International Society for Labour and Social Security Law
Société internationale de droit du travail et de la sécurité sociale
Sociedad Internacional de Derecho del Trabajo y de la Seguridad Social

BULLETIN NO 106
December 2004
Season Greetings and
Best Wishes for 2005

http://www.asociacion.org.ar/ISLLSS/

President / Président
Clyde SUMMERS
3400 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
(USA/Estats-Unis)
E-mail: csummers@law.upenn.edu

Secretary-General / Secrétaire général
Arturo BRONSTEIN
ILO - BIT
Case postale 500
CH-1211 GENEVE 22
(Switzerland/Suisse)
E-mail: bronstein@ilo.org

Treasurer / Trésorière
Irene Petronella ASSCHER-VONK
Catholic University Nijmegen
Faculty of Law
Th. Van Aquinostraat 6
NL-6526 GHD NIJMEGEN
(Netherlands/Pays-Bas)
E-mail: I.Asscher@jur.kun.nl
Dear colleagues

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

A shortened URL for our webpage

Please, do take note of our new, shortened web address: http://www.asociacion.org.ar/ISLLSS/

XVIII World Congress of Labour and Social Security Law, Paris, September 2006

Please, refer below to the detailed programme of this congress, which has been proposed by the Organizing Committee and cleared by the Executive Committee.

VIII European Regional Congress of Labour and Social Security Law, Bologna, September 2005

The web site of the congress, in English, French, German, Italian and Spanish, and containing an electronic procedure for application and booking, is already on line at the address: http://www.labourlawbologna.com

VIII ° Asian Regional Congress, Taipei, 31st October - 3 November 2005

The Congress website is already online: http://www.airroc.org.tw/ISLSSL2005/

http://www.asociacion.org.ar/ISLLSS/

President / Président
Clyde SUMMERS
3400 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
(USA/Estats-Unis)
E-mail: csummers@law.upenn.edu

Secretary-General / Secrétaire général
Arturo BRONSTEIN
ILO - BIT
Case postale 500
CH-1211 GENEVE 22
(Switzerland/Suisse)
E-mail: bronstein@ilo.org

Treasurer / Trésorière
Irene Petronella ASSCHER-VONK
Catholic University Nijmegen
Faculty of Law
Th. Van Aquinostraat 6
NL-6526 GHD NIJMEGEN
(Netherlands/Pays Bas)
E-mail: I.Asscher@jur.kun.nl
News of the ISLSSL

1. Inactive members of the Executive Committee

After consultations with the Officers and the Vice-Presidents I have deleted several inactive members from our Executive Committee list. Criteria for determining whether a member has become inactive include the following:

(a) has not attended the last three meetings of the Executive Committee (informal meetings are not taken into consideration);
(b) has not sent reports, on behalf of his or her country, in view of the preparation of general reports submitted to our World Congresses;
(c) has not paid contributions on behalf of his or her association in the last four years;
(d) in general has not renewed his or her interest in continuing to be associated to the work of the Executive Committee.

I convey my thanks to all of these former members of our Executive Committee for the close relationship which for many years they have had with our Society. I have asked our Vice-Presidents to submit proposals to fill the vacant seats so that we can renew our inter-action with the relevant countries.

The countries concerned by this announcement are the following: Colombia, Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Ireland, India, Malaysia, Nepal, Senegal, Singapore, Sri-Lanka, Thailand and Trinidad and Tobago.

2. VI th American Regional Congress, Querétaro, September 2004

I have prepared a summary of the Congress’ proceedings, in Spanish only. It can be e-mailed to you under request and will be shortly put online in our webpage.

3. Forthcoming congresses

VIII th European Regional Congress, Bologna, 20-23 September 2005

The final programme appears in the annex to this Bulletin.

The Web page of this Congress is: http://www.labourlawbologna.com/

The working languages will be English, French, German, Italian and Spanish, with simultaneous interpretation.

Online registration is already opened.

Registration fees are €250 for those who register before 10 June 2005 and € 300 for those who register after that date, including VAT in both cases. Accompanying persons pay € 130.
Undergraduates, newly graduated and newly postgraduate participants benefit from a reduced rate, i.e. € 200 for registrations until 10 June and € 250 for registrations after that date.

I address my warm thanks to Professor Carinci, who has accepted that bursaries of the ISLSSL be exempted from the payment of registration fees.

Below are the contacts of the Organizing Secretariat
Palazzo della Cultura e dei Congressi
Piazza Costituzione 4/a
40128 Bologna, Italia
tel. +39 051 276212
fax +39051271042
http://www.labourlawbologna.com
info@labourlawbologna.com

**VIII ° Asian Regional Congress, Taipei, 2005, 31 st October - 3 November 2005**


The programme appears in the annex to this Bulletin.

