



International Society for Labour and Social Security Law

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# **Report of the ISLSSL Executive Committee Meeting Oceania Pavilion (17), Room 173 – ITCILO, Turin, 4 September 2018**

## **1. Attendance**

On 4 September 2018, the Executive Committee of the ISLSSL met in Turin, Italy from 13:45 to 16:30 at the Oceania Pavilion (17), Room 173 on the ITCILO Campus on the occasion of the XXII ISLSSL World Congress (4-7 September 2018).

The following National Associations were present: Argentina, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan/China, Turkey, United States, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

In addition to President Tiziano Treu, Secretary-General Giuseppe Casale, Treasurer and President-Elect Janice Bellace, Honorary Presidents Sergio Arturo Broinstein, Adrian Goldin, Jean Micheal Servais, Kazuo Sugeno, Vice-Presidents Adolfo Ciudad, Mijke S. Houwerzijl, Rolando Murgas Torrazza, Stephen Kang, Steven Van Eck, and the President of the ILO Section of the ISLSSL, Humberto Villasmil participated in the meeting.

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

President Prof. Tiziano Treu opened the meeting and thanked the Italian colleagues for the organization of the World Congress. After the approval of the Agenda, he gave the floor to the Secretary-General, Giuseppe Casale who introduced the agenda items of the Executive Committee meeting.

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

The Secretary-General gave a brief report of the activities carried out by the ISLSSL since the XXI World Congress held in Cape Town, South Africa on 15-18 September 2015.

### **Congresses**

Since the last Executive Committee Meeting of Cape Town, September 2015 <http://islssl.org/world-congress/> we had the X American Regional Congress, Panama City, 26-30 September 2016 <http://islssl.org/10th-labor-and-social-security-law-american-regional-congress-2016/>. The papers presented at the X American Regional Congress are now published in G. Casale, V. Torres De Leon (eds), Labour Law and Social Security in the Americas, Giappichelli, Torino, 2018. <https://www.giappichelli.it/labour-law-and-social-security-in-the-americas,9217247>

A very successful XII European Regional Congress was organized in Prague (Czech Republic) on 20-22 September 2017. Three themes of the seven research groups were presented in the plenary sessions, notably: new forms of social security, the role of the State and industrial relations, and migrant workers. More information on the event can be found at the following URL: <http://islssl.org/regional-congresses/>.

We are now participating in the XXII World Congress, Torino, 4-7 September 2018 <http://www.islssltorino2018.org/> and we will further assist in the organisation and promotion of the next ISLSSL congresses: XI American Regional Congress of Labour and Social Security Law (Cordoba, 2019), Asian Regional Congress (2019 or 2020), African Regional Congress (2020), XIII European Regional Congress (2020), XXIII World Congress, Peru (2021).

### **Seminars**

Our Society continues to support both the Graduate Seminar on International and Comparative Law “Isla de Margarita” and the International Seminar on International and Comparative Labour Law at the Ca’ Foscari University of Venice. The following seminars were organized in Venice: the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Seminar on “Sustainable Development, Global Trade and Social Rights” (19–25 June 2016); the 4<sup>th</sup> International Seminar on “Global Trade and Labour Rights” (18-24 June 2017); and the 5<sup>th</sup> International Seminar on “The Role of the State and Industrial Relations” (7-11 May 2018). The outcome of the presentations made at the Seminars were published in two books edited by Prof. Adalberto Perulli and Prof. Tiziano Treu. The volumes are: Enterprise and Social Rights, Wolters Kluwer, 2017 and Sustainable Development, Global Trade and Social Rights, Wolters Kluwer 2018. Please find more information on our web site ([www.islssl.org](http://www.islssl.org)). We warmly thank Professor Adalberto Perulli and his colleagues for the commitment and high academic contribution. The Ca’ Foscari University is committed in organizing the 6<sup>th</sup> International Seminar in May 2019. More information will be available soon on the Society’s web site.

In 2016, 2017 and 2018 the following Graduate Seminars on International and Comparative Law “Isla de Margarita” were organised: the 6<sup>th</sup> edition on the topic of “Fundamental labour rights and its various forms of manifestation” (16-25 May 2016, Margarita Island, Venezuela); the 7<sup>th</sup> edition on the “Decent work, precarious work and vulnerable sectors” (7-15 May 2017,

Cordoba, Argentina); and the 8th edition on “Trends and contemporary issues of Labour Law (5-10 March 2018, Santo Domingo). Exceptionally, this year the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the Seminar will take place in Santa Fe, Argentina, on 5-10 November 2018 and will focus on “New trends and themes of labour law”. We thank the organisers of the Isla Margarita Seminar for their continuous commitment and efforts. More information can be found on our web site ([www.islssl.org](http://www.islssl.org)).

