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Season Greetings
and
Best Wishes for 2007

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Dear colleagues

1. Forthcoming Congresses of ISL&SSL

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

Website: www.congresolaboral.org.do

I have received the following provisional programme from the Organizing Committee

Wednesday, October 31 st

10:00 am – 6:00 pm Registration of participants
6:00 pm Opening ceremony
8:00 pm Welcome cocktail

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2007

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

8:30 am – 9:15 am General Reporter: Carlos De Buen (Mexico)
9:15 am – 9:45 am North America subregional approach (discussant from the US or Canada)
9:45 am – 10:15 am: Central America subregional approach. Discussant Bernardo van der Laat, (Costa Rica)

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10:45 am–11:15 am: South America subregional approach. Discussant Víctor Ferro Delgado (Peru)
11:15 am – 11:45 am The Dominican Republic perspective: Discussant from the Dominican Republic
11:45 am – 1:00 pm Debate on theme I

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm LUNCH

Theme II: Protection against anti-union discrimination

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm General Reporter: Rolando Murgas Torraza (Panama)
3:15 pm – 3:45 pm North America subregional approach: Discussant from the USA or Canada
3:45 pm – 4:15 pm Central America subregional approach: Discussant Edgardo Cáceres (Honduras)

COFFE BREAK

4:45 pm – 5:15 pm South America subregional approach: Discussant Humberto Villasmil (Venezuela / ILO)
5:15 pm – 5:45 pm The Dominican Republic perspective: Discussant from the Dominican Republic
5:45 pm – 7:00 pm Debate on theme 2.

8:00 pm Dinner or cocktail

Friday, November 2

Theme III: Workers' protection in case of illness

8:30 am – 9:15 am General Reporter Francisco Walker Errazuriz (Chile)

9:15 am – 9:45 am North America subregional approach: Discussant from the US or Canada

9:45 am – 10:15 am Central America subregional approach: Discussant Fernando Bolaños (Costa Rica)

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10:45 am – 11:15 am: South America subregional approach: Yone Frediani (Brazil)

11:15 am – 11:45 am: The Dominican Republic perspective: Discussant from the Dominican Republic

11:45 am – 1:00 pm. Debate on theme 3.

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm LUNCH

4:00 pm 6:00 Round Table with live TV transmission in the Fundación Democracia Global y Desarrollo

What's new in Labour Law? Regional perspectives

Moderator: Oscar Hernández Alvarez (Venezuela)

Panellists: Héctor García (Argentina), Cristina Mangarelli (Uruguay), Mario Pasco Cosmópolis (Peru), M.R. Herrera Carbuccia (Dominican Republic), Rafael Alburquerque, Vice-President of the Dominican Republic

7:00 pm – 7:30 pm A summary of the Congress, by Arturo Bronstein (Argentina), Secretary General of ISL&SSL

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm Closure of the Congress

Other information

(a) Preparation of the reports: the general reporters have established three questionnaires in respect of the agenda items, which have been already sent to our national associations in the region. Replies are expected to reach them no later than June 2007. The general reports shall reach the organizing committee no later than 30 September 2007, so that they can be translated and edited in due time.

(b) Travel to Santo Domingo

There are three daily flights from Miami with American Airlines. I presume that there are also flights from New York and other US gateways. From South and Central America there are three daily flights with COPA from Panama and one daily flight with Aeropostal from Caracas. Several European carriers such as Air France and Iberia fly also directly from Europe to Santo Domingo. For those who would wish to combine the Congress with a sunny vacation I presume that there are many arrangements available, which include chartered flights to Santo Domingo, Puerto Plata or Punta Cana.

I look forward to receiving from the Organizing Committee more information on hotel arrangements, tourist packages and other side activities during and after the Congress.

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

Below is the agenda and name of the reporters

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: Carlos M. Palomeque López (Spain); panellists: Rüdiger Krause (Germany), Umberto Carabelli (Italy), Jesús Cruz Villalón (Spain) + other panellist still to be confirmed.

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 Prof. Dr. Sachs-Durand Institut du travail (Strasbourg) and others (i.a. one representative of judiciary, law firms, unions and employers' associations

XIX World Congress, Sydney, 1-4 September 2009

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

After consultations with the Organizing Committee, the Vice-Presidents and the Officers, below are the names of the colleagues who have accepted to be general reporters and round table moderators:

Theme 1: Regulatory frameworks and law enforcement in new forms of employment. General Reporter: Rosemary Owens, Australia

Theme 2: Workers' representation and social dialogue at the workplace level. General Reporter: Antoine Jeammaud, France.

Theme 3: Emerging patterns of social protection in light of structural changes (ageing population, changing family structures, immigration, budgetary constraints, political and ideological realignments). General reporter: (still to be appointed. Will come from Latin America)

Round table: Work and family life. Moderator: Gillian Lester (US)

Workshop: What's new in Labour Law?

2. News from our Members

Argentina

Dr. Noemí Rial has been elected as the new President of the Asociación Argentina de Derecho del Trabajo y de la Seguridad Social (AADTySS). It is, I believe, the first time that a woman is elected to this position in Argentina. I am very pleased to congratulate my Argentinean colleagues and friends for this very timely decision. As you know our Uruguayan association has also elected a woman as its President, namely Professor Cristina Mangarelli. I expect that our other associations worldwide will also follow this right track.

The AADTySS will be celebrating its 50 th anniversary in 2007. Several activities will be organized to commemorate this event, including a comparative publication on Fifty Years of Labour Law in Latin America, which I have been asked to coordinate. More information is available from the AADTySS website: www.asociacion.org.ar

France

I am happy to announce the launching of a new monthly publication, the Revue de Droit du Travail by the well known publishing house Dalloz. The editors are Professors Antoine Lyon-Caen (Chief Editor), Antoine Jeammaud and Jean Pelissier.

Venezuela

The Fundación Universitaria has convened an important International Congress of Labour Law, to be held in Margarita Island from April 27 to 30, 2007. More information on this event is available from the webpage:

<http://www.congresolaboralmargarita2007.com/>

3. Financial Questions

Further to the election of Giuseppe Casale as the new Treasurer of ISL&SSL our bank accounts have been transferred from the Netherlands to Geneva. In early 2007 our Treasurer will be contacting our national associations to provide them with the bank reference (IBAN) to which our Members will be asked to pay their dues.

4. ILO

The well known Digest of Decisions and principles of the Freedom of Association Committee of the Governing Body of the ILO has been updated and put online in English, French and Spanish in the ILO website www.ilo.org. It can be consulted at the following address: <http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/english/23e2006.pdf> LO

Kind regards

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