Dear colleagues

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Gérard Lyon-Caen

I deeply regret to announce the death of Emeritus Professor Gérard Lyon-Caen, aged 84, in Paris during the night of 12 to 13 April 2004.

It is a sizeable part of our discipline’s identity which passes away with him, so important have been his thought and teachings to help us reflect on the past, the present and the future of Labour Law. After having taught in Dijon, Professor Lyon-Caen was appointed full professor of Labour Law in Paris, in 1963. Throughout his long career he has authored hundreds of publications, of which we will recall his Handbook of Labour Law (Manuel de Droit du travail), published already in 1955, which was followed by several Précis Dalloz of Labour Law in collaboration with other outstanding jurists such as Professors G. Camerlynck, J. Pelissier and A. Supiot. Specific mention should also be made of International and European Social Law (Droit social international et européen), 1991, in collaboration with A. Lyon-Caen, International Labour Relations (Relations de


We will especially remember him for the manner in which he always put the Fundamental Human Rights of the worker at the heart of his thought, which he did for example in his Report on Public Freedoms and Employment (Les libertés publiques et l’emploi), 1992, as well as in his numerous articles and essays, all of them extremely rich in learning, with which he enriched several generations of disciples.

We convey all our sincere condolences to our colleague Antoine, his son, and his family.

**Online registration for the VI American Regional Congress**

Exitur, the travel agency selected by the Organizing Committee has opened a website: [http://www.exitur.com.mx/congresos](http://www.exitur.com.mx/congresos) to permit the participants to register online.

In view of the late opening of this website the Organizing Committee has extended until 15 July the deadline for registrations which will benefit from the reduced fees of us$200. Fees for registrations received after July 15 will be us$300.

**Activities of our members**

May I remind you that I will be very pleased to report in this Bulletin on the scientific activities of our member associations? Please, do not hesitate to bring to my knowledge all of your activities you wish to share with our full membership.
**News of the ISLSSL**

1. **Forthcoming congresses**

**VI th American Regional Congress, Querétaro, Mexico, 14-17 September 2004**

The Agenda of this Congress includes the following themes:

- **Theme I**  Special labour relations.
- **Theme II**  The internationalization of labour and employment relations within the framework of the Free Trade Agreement for the Americas.
- **Theme III**  Social accountability of multinational enterprises: voluntary codes of labour practices and their private monitoring.
- **Round Table**  Evolution and recent trends of the Labour Law in Europe, North America and Latin America.
- **Round Table**  Social Security Law: public service or privatization?
- **Keynote Speech**  The right to strike
- **Keynote Speech**  The future of Labour Law

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A detailed programme for this Congress is appended to this Bulletin.

The deadline for the submission of papers has been extended until 31st July.

**VIII th European Regional Congress, Bolonia, 20-23 September 2005**
May I remind the themes of this Congress:

**Theme I**  
Family Allowances

**Theme II**  
Processes of Social Law Making and Implementation within the European Union

**Theme III**  
Transfer of Undertakings: a delicate compromise between Individual Protection, Labour Market and Economic Development

(a) Transfer of enterprises and the contract of employment;  
(b) Transfer of enterprises and collective rights.

**Round Table**  
The new boundaries of employees’ information and consultation rights

**Round Table**  
Challenges in Labour Law and Collective Bargaining in Central European countries which arise out of their integration into the European Union.

**Workshop 1**  
The respective roles of the trade unions, the workers’ representatives, the public authorities and other stakeholders in transfers, takeovers or other transformations in the structure or the size of the enterprises.

**Workshop 2**  
Alternative Dispute Resolution in Labour Law

Bulletin No. 103 (March 2004) includes a detailed programme of the Congress.

**VIII ° Asian Regional Congress, Taipei, 2005**

I have received the following information on this Congress:

**Provisional programme**

**31 October (Monday)**

Registration

**1 November (Tuesday)**

09:00 - 10:30 Executive Committee meeting
11:00 - 12:30 Opening Ceremony
14:00 - 15:30 Theme I Plenary Session
16:00 - 17:30 Theme I Workshops 1 and 2
19:00 - Reception

**2 November (Wednesday)**

09:00 - 10:30 Theme II Plenary Session
11:00 - 12:30 Theme II Workshop 3 and 4
14:00 - 15:30 Theme III Plenary Session
16:00 - 17:30 Theme III Workshops 5 and 6

3 November (Thursday)

09:00 - 10:30 Special Session 1 and 2
11:00 - 12:30 Special Session 3 and 4
14:00 - 16:00 Round Table
16:30 - 17:00 Closing Ceremony
19:00 - Congress Dinner

* Special Sessions have been arranged for the presentation and discussion of invited papers. A call for papers will be made.

