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Announcement by the Secretary General

I am pleased to announce that we are offering five fellowships to help young scholars to attend our International Seminar, in Bordeaux, from 29 June to 10 July 2009 and five fellowships to attend our XIX World Congress, in Sydney, Australia, from 1 st to 4 September 2009. More details and information on how to apply are presented below.

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News from our Society

1. Election of our Secretary General and our Treasurer

In accordance with our by-laws, I have written to our Member associations to invite them to submit nominations in view of the appointment of our Secretary General and our Treasurer for a three-year mandate, which will commence at the closure of our XIX World Congress, on 4 September 2009 and will end at the closure ceremony of our XX World Congress, Santiago de Chile, 2012. The deadline for submitting nominations is 1st June, 2009 and the election shall be made by our Executive Committee (secret ballot if more than one nomination is submitted) at its forthcoming meeting, Sydney, 1st September 2009.

2. 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 (COMPTRASEC) 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 29 June to 10 July 2009. The general topic will be: Social Law and the Working Pools. The working languages will be English, French and Spanish. Registration fees are €400 without accommodation and €800 with accommodation and breakfast. Applications to attend should reach the Seminar's Secretariat as following:

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More information is available on the website <http://comptrasec.u-bordeaux4.fr/static/SEMINAIRES/anglais.htm>

Fellowships

The ISLSSL offers up to five fellowships, each worth up to €800 to cover registration fees and accommodation. Below are the conditions to apply:

- a) Deadline: Applications must reach me no later than 31st May 2009. Priority will be given to applications supported by a National Member of ISLSSL;
- b) Age: No more than 40 years old. Priority will be 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 one of the Seminar's working languages;

- e) Non eligibility of former beneficiaries of ISLLSS fellowships: Those who have already received an ISLLSS fellowship are not eligible for new fellowships.

3. XIX World Congress, Sydney, 1-4 September 2009

May I remind you that you have time until June, 1 st, to register with the early bird rate of AUD 795. Registration can be made via the webpage: <http://www.labourlawssydney.com/>

Below are the Congress main themes:

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

Theme for Workshops: Labour and Social Security Law in the Informal Economy

Theme 2: Workers' Representation and social dialogue at the workplace level. General Reporter: Professor Antoine Jeammaud (France)

Theme for Workshops: Networks and Voice in Working Life

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: Professor Carlos Hernández Contreras (Dominican Republic)

Theme for workshops: To be determined.

Roundtable: Work and Family Life. Chair: Professor Gillian Lester (U.C. Berkeley School of Law, USA)

A detailed preliminary program, including the themes and chairs of workshops, is available at the following web address:

<http://www.labourlawssydney.com/desc-program.html>

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The ISLSSL offers up to five fellowships, each worth up to us\$ 1,500 to cover travel and accommodation, but not registration rates, which are to be paid by our bursaries, however at the reduced rate of AUD\$795. These fellowships will be paid by our Treasurer, preferably by bank transfer, upon presentation of proof of relevant expenditure (receipt of air fares, hotel bills, etc).

- a) Deadline: Applications must reach me no later than June, 15, 2009. Priority will be given to applications supported by a National Member of 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 one of the Congress working languages;
- e) Non eligibility of former beneficiaries of ISLSSL fellowships: Those who have already received an ISLSSL fellowship are not eligible to apply for new fellowships.

4. VIII Americas Regional Congress

The host of this Congress is our Member Association of Colombia, the Colegio de Abogados del Trabajo y Seguridad Social. After extensive consultations with our members associations in the Americas it has been agreed to propose that the Congress be held at the Convention Center, Hotel Las Américas, Cartagena de Indias from 25 to 28 May 2010. Our Congress will take place together with the XXVIII National Congress of Labour and Social Security Law of Colombia.

Subject to the formal approval of our Executive Committee below are the Congress themes and names of reporters:

Theme 1: Current situation and the future of public and private pension systems in the light of the worldwide crisis. General Reporter: Carmelo Mesa-Lago, United States.

Theme 2: Public and private systems of settlement of individual and collective labour disputes. Co-reporters: G. Valdés S. (Colombia) and Steven Willborn (United States)

Theme 3: The protection of worker's privacy at the workplace. Co-reporters: Cristina Mangarelli (Uruguay) and Gilles Trudeau (Canada)

Round Table 1: The so-called "news forms of employment" and their impact on:

- a) individual employments relations;
- b) collective labour relations; and,
- c) the social protection of workers concernid

Moderator:

Round Table 2:

The use of international law by national courts in view of the adjudication of labor disputes.

Moderator: Xavier Beaudonnet (ILO)

Keynote Speech: Strike in the Public Service. Speaker: Carlos Álvarez Pereira (Colombia)

Registration rates for non-colombian participants vary from us\$180 to us\$220, depending upon the date of registration. Special reduced rates apply to students and local participants. For inquiries, please note the following address:

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5. News from our Members

United States

Our US Branch is conducting a one-day comparative labor and employment law conference in Chicago, IL, on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at the Northwestern University School of Law.

Theodore St. Antoine, Prof, Emeritus, U. Michigan will preside over the first half of the program which will include presentations by Ronald C. Brown, Prof. of Law, U-Hawaii (Overview—China's New Legal Environment Affecting ADR); Hilary K. Josephs, Professor of Law, Syracuse U. (China's New Employment Contract Law); Arnold Zack, Arbitrator, NAA, & Lecturer, Harvard U. (Mediation and Arbitration in China--Law and Practice); and Earl Brown, Solidarity Center, AFL-CIO (China's Labor Landscape - The Union Role).

The second half of the program, "Industrial Action in Confederal Systems", will look at judicial responses to union efforts to curb outsourcing in cross border transactions. Prof. Frank Hendrickx (Catholic University, Leuven, Belgium) will explain discussed European developments respecting this issue (Viking and Laval cases) and Profs. Bernard Adell (Queens U., Kingston, Ont.) and Steven Willborn (Nebraska) will respectively offer Canadian and U.S. perspectives.

The third session features Ana Gomes (Prof. of Intl. Labor Law at Catholic University, Santos, Brazil and Mackenzie University, São Paulo, Brazil), Benjamin Davis (Director, AFL-CIO Solidarity office, Mexico City) and Thomas Wilson (Vinson & Elkins law firm). Prof. Gomes and Mr. Davis will explain and assess the labor and employment dispute resolution systems respectively in Brazil and Mexico, and Mr. Wilson will offer a U.S. practitioner's perspective on the topic.

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