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Announcement by the Secretary General

Fellowships for the International Seminar on
Comparative Labour Law, Labour Relations and Social
Security, Bordeaux, July 2007

I am pleased to announce that our Society will be offering five
fellowships to attend this Seminar. For more information,
please refer to the information relating to this Seminar in this
Bulletin, here below.

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Dear colleagues

1. News from ISL&SSL

At the Executive Committee meeting in Paris, September 2006 it was agreed upon that a Working Group be set up, to examine some problems arising out of the application of the current ISL&SSL by-laws, which might perhaps call for a further revision (delegation of voting rights to third parties, definition of the term "simple majority", voting rights of members in arrears, definition of what is meant for a "national association"). The working Group was to be made up of the Officers, the Honorary Presidents and the Vice-Presidents, under the chairmanship of Professor Michal Sewerinsky (Poland).

Professor Sewerinsky has told me that in view of his present responsibilities as Minister of Education in Poland he cannot coordinate the Working Group. After consultation with our President Kazuo Sugeno I have asked Professor Alvin Goldman (United States) to take this task up. To facilitate the discussions a working paper has been prepared.

Professor Goldman has already initiated his consultations. He is expected to report to the Executive Committee while at its next meeting in Freiburg, 2008. If appropriate, amendments to our by-laws will also be proposed and discussed during that meeting, for final approval by the General Assembly of September 2009 in Sydney.

2. Forthcoming Congresses of ISL&SSL

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

Website: www.congresolaboral.org.do

A provisional programme is attached to this Bulletin, as Annex I. Below is the agenda and name of the reporters

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

General Reporter: Carlos De Buen (Mexico), Discussants: Steven Willborn (US), Bernardo van der Laat, (Costa Rica), Víctor Ferro Delgado (Peru) and a discussant from the Dominican Republic

Theme II: Protection against anti-union discrimination

General Reporter: Rolando Murgas Torraza (Panama). Discussants: Jay Youngdahl, (US), Edgardo Cáceres (Honduras), Humberto Villasmil (Venezuela / ILO), and a discussant from the Dominican Republic

Theme III: Workers' protection in case of illness

General Reporter Francisco Walker Errazuriz (Chile). Discussants Ramona Paetzold (US), Fernando Bolaños (Costa Rica), Yone Frediani (Brazil) and a discussant from the Dominican Republic

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

Moderator: Oscar Hernández Alvarez (Venezuela). Panellists: Héctor García (Argentina), Cristina Mangarelli (Uruguay), Mario Pasco Cosmópolis (Peru), Roberto Corrada (US), Rafael Alburquerque, Vice-President of the Dominican Republic

Summary of the Congress: Arturo Bronstein (Argentina), Secretary General of ISL&SSL

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Registration fees

Registration fees are us\$ 250 for non nationals who register until August, 31 and us\$ 300 for those who register after that date. Nationals of the Dominican Republic pay RD\$ 2,500.00 until 31 st August and RD\$ 3,500.00 after that date. For online registration: <http://www.congresolaboral.org.do/es/inscripcion/default.aspx>

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 September 2008

A provisional programme is attached to this Bulletin, as annex II. 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, Luxembourg

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)

Workshop 2: Qualification and training of legal assistants in labour law. Participants Corinne Sachs-Durand (France), Susanne Wittkämper (Germany), Michael Sunnus (Germany) and others.

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: Carlos Rafael Hernández (Dominican Republic)

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

Workshop: What's new in Labour Law?

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

This Seminar is under the patronage of our Society. It is organized by the Centre de Droit comparé du Travail et de la Sécurité Sociale of the University Montesquieu Bordeaux IV (COMPTRESEC) in partnership with the departments and European research centers of the Universities of Brussels, Frankfurt , Hull , Lisbon and Lodz .The Director of

COMPTRASEC and of the Seminar is Professor Philippe Auvergnon.

Professor Auvergnon has confirmed that the next edition of this Seminar will be held from 2 to 13 July 2007. Its general topic will be: Employment and Social Security : a new Relationship? The working languages will be English and French. Registration fees are €375 (u\$s 450) without accommodation and €750 (u\$900) 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 2007. 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 2007. 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 ISLSS fellowships: Those who have already received an ISLSS fellowship are not eligible;
- (f) Gender: Applications from both male and female candidates are equally welcomed; applications from female candidates are encouraged.

4. News from our Members

Canada

Following the establishment of the Canadian Labour Law Association, and the approval by the International Society in Paris in September, elections were held for the two Directors (one for Quebec and the other for common law Canada) in February. For the next three years, the Quebec Director will be Gilles Trudeau (as before), and the Director for common law Canada will be Jeffrey Sack (replacing Brian Langille). Below are the contacts of our colleagues Trudeau and Sack:

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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/>

5. 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. Our new Treasurer is now contacting our national associations to provide them with the ISLSSL bank reference (IBAN) to which our Members will be asked to pay their dues.