General Reporters

Cing-Kae Chiao, Taiwan: Theme 1: The participation of Women in the Labour Market - Toward the Goal of Gender Equality in Employment in the 21st Century

Sean Cooney, Australia: Theme II: The Impetus for Economic Restructuring and the Protection of Workers' Rights

Hideyuki Morito, Japan: Theme III: The Asian Experiences on the Old-Age Security or Pension System

The congress venue is the Holiday Inn Asiaworld Taipei.

Registration fees will be of u$s 250. Online registration will be made available by the end of this year.

XVIII th World Congress, Paris 2006

The Congress will take place from Tuesday 5, to Friday 8 September 2006, with the following agenda:

Theme I Trade liberalization and labour law and social security.
Theme II Labour law (in its individual and collective aspects) and productive decentralization.
Theme III Occupational risks: social protection and the employer’s liability.
Round Table What future for statutory regulation in the field of labour law?

2. Financial Questions

Please, be reminded that the amount of the contribution to our Society is u$s 7 for each year per individual member of a National Member or an Institutional Member. Individual Members also pay u$s 7 per year.

Contributions are due, for the full year, on 1st January. Their payment shall be made to the Treasurer, preferably by bank transfer to:

ABN/AMRO
Swift/BIC: ABNA NL2A
Each Member paying his/her contribution shall notify our Treasurer, Professor Asscher-Vonk, and provide her with the following information:

(a) The name of the member;
(b) The year for which the contribution is paid;
(c) The number of individuals for whom the contribution is paid.

Members who have difficulties in paying may submit their problem to the Treasurer, who may propose a solution, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. Under art. 14.2 of our by-laws the Executive Committee has the power to decide upon such reductions of the ordinary contributions which may be justified because of the situation in each case.

3. News from our members

Argentina

- The XV National Congress of Labour and Social Security Law will take place in the city of Paraná, Argentina, from 26 to 28 August 2004. The themes of the congress include the following points:

  • The 30th anniversary of the Law on the Contract of Employment.
  • Solidarity in the obligations arising out of employment.
  • Collective bargaining: the coordination of collective agreements.
  • Recent trends in Social Security in the context of the crisis.
  • Subordination and dependency in Labour Law.

More detailed information on this event can be obtained from the Argentinean Association for Labour and Social Security Law, AADTySS: aadtss@speedy.com.ar

- In cooperation with the ILO, the AADTySS convenes an International Congress on Fundamental Rights. It will be held in Buenos Aires, from 18 to 22 October 2004. The themes of the Congress will be:

  • Elimination of Discrimination.
  • Freedom of Association
  • Elimination of Child Labour.

For further information, please contact the AADTySS: Lavalle 1567 Piso 9º, Oficina 910/16, de 14.30 a 19 hs. Tel/Fax 4373-3042 / 4372-1661 / 4373-2151. aadtss@speedy.com.ar

The web address of AADTySS is: http://www.asociacion.org.ar

AUSTRALIA

The Australian Labour Law Association, ALLA, is organizing its second biennial conference, in Sydney, on Friday 24 and Saturday 25 September 2004. The theme of this Conference is Employment Regulation for the changing workplace. It is
hoped that this conference will be able to explore in depth the following matters:

- the common law contract of employment
- post-employment contractual restraints upon employees
- collective bargaining in the 21st Century
- works councils and other forms of employee representation
- the workplace and industrial citizenship
- statutory protection of vulnerable workers

The organizers of the conference call for papers examining individual and collective regulation of the new workplace. Persons wishing to apply to present a paper to this conference should email an abstract of their proposed paper to:

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Further information concerning this conference can be obtained from the organizing committee:
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The website address of ALLA is: http://law.anu.edu.au/alla/

Chile

New Executive Committee of the Chilean Association for Labour and Social Security Law, 2004-2006:

Chair           LUIS LIZAMA PORTAL
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Treasurer       MARÍA LORETO FIJERO FÉLIX
Directors       MARÍA CRISTINA GAJARDO HARBOE
                SERGIO GAMONAL CONTRERAS
                RAFAEL PEREIRA LÓPEZ
                FRANCISCO TAPIA GUERRERO
                FRANCISCO WALKER ERRAZURIZ

The web address of the Chilean Society is: http://www.derecho-trabajo.cl/

Spain

New Executive Committee of the Spanish Association for Labour and Social Security Law, AEDTSS.