The Organizing Committee has prepared questionnaires on the three items, which are being circulated to our Asian Members.

Special sessions have been arranged for the presentation and discussion of invited papers. The deadline for submitting abstracts is 31 st December 2004. Notification of acceptance will be made no later than 28 February 2005. The deadline for submitting full papers is 31 st Jul, 2005.

The official languages of the congress are English and Chinese for plenary sessions and opening and closing ceremonies, and English only for workshops.

The congress venue is the Holiday Inn Asiaworld Hotel, Taipei.

Secretariat of the Congress:

Mr. Stephen Kang (Executive Secretary)
Ms. Ivy Kao (Special Assistant)
Association of Industrial Relations ROC
11F-1, No. 7, Sec. 1, Dunhua S. Rd.
105 Taipei
Taiwan, China
Tel: +886-2-2578-2881
Fax: +886-2-2577-5345
E-mail: airroc@ms3.hinet.net

**XVIII th World Congress, Paris 2006**

After consultations between the Organizing Committee and the Executive Committee, the Congress programme has been agreed upon, as following:
Tuesday, 5 September 2006

9 am to 6 pm  Registration
9 am to 1 pm  Executive Committee of ISLSSL (afternoon sitting if necessary)
10 am to 5 pm  Meetings for judges, practitioners and labour administration officials.
6 pm to 6.30 pm  Opening ceremony.
6.30 pm to 7.15 pm.  Keynote speech by a Guest Speaker (an invitation will be addressed to the ILO Director General)
7.30 pm to 8.30 pm  Welcome cocktail.

Wednesday 6 September to Friday, 8 September 2006.

Topic 1 :  Trade liberalization and labour law

General Reporter :  Lance Compa, US
Discussants :  Luis Lizama Portal, Chile
              Alain Supiot, France
              C. Kollonay Lehoczky, Hungary
              A discussant from Asia will be added at a later stage.

Workshop discussion on Topic 1.  Chairperson: Franco Carinci (Italy)

Topic 2 :  Labour law (in its individual and collective aspects and productive decentralization)

Co-reporters  Raffaele de Luca Tamajo and Adalberto Perulli, Italy
Discussants :  M. Mizumachi, Japan
              Eduardo Ameglio, Uruguay
              Manfred Weiss, Germany

Workshop discussion on Topic 2.  (Chairperson to be appointed at a later stage)

Round Table:  What future for statutory regulation in the field of labour law ?

Moderator :  Catherine Barnard, United Kingdom
Panellists :  Ron Mc Callum, Australia
             O. Hernández Alvarez, Venezuela
             Michael Lynk, Canada
             A panellist from France (still to be appointed).

Topic 3 :  Occupational risks: social protection and employers' liability

General reporters :  (a) Ann Numhauser-Henning, Sweden
                   (b) Aminata Cissé, Senegal
Discussant :  Steve Adler, Israel

Workshop discussion on Topic 3.  Chairperson to be designated at a later stage.
Summary of the Congress, by the Secretary General of ISLSSL

5 pm to 5.30 pm Closure of the Congress  
5.30 pm 6.30 pm General Assembly of ISLSSL

4. **International Seminar on Comparative Labour Law, Industrial Relations and Social Security, 4-15 July 2005, Bordeaux, France.**

Professor Auvergnon has confirmed that the next edition of this Seminar will be held from 4 to 15 July 2005. Its general topic will be: **The effectiveness of social law: under what conditions?**

5. **Financial Questions**

Our Treasurer informs that our Members from Argentina, Austria, Bolivia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Israel, Japan, Norway, Poland, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom have paid their contributions for 2004, and I convey my thanks to them.

Those who have not yet paid their dues for 2004 (and of course, also those who are still in arrears of their contribution for 2003) are kindly requested to rapidly forward their payment to our Treasurer, Professor Irene Asscher-Vonk.