We are very pleased to report that the Japan Institute for Labour Policy and Training under the guidance of Honorary President, Prof. Kazuo Sugeno has organized in 2017 and 2018 two Seminars on Comparative Labour Policy. The themes were “Identifying Major Labour Policy Issues in Contemporary World of Labour-Commonalities and Differences Crossing Regions and Nations” in March 2017, and “Looking back at the policy responses to changes in employment structure and forms. The future as seen from here” in March 2018. President Tiziano Treu and Secretary-General Giuseppe Casale participated in both Seminars. Young academics and researchers coming from Asian countries attended these events. The Seminars were instrumental in discussing current topics of relevance to Asia in a comparative perspective. We thank Prof. Sugeno and the Japanese Association of Labour and Social Security Law for their continuous commitment. We were informed that the 3<sup>rd</sup> JILPT Tokyo Comparative Labour Policy Seminar will take place in March 2019.

### **Fellowships**

We are continuing with our practice of offering fellowships to young scholars in labour and social security law. Fellowships have been provided to a good number of young scholars for participating in congresses and seminars. We have applied the criteria that have already been approved by the Executive Committee <http://islssl.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/136-EN.pdf>.

### **Young Legal Scholars Section**

We have continued to promote the activities of the Young Legal Scholar Section in different countries. We are pleased to inform you that several initiatives already started in Latin America, Europe, and South Africa are continuously taking place. About these initiatives, we have provided the necessary information in our last Bulletin No. 148 and in previous ones. Please find more information on the Young Legal Scholar initiatives at <http://islssl.org/category/young-legal-scholars-section/>.

### **Bulletins of the ISLSSL**

Since the Executive Committee meeting held in Cape Town, South Africa in September 2015 we have published Bulletins Nos. 143, 144, 145, 146, 147 and 148 in English, French and Spanish. You can find all of them on our web site (<http://islssl.org/bulletins/>). In the Bulletins, you will find all the information concerning the Society’s activities for the last three years: activities which were summarised in the report by the General-Secretary.

### **Composition of the Executive Committee**

The Secretary-General informed of latest update on the Executive Committee members and thanked all those National Associations who have constantly written to him for keeping data up to date.

### **Website**

The Society's website is running in a very efficient manner. Very recently, the Lancaster House that is running the website informed us that there were some technical problems. We are looking into this and we will try to find a solution in order to prevent such technological problems. Once again, we take this opportunity to thank our dear colleagues of the Canadian Association for the full support in editing and running the web site, in particular the Lancaster House of Canada and our colleague and friend Jeffrey Sack. Most of the information on the web site is in English, French and Spanish.

### **4. Financial Report by the Treasurer and the Auditor**

In conformity with the Society's Statutes and Bylaws (arts. 10 and 14), the Treasurer, Prof. Janice Bellace presented to the Executive Committee the financial report of the International Society for the period 2 September 2015 – 30 August 2018. The financial report was cleared by the Auditor's report prepared by Prof. S. Evju. The financial report as presented was approved by the Executive Committee.

### **5. Election of a Secretary General, a Treasurer, an Auditor and six Vice-Presidents (2018-21)**

Dr Giuseppe Casale was unanimously re-elected for a third term Secretary-General for the period 2018-21.

Prof. Dr Rolando Murgas Torrazza was unanimously elected as the Treasurer for the period 2018-21.

The Secretary General warmly thanked Prof. Janice Bellace for having served the Society as Treasurer for the period of 2015-18 in a remarkable way.

Prof. Stein Evju was unanimously re-elected for a 4<sup>th</sup> mandate as Auditor of the ISLSSL for the period 2018-21.

Six Vice-Presidents were appointed for the period 2018-21:

- Asia and the Pacific: Prof. Takashi Araki (Japan);
- North America, Panama and Dominican Republic: Prof. Tomas Natividad Sanchez (Mexico);
- Central and Eastern Europe: Prof. Jan Pichrt (Czech Republic);

- Western Europe: Prof. Alberto Pizzoferrato (Italy);
- South America: Prof. Juan Raso Delgue (Uruguay);
- Africa: Prof. Stefan van Eck (South Africa).

## **6. Information on the XXII ISLSSL World Congress, Torino, Italy, 4-7 September 2018**

Professor Emeritus Paolo Tosi of the University of Turin as representative of AIDLASS and member of the organizing committee of the XXII World Congress thanked President Prof. Tiziano Treu for the opportunity of organising, on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ISLSSL, the XXII ISLSSL World Congress and welcomed all the EC members to Turin. He informed that more than 600 participants had registered in representation of 60 countries. He was confident that everything was ready from an organisational and technical point of view. He thanked the ITCILO for hosting such an important event on the Training Campus of the ILO. He was looking forward to a very successful event.