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Vice-chairs     Antonio V. Sempere Navarro
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France

New Executive Committee of the French Association for Labour and Social Security Law, AFDTSS:

Chair
Antoine JEAMMAUD, Professor, University Lumière-Lyon 2

Vice-chairs
Yves CHAGNY, Counsellor at the Court of Cassation
Jean-Denis COMBREXELLE, Attorney at the Council of State, Director of Labour Relations at the Ministry of Labour
François GAUDU, Professor, University Paris I
Patrick TILLIE, Attorney at Law, Bar of Lille.

Secretary general
Hélène MASSE-DESSSEN, Attorney at the Council of State and the Court of Cassation

Treasurer
Michèle PAIRAULT-MEYZER, Director of Labour Relations at Air France

An Organizing Committee of the XVIII World Congress of Labour and Social Security Law, Paris, September 2006, has been set up. It is chaired by Antoine LYON-CAEN, Professor at the University of Paris X, who has also been named Honorary President of AFDTSS.

Below are the contacts of Professor Jeammaud:

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Dominican Republic
I have great pleasure to inform that our friend and member of the Executive Committee, Professor Rafael Alburquerque has been elected Vice-president of the Dominican Republic following the general elections held on 16 May 2004. As many of you know, Professor Alburquerque is the author of many well-known publications on Labour Law and has been Secretary of Labour during 9 years, until August 2000, and since that date has been a member of the ILO Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations. We congratulate Professor Alburquerque and wish him great success in his forthcoming tasks.

**Sweden**

Professor Ronnie Eklund informs that our Swedish branch still has in stock some 40 copies of the volume containing the scientific reports submitted to the VII European Regional Congress of Labour and Social Security Law, Stockholm, 2002, in all four languages. Those who are interested can get a copy from him, at a token cost of 70 SEK (about us$10) for handling, plus postage. Professor Eklund’s contacts are:

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**Uruguay**

New authorities of the Uruguayan Association for Labour Law and Social Security

Chair: Oscar Ermida Uriarte  
Vice-chair: Carlos Caslás  
Secretary: Alejandro Castello  
Treasurer: Daniel Rivas  
Members: Jorge Rosenbaum Rimolo, Cristina Mangarelli, Mario Garmendia Arigón

I bring to your attention the webpage of the Institute of Labour and Social Security Law, University of the Republic. In addition to information on the activities of the Institute this page includes a good selection of notes and online articles, many of which are interesting from an international and comparative perspective. I congratulate the editor Dr. Becerra for the excellent quality of this page.  
http://www.rau.edu.uy/universidad/inst_derecho_del_trabajo/index.html

**ILO Section of ISLSSL**

The ILO Section of ISLSSL has organized on 14 May a conference-debate on Biagi’s reform and its impact on the Italian labour market. The theme was introduced by Professor Riccardo dal Punta (University of Florence). The discussant was Giuseppe Casale (ILO).

The ILO Section has also held its Annual General Meeting, on 19 May, and appointed its Executive Committee for 2004-2005 as follows:

Chair: Giuseppe Casale  
Vice-chair: Joachim Grimsmann
4. News from the ILO


- I bring to your attention the Guidelines on addressing HIV/AIDS in the workplace through employment and labour law. The aim of this publication (in English only), prepared by my colleague Jane Hodges, is to provide specific, workable and practical examples of how to include in labour and employment laws the concepts of prevention, protection and care/support of persons living with HIV/AIDS. The Guidelines can also be consulted online, at the following address: [http://www.ilo.org/public/english/dialogue/ifpdial/downloads/papers/hivaid.pdf](http://www.ilo.org/public/english/dialogue/ifpdial/downloads/papers/hivaid.pdf)

- I also bring to your attention the Etude préalable à l’adoption d’un Acte uniforme en Droit du Travail dans le cadre de l’Organisation pour l’Harmonisation en Afrique du Droit des Affaires (OHADA), by Professor Jean-Marc Béraud. This study (in French only) has been prepared in view of the elaboration by OHADA of a common Labour Law for 16 countries in Africa (15 French-Speaking countries and Equatorial Guinea). It provides with detailed comparative information on the labour law currently in force in these countries. The study is also available online, at the following address: [http://www.ilo.org/public/french/dialogue/ifpdial/downloads/papers/ohada.pdf](http://www.ilo.org/public/french/dialogue/ifpdial/downloads/papers/ohada.pdf)

5. Books received

- Franco Carinci (under the supervision of), Commentario al D.Lgs. 20 settembre 2003, n. 276. IPSOA Scuola d’Impresa, Italy, 2004. This commentary gives a complete and detailed analysis of the topics included in the D.Lgs. of September 10, 2003, and is an important contribution to the understanding of the labour market reforms which intervened last year in Italy. The publication comes out in four volumes dealing respectively with the organization and discipline of the labour market (arts. 1-19), introduced by Michele Miscione and Maurizio Ricci, the supply of labour under triangular arrangements (arts. 20-32), introduced by Maria Teresa Carinci and Carlos Cester, the flexible contracts of employment, including for training (arts. 33-60), introduced by Marina Brollo, Maria Giovanna Mattarolo and Luigi Menghini, and the contracts of employment for projects and occasional, and the certification of such contracts (arts. 61-86), introduced by Paola Bellochi, Fiorella Lunardon and Valerio Speziale.