6. ILO

Our ILO colleagues are updating the ILO Termination of Employment Digest (<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/dialogue/ifpdial/info/termination/>). They seek for contributions from our members. Those who wish to participate in this updating are kindly asked to contact Ms. Angelika Muller: e-mail: mullera@ilo.org

7. Other

Professor Blanpain has asked me to announce the publication of The Global Workplace, international and Comparative Employment Law - Cases and Materials by Cambridge University Press. It is proposed at a discounted rate of us\$ 72 until 31 st July (regular price is us\$ 72). Those who wish to purchase this publication are invited to refer to Cambridge website: www.cambridge.org/us/0521847850

Kind regards

Arturo Bronstein
Secretary General

ANNEX I

VII American Congress; Santo Domingo

31 st October – 2 November 2007

Website: www.congresolaboral.org.do

Provisional programme

Wednesday, October 31 st

10:00 am – 6:00 pm:	Registration of participants
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Informal Meeting of the Executive Committee
6:00 pm	Opening Ceremony
8:00 pm	Welcome Cocktail

Thursday November 1 st 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 sub regional approach. Discussant: Steven Willborn (US)

9:45 am – 10:15 am Central America sub regional approach. Discussant Bernardo van der Laat, (Costa Rica)

10:15 am – 10:45 am Coffee Break

10:45 am – 11:15 am South America sub regional 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 sub regional approach: Discussant Jay Youngdahl, (US)

3:45 pm – 4:15 pm Central America sub regional approach: Discussant Edgardo Cáceres (Honduras)

4:15 pm – 4:45 pm Coffee Break

4:45 pm – 5:15 pm South America sub regional 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 Errázuriz (Chile)
9:15 am – 9:45 am	North America sub regional approach: Discussant Ramona Paetzold (US)
9:45 am – 10:15 am	Central America sub regional approach: Discussant Fernando Bolaños (Costa Rica)
10:15 am – 10:45 am	Coffee Break
10:45 am – 11:15 am	South America sub regional 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: What's new in Labour Law? Regional perspectives
	<u>Moderator:</u> Oscar Hernández Alvarez (Venezuela) <u>Panellists:</u> Héctor García (Argentina), Cristina Mangarelli (Uruguay), Mario Pasco Cosmópolis (Peru), Roberto Corrada (US), Rafael Albuquerque, Vice-President of the Dominican Republic
7:00 pm – 7:30 pm	A summary of the Congress Arturo Bronstein (Argentina), Secretary General of ISL&SSL
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Closure of the Congress

ANNEX II

IX European Congress of Labour and Social Security law

Freiburg, Germany September 16th to 19th 2008

Program:

Tuesday September 16th :

9.00 am/ 12.30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting
11.00 am/ 5.00 pm	Registration of participants
5.30 pm	Opening ceremony
7.30 pm	Reception by the mayor, city of Freiburg

Wednesday September 17th:

9.30 am/ 12.30 pm	Plenary session
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Topic 1:

Realisation of equal treatment principle in employment and occupation in the Member States of EU and EEC

General reporter: Ninon Colneric, Germany

15.00/18.00 pm

Round Table 1:

The impact of information and technologies in the field of labour law

Participants: Rolf Birk, Germany (moderator), Matthew Finkin, USA, Satoshi Nishitani, Japan and others

Thursday, September 18th

9.30 am/12.30 pm

Topic 2:

Status and protection of migrant workers

	General reporter: Ruth Nielsen, Denmark
15.00/18.00 pm	Round Table 2: Employer's responsibilities in complex organizations Participants: Carlos M. Palomeque López, Spain (moderator), Rüdiger Krause, Germany, Umberto Carabelli, Italy, Jesús Cruz Villalón and others
20.00 pm	Congress dinner
Friday September 19 th	
9.30 am/12.30 pm	Plenary session Topic 3: The impact of ageing on pension schemes in Europe General reporter: Tomas Davulis, Lithuania
14.30/16.30 pm	Workshop 1: Systems of law enforcement in labour law Participants: Monika Schlachter, Germany, Swiatkowski, Poland, P. Waquet, France Workshop 2: Qualification and training in labour law Participants: Corinne Sachs- Durand, France, Susanne Wittkämper, Germany, Michael Sunnus, Germany and others
17.00/17.30 pm	Summary of the Congress by Arturo Bronstein, Secretary General ISLSSL