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## **Executive Committee Meeting**

**Dublin, 17 September 2014**

### **1. Attendance**

45 participants (6 women) were registered, of which 34 representing national associations, Honorary presidents and Officers. Among them, 29 had the right to vote.

### **2. Opening of the meeting by the President**

The President, Prof. Adrian Goldin, thanked the Irish colleagues for the organization of the Congress and the EUROFOUND for their hospitality. The Deputy Director of Eurofound, Ms. Erika Mezger, welcomed the members of the EC. She was delighted to host the ISLSSL Executive Committee meeting. She also added that since March 2014, Eurofound had established a new EU Working Life Observatory.

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

The Secretary-General, Dr. Giuseppe Casale, presented the activities carried out by the Society, since the last Executive Committee meeting in Santiago, Chile. The IX American Regional Congress took place in Guayaquil (Ecuador), 2-4 October 2013 and was very well attended with fruitful discussions on the various topics of the Congress. The Society continues to support the International Seminar of Isla Margarita (Venezuela), 5-13 May 2014. He also announced that after several years the European Seminar on International and Comparative Labour Law was re-established, now at the University of Ca' Foscari in Venice, 1-10 July 2014. This re-edition was a success thanks to the commitment of Prof. Adalberto Perulli and his team. The next Seminar on "Enterprise transformation and labour law" will take place in Venice from 30 June to 9 July 2015.

Fellowships are continued to be provided to support young scholars' participation in Congresses and Seminars.

The initiative of the young legal scholars section continues to grow and attract the participation of brilliant young researchers. In Cape Town, in September 2014, there will be the merge in one Section of both the Latin- American and the European embryos, together with the national representations of the young scholars from other regions with a view to facilitating the information and studies across regions in the world.

Work is progressing on the publication of a yearbook of selected labour law articles under the patronage of the ISLSSL and the IALLJ.

Most of the information can be found in the Bulletins published in the three languages and since the last formal EC held in Santiago in 2012 there were 6 Bulletins circulated among the Society's members.

The web site is being updated constantly and it is run in a very efficient manner. This thanks to the commitment of Jeffrey Sack, the Lancaster House of Canada and the Canadian Association.

Finally the Secretary-General asked to send in accurate information concerning the representatives of the national associations, especially the email addresses.

Discussion was open and there were several interventions. Honorary President Prof. Blanpain asked about the number of the fellowships for young scholars, insisted on the need to receive congress papers in advance for more meaningful discussion and the need to mention new publications in the annex of the Bulletin.

President Goldin told that there are 6 fellowships by seminar and that we will ask all members to inform the ISLSSL about their new publications

Anthony Kerr, on behalf of the Irish Association, informed the EC that many papers were received late; therefore it was difficult to put them on-line and available before the beginning of the Congress. However, all the papers will be shortly posted on the Congress' web site (as well as the Society's web site).

Honorary President, Prof. Michal Sewerynski was happy to see that his idea of regional seminars as the center of the Society's scientific activities was continuing. For him it is very important to continue and encouraged to organize similar seminars in other regions (even if their organization, he admitted, is not easy).

President Goldin was in favour to keep the regional events and made a reference to the forthcoming Manila Seminar (November 2014) where several other Asian countries have been invited. Replying to a concern by a Spanish speaking member, - Prof. Vasco Torres of Panamá - regarding the Seminar held in Venice, Prof. Goldin said that in a seminar of 25 participants it is impossible to organize groups by language; in any case, it was clear that for the Venice Seminar, English was the required language. At the same time, he understood the concern of Prof. Vasco Torres.

Honorary president, Prof. Servais reiterated the nice opportunity of holding the Asian seminar in Manila since the Asian Congress could not take place. He also said that English is our "modern Latin" and hence difficult to see an alternative for international meetings. He also stressed that it is always challenging to obtain reports in advance from reporters and speakers of Congresses.

Before moving to the next item of the Agenda, Prof. Evju (Norway and auditor of the Society) asked the Treasurer to inform which countries were entitled to vote.

The Treasurer listed the countries entitled to vote.

## **5. Election of the President-Elect 2015-2018**

Prof. Giuseppe Santoro Passarelli, president of the Italian Association presented the candidature of Professor Tiziano Treu.

Honorary President Prof. Sewerynski supported this excellent candidate, given his academic and political authority in the labour law field. Honorary President Prof. Blanpain supported the candidature of Prof. Treu, as he was also the President of IIRA (now ILERA) with a strong knowledge of the ILO which would further enhance the collaboration. In addition, Prof. Treu since many years contributed with the Italian monograph to the Encyclopedia edited by Prof. Blanpain. Honorary President Prof. Servais fully supported Prof. Treu who worked also for the ILO which benefited from his academic and political expertise. Honorary President Prof. Sugeno also supported the candidature of Prof. Treu.

