo Sugeno, to formally take up the Presidency of our Society as from now, which he has accepted.

Professeur Sugeno is therefore our new President. I am sure he can rely on the support from all of you.

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Dear colleagues

1. Minutes of the VIII European Congress, Bologna, September 20 to 23, 2005

I have received the following message from Professor Franco Carinci

We have published the minutes of the VIII European Congress of the International Society of Labour Law and Social Security Law that has taken place in Bologna (Italy) from September 20 to 23, 2005.

The "electronic" book's structure reproduces faithfully the meeting's formula and time schedule (opening ceremony, welcome greetings, plenary sessions, workshops and closing session). As a general rule, reports and speeches have not been reviewed or corrected by the authors and are to be regarded as mere transcripts. I preferred to preserve the 'proceedings' feel of the text to reproduce faithfully the liveliness and the richness of the Bologna meeting debate days. Papers and abstracts which have already been sent to the Scientific Directorate can be freely viewed on the Meeting's website www.labourlawbologna.com.

Franco Carinci

2. XVIII World Congress of ISL&SSL, Paris, September 2006

For all relevant information and registration, please refer to the Congress webpage: www.labourlawparis.com

I remind you the agenda items:

Theme I: Trade Liberalization and the Labour Law.
General Reporter: Lance Compa, US
Discussants: Luis Lizama Portal (Chile), Alain Supiot (France), C.Kollonay Lehoczky (Hungary), Aiqing Zheng (China)

Theme II: Labour law (in its individual and collective aspects) and productive decentralization
General co-reporters: Raffaele de Luca Tamajo and Adalberto Perulli (Italy)
Discussants: Y. Mizumachi (Japan) - Eduardo Ameglio (Uruguay), Manfred Weiss (Germany)

Theme III: Occupational risks: social protection and employer's liability
General co-reporters, Ann Numhauser-Henning (Sweden) and Aminata Cissé (Senegal)
Discussant: Steve Adler (Israel)

Round table: What future for statutory regulation in the field of labour law?
Moderator: Catherine Barnard, UK
Panellists: Ron Mc Callun (Australia), Oscar Hernandez Alvarez (Venezuela), Michael Lynk (Canada), Hélène Masse-Dessen (France)

I warmly thank our national associations, which have replied to the questionnaires relating to the three themes. Replies have been received from the following countries:

THEME I: Argentina, Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Croatia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Finland, Honduras, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Mexico, Sweden, Uruguay, Turkey, UK, US

THEME II: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Costa Rica, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Peru, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, the Netherlands, Turkey, UK, Uruguay and Venezuela.

THEME III: Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Israel, Morocco, Mexico, Peru, Dominican Republic, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela

Arrangements for the refund of the French VAT charged on Congress fees

Participants from non-member countries of the European Union and not residents in France may claim the refund of the French Value Added Tax (VAT) of 19.6 %, which has been charged to their Congress fees.

The application shall be filed in French in a form (3559-SD), in a single copy, typed or filled out in block capitals, with:

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Fellowships

The ISLSSL can offer up to ten fellowships, each worth up to u\$s 1,000 to help young scholars who wish to attend the Congress. Below are the qualifications to apply:

- (a) Deadline: Applications must be submitted to me no later than 30 June 2006. Priority will be given to applications supported by a National Member of the ISLSSL;
- (b) Age: less than 40 years old. Priority will be given to applicants aged less than 35 years old;
- (c) Nationality: Priority will be given to applicants from weak currency countries;
- (d) Language proficiency: Fully satisfactory knowledge of one of the working languages of the Congress;
- (e) Non eligibility of former beneficiaries of ISLSSL fellowships: Those who have already received an ISLSSL fellowship are not eligible;
- (f) Submission of a communication: Successful candidates are required to submit a communication or a paper on one of the themes of the Congress;
- (g) Gender: Applications from both male and female candidates are equally welcomed; applications from female candidates are encouraged.

ISL&SSL bursaries will not be required to pay registration fees.

3. VIII American Regional Congress, Dominican Republic 2007

The Organizing Committee has moved forward the following proposal:

Venue and date of the Meeting: Santo Domingo, first or second week of November 2007.

Themes

Theme 1: The impact of economic difficulties of the enterprise on the contract of employment.

Theme 2: Protection against anti-union discrimination.

Theme 3: The protection of workers in case of illness.

Round Table: What's new in Labour Law: Regional perspectives?

Languages: English and Spanish, with interpretation.

Registration fees: us\$ 250.

The Organizing Committee is chaired by Professor Rafael Alburquerque, Vice-President of the Dominican Republic.

4. IX European Congress of ISL&SSL, 2008

I have received the following proposals from the Organizing Committee, which is chaired by Professor Manfred Loewisch.

Date and venue of the Congress: 16-18 September 2008, in Freiburg, Germany.

Agenda:

Theme 1: The realization of the equal treatment principle in employment and occupation in the European Union Member States

The theme would be focussed on the transposition and implementation of Council Directive 2000/78/EC of 27 November 2000 establishing a general framework for combating discrimination on the grounds of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation as regards employment and occupation, with a view to putting into effect in the Member States the principle of equal treatment.

