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## **DRAFT REPORT**

### **PROCEEDING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**PARIS, 5 SEPTEMBER 2006**

The Executive Committee meeting was held from 9 am to 1.30 pm at the Maison de la Mutualité, 24, rue Saint Victor, 75005 PARIS. Professor Kazuo Sugeno, President of the ISL&SSL chaired the meeting with the assistance of Arturo Bronstein, Secretary General of ISL&SSL.

The meeting was attended by \_\_\_\_\_ Members and alternate members. The list of participants is attached to this report. **[TO BE COMPLETED]**

## AGENDA

1. Opening by Professors Kazuo Sugeno, President of ISL&SSL and Antoine Lyon-Caen, host of the meeting.
2. Information on the XVIII World Congress of Labour and Social Security Law, Paris, 5-8 September 2006, by the Chairperson of its Organizing Committee.
3. Report on Activities, by the Secretary General
4. Financial Report, by the Treasurer and the Auditors
5. Statutory appointments: Election of a Secretary General, a Treasurer, two auditors and five Vice-presidents for 2006-2009.
6. Admission of new members
7. Forthcoming ILO Congresses:
  - a) XIX World Congress of ISL&SSL; Sydney, 2009
  - b) VII American Congress, Dominican Republic, November 2007.
  - c) IX European Regional Congress, Freiburg 2008
8. Venue of the XX World Congress, 2012.

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9. Questions relating to the ISL&SSL by-laws
10. Other questions.

Below is a summary on the proceedings.

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## **1. Opening of the meeting**

Professors Kazuo Sugeno, Chairperson of ISL&SSL and Antoine Lyon-Caen, addressed the meeting.

## **2. Information on the XVIII World Congress of ISL&SSL, Paris, 5-8 September 2006**

Professor Antoine Lyon-Caen, Chair of the XVIII World Congress provided with detailed information on the organizational aspects of this Congress.

## **3. Report on activities by the Secretary General**

The Secretary General introduced a report on the activities of the ISL&SSL since the last Executive Committee meeting, Bologna, September 2005.

## **4. Financial report by the Treasurer and the Auditors**

The Executive Committee approved the financial report submitted by the Treasurer and the report of the auditors. It noted that the Treasurer, Professor Asscher-Vonk, did not want being re-elected for a third term. It put on record its deep thanks and appreciation for the outstanding work she had done during her two terms as Treasurer.

## **5. Statutory appointments:**

The Executive Committee made the following statutory appointments 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 Hernández Contreras (Dominican Republic)
- ✓ Cristina Mangarelli (Uruguay)
- ✓ Ronnie Eklund (Sweden)
- ✓ Ron Mc Callum (Australia)
- ✓ Mohammed Ennaceur (Tunisia)

## **6. Admission of new members**

The Executive Committee welcomed the following new members:

- the Labour Law Association of Bosnia-Herzegovina
- the Canadian Labour Law Association, and
- the Colegio del Abogados del Trabajo (Colombia).

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

## **7. Forthcoming congresses:**

### **(a) XIX World Congress, Sydney, 2009**

The Executive Committee agreed that the Congress be inaugurated on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 and hold its work sessions from 2 to 4 September. It also thoroughly discussed the different proposals. Further to this discussion the officers and the organizing committee met to agree upon a final agenda taking into account the different views expressed during the debate. Below is the proposal made by the Officers and the Organizing Committee:

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

It is intended that the following issues be reviewed under this point:

- precarious employment
- small business regulation
- outworkers/peripheral workforce
- organization of peripheral workforce
- law enforcement

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

The idea here is to deal with social and industrial organization facilitating the exercise of 'dialogue' and 'voice' at the workplace level. Issues might include trade unions, works councils, corporate governance, bargaining, employment agreements, corporate social responsibility, organizing the self-employed and the unemployed, social and industrial action

**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?

General reporters: It is proposed that the general reporter on theme I comes from Australia, on theme II comes from Europe and on theme III from Latin America. Consultations on the Round Table moderator are underway (perhaps North America)

### **(b) VII American Congress; Santo Domingo, November 2007**

This Congress will be held from 31<sup>st</sup> October to 2 November 2007.

Professor Carlos Hernández informed on the steps so far taken to organize this Congress. The Executive Committee approved the following agenda:

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?

I have not received other proposals.

The reporters will be appointed at a later date, after consultations between the Organizing Committee, the Officers and the Vice-Presidents.

## ***(c) IX European Regional Congress; Freiburg, Germany, 2008***

### **The following agenda was approved:**

Theme 1: The realization of the equal treatment principle in employment and occupation in EU and EFTA Member States (General Reporter professor ... )

Theme 2: Status and protection of migrant workers (General Reporter

Theme 3: The impact of aging on pension schemes in Europe (General Reporter

Round Table 1: The impact of information and communication technologies in the field of labour law.

Round Table 2: La responsabilidad de los empleadores en las empresas de estructura compleja

Workshop 1: Systems of law enforcement in labour law.

Workshop 2: Qualification and training of legal assistants in labour law

### **8. *Venue of the 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 take its decision at its next meeting, in Freiburg, 2008.

### **9. *Questions relating to ISL&SSL by-laws***

The Secretary General drew attention to a number of 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 it is meant for a "national association"). Upon a suggestion made by the President it was agreed upon to set up a working party made up of the Officers, the Honorary Presidents and the Vice-Presidents, under the chairmanship of Professor Michal Sewerinsky (Poland) with a mandate to looking into this question and if appropriate to come before the Executive Committee's meeting in Freiburg, 2008, with proposals to amend the ISL&SSL by-laws.

### **10. *Other questions***

- (a) The Executive Committee approved a proposal submitted by I. Asscher-Vonk (the Netherlands) and W. van Eeckhoutte (Belgium) for the ISL&SSL giving its moral and authoritative support to candidates to chairs in comparative labour and/or social security law. It further approved by way of try-out to support the application by Prof. dr. Wilfred Rauws (born 1956 in Antwerp, Belgium) in respect to a Chair at the Law School of the University of Maastricht (the Netherlands)
- (b) Upon a proposal made by Professor Alvin Goldman (US) the Executive Committee unanimously recommended to the General Assembly that Professor Clyde Summers (US) former President of ISL&SSL be appointed as Honorary President of the ISL&SSL.

## **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**