- Gianni Arrigo and Giuseppe Casale, Glossary of Labour Law, Industrial Relations and European Union Institutions, Geneva, ILO, 2003. This glossary aims at giving a comprehensive overview of the development and current status of labour law and
industrial relations, including ILO standards and EC Law. It has been conceived as an educational tool and aims to be a storehouse of practical definitions and a source of quick reference for the use of scholars and practitioners. I have a limited stock of free copies, available for distribution upon request to be sent to Giuseppe Casale casale@ilo.org or me.


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Kind regards
Arturo Bronstein
Secretary General
ANNEX

VI th American Congress of Labour and Social Security Law
Querétaro, Qro., Mexico, 14-17 September 2004

Revised Programme

**Tuesday, 14 September 2004**

9 am – 5 pm  
Registration

3 pm – 5 pm  
Informal meeting of the Executive Committee of ISLSSL

6.30 pm – 7 pm  
Opening Ceremony

Jorge García de Presno Larrañaga, President of the Mexican Association for Labour and Social Security Law, SMDTSS
Clyde Summers, President of the ISLSSL
Carlos Abascal, Secretary of Labour and Social Security
Francisco Garrido Patrón, Governor of the State of Querétaro

7 pm – 7:45 pm  
Keynote Speech
**The Future of Labour Law**
Speaker: Mozart V. Russomano (Brazil)

8:30 pm  
Welcome Cocktail

**Wednesday, 15 September 2004**

9 - 11 am  
**Point I : Special Labour Relations**

Chairperson of the Sitting: José Dávalos (Mexico)

Reporters:

Patricia Kurczyn (Mexico)
Jorgelina Alimenti (Argentina)
Alfredo Montoya Melgar (Spain)
Mario Pasco Cosmópolis (Peru)

11 - 11.30 am  
Break

11.30 am - 1 pm  
Continuation of presentation of reports, and debate on point I

1 to 3 pm  
Lunch

3 – 5 pm  
**Round Table : Evolution and recent trends of the Labour Law in Europe, North America and Latin America**

Moderator: Cristina Mangarelli (Uruguay)

Panellists:
Carlos de Buen Unna (Mexico)
Lance Compa (USA)
Wolfgang Daubler (Germany)
Oscar Hernández Alvarez (Venezuela)

5 pm to 5.30 pm  Break
5.30 pm to 6.30 pm  Keynote speech  The Strike  
Speaker: Néstor de Buen (México)
8.30 pm  Ceremony of the Declaration of Independence

Thursday 16 September 2004

9 – 11 am  Point II: Internationalization of the individual and collective labour relations within the framework of the Free Trade Agreements in the American Region.

Chairperson of the Sitting: Jorge Rodríguez Mancini (Argentina)
Reporters
Pierre Verge (Canada)
Carlos Reynoso Castillo (Mexico)
Emilio Morgado Valenzuela (Chile)
Fernando Bolaños (Costa Rica)

11 – 11.30 am  Break
11.30 am – 1 pm  Continuation of presentation of reports, and debate on point II.

Afternoon  Free
8 pm  Concert of the State of Queretaro Philharmonic Orchestra

Friday, 17 September 2004


Chairperson of the sitting: Jorge García de Presno Larrañaga (Mexico)
Reporters:
Auret van Heerden, Fair Labor Association (US)
Sofía Cáceres (Honduras)
Hugo Italo Morales Saldaña (Mexico)
11- 11.30 am
Break

11.30 am 1 pm
Debate on point III

1 pm – 3 pm
Lunch

3 pm – 5 pm
Round Table: Social Security Law: Public service or privatization?

Moderator: Joan Brodshaug Bernstein (USA)

Panellists:
Eduardo J. Ameglio (Uruguay)
Sergio Valls Hernández (Mexico)
Merton Bernstein (USA)
Georges Campeau (Canada)
Marie-France Mialon (France)

5 pm – 5.30 pm
Break

5.30 pm – 6.15 pm
Summary of the Congress:
Arturo Bronstein, Secretary General of ISLSSL

6.15 pm – 7 pm
Closing ceremony

Clyde Summers, President of ISLSSL
Mario Pasco Cosmópolis, on behalf of the foreign participants
Emilio González de Castilla, President of the Mexican Bar Association