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

I am pleased to convey my warm thanks and congratulations to Professor Antoine Lyon-Caen and all his team for the wonderful World Congress we have had in Paris, from 5 to 8 September 2006. It was indeed a great event, attended by some 1,000 participants from some 60 countries of all regions of the world.

The congress examined three major themes, as following: (a) Trade Liberalization and the Labour Law; (b) Productive Decentralization and the Labour Law, and (c) Occupational risks. I congratulate our general reporters, Professors Compa (US), Perulli and de Luca Tamajo (Italy), Numhauser-Henning (Sweden) and Cissé (Senegal) for the state of the art reports they submitted on their respective subjects.

A round table, on the role of statutory regulation in Labour Law was also held during the Congress, which permitted to compare European, North American, Latin American and Australian labour law patterns and trends. It was moderated by Professor Catherine Barnard (UK).

Some seventy national reports and many individual papers were submitted to the congress. Many workshops were held, which permitted very lively debates. Everybody agreed that this was a highly succesful formula, which should be taken up in forthcoming ISL&SSL events.

Interpretation into/from French, English, Spanish, German and Italian was provided in all plenary sessions, the round table and one workshop each day.

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1. Meeting of the Executive Committee, Paris, 5 September 2006

The Executive Committee met on 5 September 2006 in Paris. It was attended by some seventy colleagues; a record attendance! The meeting was chaired by Professor Kazuo Sugeno, President of ISL&SSL, assisted by the Secretary General. Below is a summary of its decisions:

(a) Report on activities by the Secretary General

The Executive Committee took note of the report on ISL&SSL activities, submitted by the Secretary General.

(b) Financial report by the Treasurer and the Auditors

The financial reports submitted by the Treasurer and the auditors were approved.

(c) Statutory appointments:

The following statutory appointments were made for 2006-2009:

Secretary General: Arturo Bronstein (Argentina)

Treasurer: Giuseppe Casale (Italy/ILO)

Auditors: Stein Evju (Norway) and Ivo Rozic (Bosnia-Herzegovina)

Vice-presidents:

- ✓ Jozsef Hajdu (Hungary)
- ✓ Carlos Rafael Hernandez Contreras (Dominican Republic)
- ✓ Cristina Mangarelli (Uruguay)
- ✓ Ronnie Eklund (Sweden)
- ✓ Ron Mc Callum (Australia)
- ✓ Mohammed Ennaceur (Tunisia)

(d) Admission of new members

The Executive Committee welcomed the following new members:

- ✓ The Labour Law Association of Bosnia-Herzegovina
- ✓ The Canadian Labour Law Association
- ✓ Colegio de Abogados del Trabajo (Colombia).

The Executive Committee also recognized the Taiwanese Labour Law Association as the successor to the Industrial Relations Association of the Republic of China (AIRROC) in respect to membership with ISL&SSL.

(e) Forthcoming congresses:

XIX World Congress, Sydney, 1-4 September 2009

Website: <http://www.labourlawsydney.com/>

The following agenda was approved:

Theme 1: Regulatory frameworks and law enforcement in new forms of employment

Theme 2: Workers' representation and social dialogue at the workplace level.

Theme 3: Emerging patterns of social protection in light of structural changes (ageing population, changing family structures, immigration, budgetary constraints, political and ideological realignments)

Round table: Work and family life

Workshop: What is new in Labour Law?

The general reporter on theme I will come from Australia, on theme II from Europe and on theme III from Latin America. Consultations on the Round Table moderator are underway (perhaps North America)

VII American Congress; Santo Domingo, 31 st October – 2 November 2007

Website: www.congresolaboral.org.do

The following agenda was approved:

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?

Consultations on the name of reporters are underway.

IX European Regional Congress; Freiburg, Germany, 16-18 October 2008

The following agenda was approved:

Theme 1: Implementation of the equal treatment principle in employment and occupation in the EU and EEA Member States. General Reporter: Justice Ninon Colneric, Germany, Judge at the ECJ, Luxemburg

Theme 2: Status and protection of migrant workers. General Reporter: Prof. Ruth Nielsen, Denmark

Theme 3: The impact of ageing on pension schemes in Europe. General Reporter: Prof. Tomas Davulis, Lithuania

Round Table 1: The impact of information and communication technologies in the field of labour law. Participants: Professors Rolf Birk, (Germany), Matthew Finkin (USA), Satoshi Nishitani (Japan)

Round Table 2: Employer's responsibilities in complex organizations (moderator and discussants to be proposed at a later stage)

Workshop 1: Systems of law enforcement in labour law. Participants: Professors Monika Schlachter (Germany), Swiatkowski, (Poland), P. Waquet (France) and others

Workshop 2: Qualification and training of legal assistants in labour law. Participants Frau Prof. Dr. Sachs-Durand Institut du travail (Strasbourg) and others (i.a. one representative of judiciary, law firms, unions and employers' associations)

(f) XX World Congress, 2012

Invitations were received from our members from Brazil and Chile to hold this Congress in 2012, in their respective countries. The Executive Committee will decide thereupon at its next meeting in Freiburg, 2008.

(g) Questions relating to ISL&SSL by-laws

A working group was appointed, to look into certain problems arising out of the implementation of various provisions. It will be made up of the Officers, the Honorary Presidents and the Vice-Presidents, under the chairmanship of Professor Michal Sewerinsky (Poland). The working group will, if necessary come before the Executive Committee meeting in Freiburg, 2008, with proposals to amend the present by-laws.

(h) Appointment of a Honorary President

The Executive Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that Professor Clyde Summers (US, former President of ISL&SSL, be appointed as Honorary President).

2. General Assembly

The General Assembly of ISL&SSL met on 8 September 2006, during the Congress. It took note of the report submitted by the President of ISL&SSL and decided to appoint Professor Clyde Summers, US, former President of ISL&SS as Honorary President of ISL&SSL.

3. News from our Members

Bangladesh

I have invited Professor Alimullah Miyan to join our Executive Committee in the capacity of an individual member pending the establishment of a Bangladeshi national association. Below are his contacts:

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Our Uruguayan Branch, the Asociación Uruguaya de Derecho del Trabajo y de la Seguridad Social has renewed its authorities as following:

Chair: Cristina Mangarelli
Vice-Chair: Eduardo Ameglio
Secretary: Mario Garmendia Arigón
Treasurer: Amalia de la Riva
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We welcome the admission of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Association for Labour and Social Security as a national member of ISL&SSL. The BiH is represented before our Executive Committee by Professor Ivo Rozic. Below are his contacts:

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4. Other

ILO International colloquium on the 80th anniversary of the ILO Committee of Experts (Geneva, 24-25 November 2006). Protecting Labour Rights as Human Rights: Present and Future of International Supervision

The International Labour Standards Department of the ILO is organizing a two-day colloquium to mark the 80th anniversary of the establishment of the ILO's Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations (CEACR). The meeting will focus on current issues concerning the effectiveness of supervision in the international legal system. The aim is to put the Committee's work into broader perspective by bringing together practitioners from different international human rights bodies and scholars specialized in the problems of state compliance with binding norms in international law.

More information on this meeting can be obtained from the ILO website at the following URL: <http://www.ilo.org/public/english/standards/norm/activity/ceacr80/index.htm>

Kind regards

Arturo Bronstein
Secretary General