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
  - Postbus 97701
  - 2509 GC Den Haag, the Netherlands
  - IBAN: NL48ABNA0586047409
  - Account No. 58.60.47.409
  - ISLLSS Treasurer Prof. Asscher-Vonk

Each Member paying his/her contribution is kindly asked to notify our Treasurer, Professor Asscher-Vonk, and provide her with the following information:

- (a) Name of the Member;
- (b) Year for which the contribution is paid;
- (c) 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.**

6. **News from our members**

Argentina

President: Jorge RODRÍGUEZ MANCINI
Vice-president: Oscar VALDOVINOS
Secretary: Ana Alejandra BARILARO
Deputy Secretary: Diego TOSCA
Treasurer: José RODRÍGUEZ PONTE
Dep. Treasurer: Juan Carlos MARIANI
Members: Oscar PIRRONI
Carlos Alberto ETALA
Carlos Luis MARIN
Alejandra LEIRO

Substitute Members: Gloria LLANA
Beatriz FONTANA

Auditors: Jorge GARCIA RAPP
Mario ACKERMAN
Enrique ROZENBERG

Australia

Joel Butler, who works as assistant to Professor Ron McCallum at Sydney University is the new Secretary of the Australian Labour Law Association. His e-address is: joelb@law.usyd.edu.au

Professor Forsyth is now working in a private law firm. His new e-address is: anthony.forsyth@corrs.com.au

I bring to your attention the webpage of the Centre for Employment and Labour Relations Law, Melbourne Law School, the University of Melbourne: http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/celrl/

Brazil

I congratulate our Brazilian member, the Institute Cesarino Junior, for the excellent quality of its new website: http://www.institutocesariojunior.org.br

Croatia

Following the resignation of Professor Ravnić, Professor Željko Potočnjak has been elected new President of our Croatian chapter. Professor Potočnjak teaches at the University of Zagreb and is a judge of the Constitutional Court. Professor Vera Vera Jelić from the Zagreb’s Faculty of Law has been elected to the office of Secretary General.

Ecuador

Our Ecuadorean chapter (President Professor Sabino Hernández) has organized an international round table on Labour Issues in Free Trade Agreements. The event took place in Guayaquil, on 11 November 2004, with the participation as panellists of Professors Emilio Morgado (Chile), Fernando Bolaños (Costa Rica). Leonardo Vicuña (Ecuador) and Adolfo Ciudad from the ILO. The moderator was Professor Acosta (Ecuador).

Mexico
Professor Patricia Kurczyn has edited the proceedings of the VI American Regional Congress. The publisher will be the Institute of Legal Research of the UNAM. She also informs that a Latin American Review of Labour Law will start to be published by this Institute as from 2005. The same Institute will organize an international congress of Labour Law in 2006.

South Africa

New e-mail of Professor Darcy du Toit: darcydutoit@telkomsa.net

All his other contacts remain unchanged.

United States

New e-address of Professor Alvin Goldman: algold00@email.uky.edu

7. International Industrial Relations Association (IIRA)

The IIRA is convening its 14th World Congress in Lima, Peru, from 11 to 14 September 2006.

Additional information is available through the IIRA webpage: http://www.ilo.org/public/english/iira/

8. Books received

Les normes internationales du travail: un patrimoine pour l’avenir. Mélanges en l’honneur de Nicolas Valticos, Jean-Claude Javillier and Bernard Gernigon editors, Georges Politakis coordinator. ILO, Geneva, 2004, 709 pp. Standards are the history of the ILO and rarely have ILO Officials been identified to such an extent with a specific field of ILO action as Nicolas Valticos was with the ILO standards-related activities. Valticos passed away on 21 November 2003. In the first anniversary of his death the International Labour Standards Department of the ILO decided to pay tribute to his memory with a collection of twenty eight essays (13 in English, 12 in French and 3 in Spanish) dedicated to the ILO standard-setting and standard-monitoring system and the effects of ILO standards on international and national law. Most of the contributors to this publication are serving and former ILO officials, including the International Training Center of Turin, some of them are members of the ILO Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations. All of them share the same views on the contribution that ILO standards have made to social peace and social progress in the XX th Century, and are convinced that international labour standards are more than ever needed in the XXI st century’s globalized society.

The publication can be downloaded from the ILO website: http://www.ilo.org/public/french/standards/norm/download/valticos.pdf

Kaufman, Bruce. The global evolution of Industrial Relations: Events, Ideas and the IIRA, Geneva, ILO, 2004, 722 pp. Essential reading for anyone concerned with the history and practice of industrial relations, this landmark volume chronicles its evolution into what we know today. This book focuses on the largely untold story of how the
globalization of industrial relations took hold and explores in depth the pivotal events, ideas and people behind it. It is doubtless an indispensable source of knowledge for anyone interested in the field of industrial relations, in the work of the ILO and in the activities of the IIRA.