Several other members of the EC took the floor with a view to supporting the candidature of Prof. Treu. After these interventions the EC elected Prof. Treu as the President Elect of the ISLSSL (2015-18) by acclamation. The Secretary-General took note of the unanimous decision.

President-elect Prof. Treu took the floor. He was honored and pleased by the unanimous decision. He promised to work closely with the current officers and to keep alive the friendly atmosphere. He also highlighted the importance to renew our views and to keep better contacts with other disciplines such as industrial relations and economics.

## **6. Financial Report by the Treasurer**

Treasurer Prof. Stefano Bellomo presented the current financial status of the ISLSSL. He made also available copies of balance sheets. The Society has 3 bank accounts (in EURO and USD). There was a temporary increase (on average 8 per cent) and there was a positive balance.

During the discussion there were proposals to continue to support young scholars with fellowships and also to start a consultation on the possibility to increase the amount of the fee, taking into account also the financial situation of those associations in developing countries. In fact, the current fee has never been touched for the last 20 years or so. Such an item will be further discussed during the next EC that will take place in Cape Town in September 2015.

## **7. Information on the XI European Regional Congress, Dublin, 17-19 September 2014, by the Organizing Committee**

Anthony Kerr (ELAI, Ireland) congratulated Prof. Treu for his election and welcomed all the EC members to Dublin. Until yesterday, there were nearly 264 registered participants from 40 countries. He thanked the International Association of Labour Law Journals which organized their annual meeting in conjunction with the Dublin Congress. He also thanked the ILO for having organized the meeting of European Labour Court Judges in conjunction with the week of the European Regional Congress. He described the programme of the Congress. There were four principal themes which were complemented by other sessions, including economic crisis and labour law, respect of data privacy, as well as publishing opportunities for young scholars. He thanked the Secretary General Dr. Casale for having organized the visit of a speaker from the ILO for the last day of the Congress. He concluded by saying that papers and list of participants will be available for the Congress participants.

## **8. Information on the XXI World Congress, Cape-Town, South Africa, September 2015**

Prof. Darcy Du Toit took the floor on behalf of the South African organizing committee. He noted the following:

- The Web-page was put on-line and the organizers were monitoring the number of visits from different regions
- 400 national participants will attend the national conference and are expecting around 400 international participants
- Registration is already available
- Young Scholars Section meeting will be organized
- Opening ceremony is going to be exciting, and consultation is underway with potential speakers (to highlight the links between law and economics)
- Several sponsors have been attracted
- Giraffe will be the mascot of the Congress
- Deadlines for Abstracts and Papers have been put (already a few abstracts received)
- This Congress will be the first to be organized following the new Society's rules, for instance allowing the general reporters to liaise with national reporters/associations depending on the necessity of doing so.

President Goldin expressed his satisfaction for the preparation of the World Congress and keynote speakers such as Prof. Alain Supiot and Prof. Simon Deakin had already confirmed their participation.

During the discussion it was clarified that several social activities will be organized with a view to attracting more participants. Concerning the preparation of the general and comparative reports, it will be up to the rapporteur to decide whether or not to send out a questionnaire to the national associations.

After a brief exchange of views, the Secretary General registered the decision of the EC approving the agenda of the World Congress of South Africa.

## **9. Information on the Asian Seminar, Manila, Philippines, November 2014**

The Secretary General presented and distributed the programme of the Asian Seminar to be held at the University of the Philippines in Manila in November 2014. He considered it an excellent academic opportunity for further exchange information and experiences in the region. He thanked in particular Honorary President Prof. Servais and former ILO colleague Mr. Carmelo Noriel for their contribution to the organization of the regional event.

## **10. Admission of new members to the ISLSSL**

The Secretary General introduced this item and he was delighted to report that several requests were received.

Prof. Maria Rosario PALMA RAMALHO, President of APODIT (Portuguese Association of Labour Law), thanked the ISLSSL for receiving the application in February 2014. She thanked President Goldin and Secretary General Casale for their support as well as the national associations of Spain and France for having seconded this request. The Portuguese Association was re-established with the involvement of academics representing major universities in Portugal. They were 39 founding members and their membership is growing. They have also established protocols with lawyers and judges in Portugal.

The Association had also participated in the Mediterranean seminar and some of their members had submitted papers to the Dublin Congress.

There was unanimous consensus and the Secretary General officially declared its admission.

The Secretary General mentioned the request of the Haiti Training Centre/Institute, but in the last few months the communication was interrupted and he proposed to postpone the decision about its admission during the EC in Cape Town in September 2015.