The following sub-themes would be dealt with:

- o Measures taken in the EU Members to transpose the Directive,
- o How is the Directive implemented in practice (laws and regulations, other policy measures, case law, collective agreements, social dialogue)? and
- o Exceptions to the application of the equal treatment principle.

Theme 2: Status and protection of migrant workers

The following questions might be tackled:

- (a) Migration within EU Members
- (b) Migration from non EU-Members (Management of migration by EU Member States)
- (c) Illegal migration
- (d) The role of trade unions.

Theme 3: The impact of aging on pension schemes in Europe

Round Table 1: The impact of information and communication technologies in the field of labour law.

Round Table 2: (The subject will be proposed by the Spanish Association for Labour Law and Social Security).

Workshop 1: Systems of law enforcement in labour law.

Workshop 2: Qualification and training of legal assistants in labour law

The Executive Committee will be asked to adopt the agenda and appoint the reporters at its forthcoming meeting in Paris, September 2006.

5. International Seminar on Comparative Labour Law, Industrial Relations and Social Security, Bordeaux, France.

Professor Auvergnon has confirmed that the next edition of this Seminar will be held from 3 to 13 July 2006. Its general topic will be: Gender and Labour Law. The working languages will be English and French. Registration fees are €375 (u\$s 450) without accommodation and €750 (u\$s920 with accommodation and breakfast). Applications from students, teachers, researchers and officials who wish to participate should reach the Seminar's Secretariat no later than 31 st May 2006. For more details, please contact:

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Fellowships

The ISLSSL can offer up to five fellowships, each worth up to €750 to cover registration fees and accommodation. Below are the conditions to apply:

- (a) Deadline: Applications must reach me no later than 31 st May 2006. Priority will be given to applications supported by a National Member of the ISLSSL;
- (b) Age: No more than 40 years old. Priority is given to applicants aged less than 35 years old;
- (c) Nationality: Any. Priority is given to applicants from weak currency countries;

- (d) Language proficiency: Fully satisfactory knowledge of either French or English;
- (e) Non eligibility of former beneficiaries of ISLLSS fellowships: Those who have already received an ISLLSS fellowship are not eligible;
- (f) Gender: Applications from both male and female candidates are equally welcomed; applications from female candidates are encouraged.

6. Election of the Secretary General and the Treasurer

In keeping with the ISLSSL by-laws the Executive Committee shall elect a Secretary General and a Treasurer of our Society for a three-year term, until 2009. The election is to take place during the forthcoming Executive Committee meeting in Paris, 5 September 2006.

The procedure for the election is addressed by article 9 of our by-laws:

Article 9

1. ...
2. The Vice-Presidents, the Secretary-General and the Treasurer shall be appointed by the Executive Committee at its meeting that normally takes place immediately before each World Congress. In order to appoint the Secretary-General and the Treasurer, the Secretary-General shall issue a call for nominations not less than six months prior to this meeting, and the nominations shall reach him or her not less than three months prior to that meeting.

A call for candidatures has been sent to our National Associations. The deadline for the submission of candidatures is 5 June 2006.

7. Financial Questions

Apart from Secretarial support provided by the ILO, our Society relies entirely on the dues paid by our members. It cannot survive if they are not paid. As usual, I have made a call by the end of last year, for our members to send their contributions to our Treasurer. I am very pleased to inform that most of our members have by now paid their dues for 2005.

Pursuant to a decision taken by the Executive Committee, the list of those members who are in arrears of their dues is to be made public in the March issue of the ISL&SLL. Below is the list of those who as yet have not paid their dues:

Belarus, Bulgaria, Italy, Morocco, Paraguay, Russian Federation.

8. News from our Members

Belarus

Our Belarussian member, the Belarussian Association for Labour and Social Security Law co-sponsors a Conference on Contemporary Problems of Labour Law and Social Security Law, to be held in Minsk on 22 and 23 June 2006. Conference participants will include leading labour and social security scholars and practitioners from Belarus, Russia and other countries of Eastern Europe. The themes are: 1) transformation of labour law in the

context of globalization; 2) development of labour legislation of Belarus and Russia; 3) problems of social partnership; 4) integrity and differentiation of labour law regulation; 5) development of legislation in the sphere of social security and insurance. For more details:

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Canada

Professor Pierre Verge has decided to step down from the Executive Committee, where for many years he represented our francophone Canadian colleagues. He has proposed that Professor Trudeau, from the University of Montreal, takes up his seat.

I'm sure that all of you will join me to express our friendship and warm thanks to Professor Verge for the many years of his fruitful collaboration with our Society. We hope to continue seeing him in our future gatherings.

Below are the contacts of Professor Trudeau:

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Our English-speaking Canadian colleagues are as always represented by Professor Brian Langille.

ILO Section

The ILO Section of ISL&SSL and the International Institutional for Labour Studies organized a conference-debate on 28 February 2006, on the Labour Law in the People Republic of China. The present situation of the labour law in the PRC was introduced by Ms. Yun GAO and Mr. Yujun LAO two Chinese ILO staff.

9. Books

Professor Blanpain announces that his book on European Labour Law has a new edition: Blanpain Roger, European Labour Law, 10th and revised edition, Kluwer Law International, The Hague, 2006, 842 pages, 95 Euro sales@kluwerlaw.com .

Kind regards

Arturo Bronstein
Secretary General