* * * *

Kind regards
Arturo Bronstein
Secretary General
ANNEX

VIII th European Regional Congress,
Bologna, 20-23 September 2005

Website: http://www.labourlawbologna.com

Detailed programme

20 September

9.30 – 12.30     Executive Committee Meeting
16.00            Registration of participants
17.00            Poster Sessions / Study Group Meetings
18.00            Opening ceremony
President of ISLSSL: Clyde Summers
President of AIDLASS: Renato Scognamiglio
President of the Scientific and Organizing Committee: Franco Carinci
Rettore of Bologna University: Pier Ugo Calzolari
19.00 Welcome Cocktail

21 September

9.00            Authorities
9.30 – 13.00    Plenary Session

Topic 1 - Family Allowances

Chairperson:    Mattia Persiani (Italy)
Co-reporters :  Isabelle Daugareilh and Jean-Pierre Laborde (France)
Discussants :   Ronnie Eklund (Sweden), Joszef Hajdu (Hungary)

15.00 – 18.30 Round Table

New boundaries of employees’ information and consultation rights

Moderator :     Roger Blanpain (Belgium)
Panellists :    Paul Davies (United Kingdom), Manfred Löwisch (Germany),
                Antonio Monteiro Fernandes (Portugal), László Nagy (Hungary)

22 September

9.00 – 13.00    Plenary session

Topic 2- Processes of social law making and implementation within the European Union

Chairperson:    Miguel Rodríguez-Piñero Bravo-Ferrer (Spain)
Reporter:       Willy van Eeckhoutte (Belgium)
Discussants :  Giancarlo Perone (Italy), Ulrich Runggaldier (Austria)
15:00 – 18:30 Round Table

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

Moderator: Manfred Weiss (Germany)
Panellists: Tomas Davulis (Lithuania), Petr Hurka (Czech Republic), Polonca Koncar (Slovenia), Michal Sewerinsky (Poland)

**23 September**

9.00 - 13:00 Plenary Session

**Topic 3 - Transfer of Enterprises: a Delicate Compromise between Individual Protection, Labour Market and Economic Development**

(a) Transfer of enterprises and employment contracts

(b) Transfer of enterprises and collective rights

Chairperson: Jean-Maurice Verdier (France)
Reporter: Giuseppe Santoro Passarelli (Italy)
Discussants: Ioannis Koukiadis (Greece), Alan Neal (United Kingdom)

15.00-16.30: Workshops

**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**

Chairperson: María Emilia Casas Baamonde (Spain)
Panellists: Rolf Birk (Germany), Stein Evju (Norway), Bob Hepple (United Kingdom), Antoine Mazeaud (France), Willemijn Rozendaal (The Netherlands)

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

Chairperson: Alvin Goldman (USA)
Panellists: John Kagel (USA), Ron McCallum (Australia), Moti Mironi (Israel), Antonio Ojeda Aviles (Spain), Pekka Orasmaa (Finland), Arnold Zack (USA)

16.30-17.00: Coffee break

**17.00 – 17.30: Summary of the Congress:** Arturo Bronstein, Secretary General ISLSSSL
VIII ° Asian Regional Congress  
Taipei, 2005, 31st October - 3 November 2005  
Website: http://www.airroc.org.tw/ISLSSL2005/

Monday, October 31 October  
Registration

Tuesday, November 1

09:00 - 10:30  Executive Committee meeting
11:00 - 12:30  Opening Ceremony
14:00 - 15:30  Theme I Plenary Session  
The participation of Women in the Labour Market -- Toward the Goal of Gender Equality in Employment in the 21st Century  
Reporter: Cing-Kae Chiao, Taiwan

16:00 - 17:30  Workshops on theme I  
Workshop 1: Gender Discrimination  
Workshop 2: Balance between family and working lives
19:00 -  
Reception

Wednesday, 2 November

09:00 - 10:30  Theme II Plenary Session  
The Impetus for Economic Restructuring and the Protection of Workers' Rights)  
Reporter: Sean Cooney, Australia

11:00 - 12:30  Theme II Workshops  
Workshop 3: Role of Law  
Workshop 4: The Right to Organize

14:00 - 15:30  Theme III Plenary Session  
The Asian Experiences on the Old-Age Security or Pension System)  
Reporter: Hideyuki Morito, Japan

16:00 - 17:30  Theme III Workshops  
Workshop 5: Employer and Government’s responsibilities  
Workshop 6: Welfare services and welfare benefits

Thursday, 3 November

09:00 - 10:30  Special Session 1 and 2
11:00 - 12:30  Special Session 3 and 4
14:00 - 16:00  Round Table: The impact of globalization on work patterns and labour relations
16:30 - 17:00  Closing Ceremony
19:00 -  
Congress Dinner

* * * * * * *