## **7. Next Congresses**

### **a. XI American Regional Congress of Labour and Social Security Law (2019)**

The XI American Regional Congress of Labour and Social Security Law will take place in Cordoba (Argentina) on 4-6 September 2019. The Agenda of the American Regional Congress will be soon available on the web site.

### **b. IX Asian Regional Congress (2019/20)**

The Secretary General informed that the Indian National Labour Law Association (NLLA) did not respond to any message to confirm their proposal to host the IX Asian Regional Congress in India in 2019 or 2020. The Asian members of the Executive Committee expressed their wish to follow up on this and to make a proposal for another possible candidate and/or alternative event to it. For the time being, the organisation of the IX Asian Regional Congress put on hold.

### **c. XIII European Regional Congress (2020)**

Prof. Maria Do Rosario Palma-Ramalho, President of the Labour Law Association of Portugal (APoDit) made a formal presentation and submission of the candidature of Lisbon (Portugal) as the next venue of the European Regional Congress. The University of Lisbon supported the idea of hosting the XIII European Regional Congress of the International Society on 2-4 September 2020 in Lisbon. The main theme of the Congress will be “Work and Employment in the Digital Era: Legal Challenges”.

Prof. Yves Jorens of Ghent University, in representation and with the support of the Belgian Labour Law Association, made also a formal presentation and submission of the candidature for the organization of the XIV European Regional Congress “Towards a new approach to

social law: how other areas of law influence social law” which will be held in Ghent (Belgium).

The Executive Committee, after hearing the proposals and the presentations of both the national members associations, decided that the XIII European Regional Congress will be held on 2-4 September 2020 in Lisbon and the XIV European Regional Congress will be organised in Ghent between 2022 and 2023. The exact date will be submitted to the Officers in due course.

#### **d. African Regional Congress (2020)**

Prof. Stefan van Eck, Chair of the African Labour Law Society made a formal submission of the candidature in organising the II African Regional Congress on 27-28 March 2020 in Zimbabwe on the following theme: “Decent Work in Modern and Developing Countries: Contemporary Legal and Social Challenges.” The Executive Committee approved the proposal.

#### **e. XXIII World Congress (2021)**

The President of the Peruvian Association, Prof. Daniel Ulloa, formally proposed to organise the XXIII ISLSSL World Congress in Lima (Peru) on 7-10 September 2021 adding that the event will coincide with the national ceremony of the 200 years of independence of Peru. In this regard, the World Congress had already received full support by the government of Peru. Prof. Ulloa promised to send to the Officers a draft agenda of the XXIII World Congress for further discussion.

### **8. Admission of new members**

The Secretary-General informed that, in accordance to Article 3 of the Society’s By-laws and Statutes, he received an official demand by the Society of Labour and Social Security Law of Cuba for joining the ISLSSL. Unfortunately, the Cuban Association could not join the EC meeting and could not present formally their request. It was decided to put on hold this candidature.

### **9. Young Scholars Section**

The Secretary General reported on the many activities being carried out by the Young Scholars Section. The details about these activities can be found in the Bulletins of the Society. During the World Congress, the Young Scholars met on 4 September 2018, from 14:00 to 16:30 and the meeting was well attended by many young researchers.

### **10. Other issues**

Prof. Tiziano Treu, President of the ISLSSL, was unanimously recommended to be appointed

as Honorary President of the Society. In his concluding remarks, President Treu expressed his personal thanks to Secretary General, Giuseppe Casale, and to President-Elect and Treasurer, Prof. Janice Bellace for the excellent work done during the last three years. He emphasised that the ISLSSL was in good shape both technically and financially. He wished a good Congress to everyone.

No other issues were raised and the Secretary-General closed the meeting at 16:30.

## **11. General Assembly 7 September 2018**

The General Assembly of the ISLSSL took place on 7 September 2018 from 16:00 to 16:30 in the Piemonte Pavilion, Conference Hall of the ITCILO Campus in Turin. The Secretary General reported on the decisions taken by the Executive Committee Meeting of 4 September 2018. All the decisions taken by the EC were endorsed by the General Assembly.

The President of the Peruvian Association, Prof. Daniel Ulloa, projected a promotional video on the venue of the XXIII ISLSSL World Congress which will be organised in Lima (Peru) on 7-10 September 2021.

The General Assembly fully endorsed the appointment of Prof. Tiziano Treu as Honorary President of the Society.

The General Assembly was concluded with two speeches: one from President-elect Prof. Janice Bellace and the concluding speech by President, Prof. Tiziano Treu.

The General Assembly was closed at 16:30 on 7 September 2018.