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Dear colleagues

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

Attendance: The Organizing Committee has so far received some 500 paid registrations.

Reports: 71 national reports from our national associations have been received: 22 on item I, 27 on item II and 22 on item III. They will put in a CD Rom, offered by Dalloz and put in the participants' folders. Below is a list of countries which have sent reports:

THEME I: Argentina, Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Croatia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Finland, France, Honduras, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay.

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

THEME III: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Israel, Morocco, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Slovenia, Sweden, Turkey, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela.

The general reporters have already submitted their general reports. They are being edited and translated by Wolters KLUWER. This editor has the copyright of the general reports. The general reports will be printed and also put in the participants' folders.

Below is a provisional programme:

Monday, 4 September: Meeting of the International Association of Labour Law Journals, at Panthéon-Sorbonne, 12 Place Pantheon 75005 PARIS, Room 2, second floor,

Tuesday, 5 September

9 am - 1 pm: Meeting of the Executive Committee, at the Palais de la Mutualité. Interpretation from/into English, French, German and Spanish will be provided.

2pm - 6 pm: Professional meetings at the Palais de la Mutualité (sponsored but not convened by the Organizing Committee). There will be three meetings, respectively for labour law practitioners, judges and labour administrators. They will be organized respectively by the European Association of Labour Court Judges, the Bar of Paris (for labour law practitioners) and the Institut du Travail, Lyons (for labour administrators)

4 pm - 5.30 pm: Registrations. The congress kit and badges can be picked up at registration desk, Palais de la Mutualité.

6 pm - 7.30 pm: Opening Ceremony of the Congress, Grand Amphithéâtre of the Sorbonne; followed by the traditional welcome cocktail.

Wednesday 6 to Friday 8: Congress, with plenary sittings in the morning and workshops in the afternoon. The Round Table is on Thursday 7, from 5 pm to 7 pm. Also, on Friday 8 we will hold the General Assembly of ISL&SSL from 2 pm to 2.30 pm.

Interpretation:

There will be interpretation from/into English, French, Spanish and German at the opening ceremony, all plenary sittings, the Round Table and one workshop every day.

Registration:

The registration desk will be at the Palais de la Mutualité. It will open on Tuesday 5 as from 4 pm. It will remain opened during all the Congress.

Social activities:

Tuesday, 5 September: Welcome Cocktail at la Sorbonne

Wednesday, 6 September: Free

Thursday, 7 September: Cocktail-Dinner offered by the Mairie de Paris, at Palais Brognart (old Stock Exchange)

Friday, 8 September: Congress Cocktail-Dinner (place to be determined)

Sponsors/partners:

Many sponsors have already confirmed their willingness to co-finance the Congress, including the Ministry of Labour, the City Hall of Paris, Air France, FNAC, the Bar Association, some law firms, and various editors. Air France will provide air tickets to general reporters, discussants and round table participants as well as a number of participants from Third World countries.

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), Spiros Simitis (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)

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

Participants from non-member countries of the European Union and not resident 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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2. 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 Albuquerque, Vice-President of the Dominican Republic.

3. 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 implementation of the equal treatment principle in employment and occupation in EU 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:

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

4. XIX World Congress, Sydney, Australia, 2009

The Organizing Committee will submit proposals to the Executive Committee, which will be asked to take a decision on both the agenda and the appointment of reporters and Round Table moderators.

5. Election of the Secretary General and the Treasurer

Our US Branch has nominated Giuseppe Casale (ILO Section of ISL&SSL) as Treasurer of our Society for the term 2006-2009. As you know our colleague Irene Asscher-Vonk has told me she did not want to be reappointed for that position. I convey her all my gratitude for the outstanding work she has done for our Society.

Many national associations have proposed my name for a new term. I am very grateful for their confidence and have decided to accept the nomination.

No other nominations have reached me. The formal election is to take place during the forthcoming Executive Committee meeting in Paris.

6. Financial Questions

No news to report under this heading. The following members are in arrears of their dues: Belarus, Bulgaria, Italy, Morocco, Paraguay, Russian Federation and Tunisia.

7. News from our Members

Costa Rica

New Executive Board of the Costa Rican Association of Labour and Social Security Law

Chairperson: Cecilia García Murillo
Vice-Chair: Edgar Alfaro Muñoz
Secretary: Marco Durante Calvo
Treasurer: Carlos José Gómez Quintanilla
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Canada

I have been invited to take a Visiting Professor term, to teach International and Comparative Labour Law at Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, from 18 September to 31 st October 2006.

ILO

I am pleased to announce that our colleague and friend Giuseppe Casale, Chairperson of the ILO Section of our Society, has been appointed Director of the Social Dialogue, Labour Law and Labour Administration Department. I convey him my warmest congratulations.

Israel

I deeply regret to announce the death of Judge Menachem Goldberg. Apart from teaching Labour Law he had been the President of the National Labour Court, from which he retired about seven years ago. He was one of the initiators of the Meeting of European Labour Courts Judges, and has written many books and papers on Labour Law, in both Hebrew and English. He is survived by his wife Judith and two daughters, Galia and Michal to whom we convey our sincere condolences.

Italy

Our Italian Member has renewed its authorities (2006-2009) as follows:

President Prof. Edoardo Ghera (Università La Sapienza di Roma)
e-mail: studiolegaleghera@ilo.it
Secretary General: Prof. Stefano Bellomo (Università di Perugia);
Third Member: Prof. Marina Brollo (Università di Udine)

Bosnia and Herzegovina

I have received a letter from Professor Bozo Zepic, from the University of Mostar. A group of labour law professors have decided to establish an association of Labour and Social Security Law at the state level. It is made up of scholars from both the BiH Federation and the Republika Srpska. The founders are:

1. Prof. dr. Bozo Žepić, Faculty of Law at University of Mostar, Matice Hrvatske,
2. Prof. dr. Sead Dedić, Faculty of Law at University of Sarajevo
3. Prof. dr. Željko Mirjanić, Faculty of Law at University of Banja Luka
4. Prof dr. Jasminka Gradašćević - Sijerčić, Faculty of Law, University of Sarajevo
5. Mr. se. Ivo Rozić, Faculty of Law, University of Mostar
6. Mehmed Hadžić, Faculty of Law, University of Sarajevo.

The newly created association will apply for membership with the ISL&SLL. I am sure we will all be very pleased to welcome our new colleagues.

I look forward to seeing you in Paris. Kind regards

Arturo Bronstein
Secretary General