Mr. Mohamed Oulkhour , President of the AMDT (Morocco Association of Labour Law) thanked for considering their request and in particular the French association for their support. He explained that the Morocco Association was new and grouping business lawyers, judges, labour administrators, university professors, labour lawyers and students. The Association was created 6 months ago and has 70 members. They had also organized a Conference on the 10 years of the Moroccan Labor Code. After a brief discussion among the EC members the Morocco Association was unanimously accepted as a new member and the Secretary General declared it so.

President Goldin thanked Prof. Martine Le Friant for her cooperation in assisting the Portuguese and Moroccan associations.

Prof. Krassimira Sredkova, President of BSLSSL, asked for re-admission of the Bulgarian Association (interruption was due to a law on non-profit organizations and the governing body missed the term of submissions.) In October 2013 was re-established and in April 2014 was registered by the Ministry of Justice. There are 26 founders (academics, judges, attorneys in law, a former minister of labour, and former members of the Social insurance institute). Their objectives are described in the documents which support the re-admission of the Association. She thanked Anthony Kerr for his advice on the re-admission request and the Secretary General. She also thanked Honorary President Prof. Servais for his support to academic circles in Bulgaria. The Secretary General registered unanimous consensus among the EC members and declared the Bulgarian Association readmitted to the ISLSSL.

The Secretary General introduced the item concerning the application of the Brazilian Academy of Labour Law to the ISLSSL. He informed the EC members that the Brazilian participants could not attend the EC due to the AIR FRANCE pilots' strike and consequent cancellation of flights from Brazil. He informed that during the informal EC held in Guayaquil, Ecuador (October 2013) the EC members attending that meeting recommended to the EC of Dublin the admission of the Brazilian Academy. The informal EC also recommended that the Instituto Brasileiro de Direito Social be offered the position of institutional member of the ISLSSL.

The Secretary General distributed among the EC members an email written by Marcus Kaufmann of the Institute and the members took note also of the message sent days before to all members of the EC by Prof Marly Cardone explaining the reasons why the Institute should be considered as the national representative of Brazil.

After several interventions from the floor, it was decided to vote. The large majority was in favour of the admission of the Brazilian Academy, 3 were against and 4 abstained. The Secretary General declared that the Brazilian Academy of Labour Law is admitted as the national member of Brazil in the ISLSSL and is required, following a proposal by Honorary President Blanpain, to inform the Society in which manner they will ensure that all Brazilian jurists who would like to participate in the

activities of the Academy and in those of the International Society will be able to do so without restrictions.

### **11. X American Regional Congress, 2016**

Prof. Vasco TORRES DE LEON, President of the Academia Panameña de Derecho de Trabajo, put forward the candidature of Panama for organizing the X American Regional Congress in 2016. Since its creation in 1975, the Academy has close relations with other countries in Latin America and beyond. The national association and the University of Panama are able to organize an event of high quality and they look forward to the EC's approval. There was unanimous decision to hold the X American Regional Congress in Panama in 2016.

### **IX Asian Regional Congress, 2016**

The Secretary General informed the EC members that Dr. Pravin SINHA, Executive President of the NLLA of India had put forward the candidature of India for hosting the IX Asian Regional Congress in 2016. In absence of the Indian representative, Prof. Takashi ARAKI on behalf of the Asian region welcomed the proposal of India and was looking forward to the EC approval. The candidature of India for organizing the IX Asian Regional Congress was unanimously accepted.

### **XII European Regional Congress, 2017**

The Secretary General informed the EC members that he had not received any proposal concerning the organization of the next European Regional Congress. He invited European members to put forward candidatures as soon as possible, to be considered in the next meeting of the EC in Cape Town in 2015.

### **XXII World Congress, 2018**

The Secretary General had received an email from the Association of Malaysia in which they expressed an interest in organizing the XXII World Congress, but with no details on their project.

Prof. Giuseppe Santoro Passarelli on behalf of the Italian Association took the floor and proposed to organize the XXII World Congress of 2018 in Italy. He gave a detailed presentation on how the organization of the event would be and, although subject to discussion, advanced also some topics of the Agenda of the Congress. He mentioned that the Italian Association has a long tradition in organizing such events and recalled that the 8th World Congress of the Society was organized in Italy in 1974, and it was already then a success. Among several topics, he proposed: future of collective bargaining; transformation of social security; recent transformations in individual and collective labour relations etc. The venue is still pending (Venice, Rome, Milano or Torino). He promised that there will be simultaneous interpretation in the three languages plus Italian, and in case of enough German speaking participants there will be also German as a working language, as it was done in the past events organized in Italy.

The Secretary General took notice of the proposal, and asked the Italian Association to put forward a more detailed presentation for the next EC meeting that will take place in Cape Town in September 2015.

No other matters were discussed. The meeting was closed at 13:00 on 17 September 2014 at the EUROFOUND in Dublin.

Giuseppe Casale  
Secretary-General

Adrian Goldin  
President