Dear colleagues and friends,

It is a pleasure to share with you the latest news on the activities of the International Society.

Message from the President

Dear colleagues and friends,

It's been almost two years since the World Congress in Cape Town and the next one scheduled from 4-7 September 2018 in Turin (Italy) is approaching.

The intensive research activities and conferences carried out in recent months, as reported in the latest Bulletins, confirm the vitality of our Society.

Among the main activities, I would like to stress once again the importance of the seven research groups on issues of transnational interest as decided in Cape Town. The progress of the work of these groups has been discussed by the coordinators, both in bilateral and larger meetings on the campus of the ITCILO in Turin on February 3, 2017.

Some of the results of the research work in progress of these groups have been presented at various conferences and seminars of our Society, with a view to facilitating an exchange of views and to having a common debate.
I encourage the coordinators of the seven groups to present the progress of their respective research at the next European Regional Congress in Prague scheduled on 20-22 September 2017.

Among various activities, a very intense comparative debate took place at the Seminar held in Tokyo on 27-29 March 2017, organized by the Japan Institute of Labour. I would personally like to thank the organizers, especially President Sugeno and Prof. Araki, for having provided to the participants from Asian countries and outside Asia an opportunity to learn about the different degrees of development in the areas of labour law, social security and industrial relations.

In addition to the above, I have contributed with inputs to the Seminar “Isla Margarita” which exceptionally took place in Cordoba (Argentina) on 7-15 May 2017 on “Decent work, precarious work and vulnerable sectors” and to the 4th International Seminar on “Global Trade and Labour Rights” held in Venice (Italy) on 18-24 June 2017. I have also submitted a paper on various types of non-standard employment relations for the forthcoming conference to be held in Sao Paulo (Brazil), 29-30 September 2017 where I will meet colleagues of the Brazilian national association.

Lastly, let me emphasize the numerous activities of the Young Scholars Section to which I attach great importance for the future of our Society. The Young Scholar Section met on the occasion of the International Seminar in Venice last June; a special meeting was held in Santiago (Chile) on 27-28 April 2017; and more recently, on 5-7 July 2017, a conference was organised in Gdansk (Poland), where one of the research topics of the Society, “Organization, productivity and well-being at work” was the key theme.

We also expect important contributions from the Young Scholar Section to the next European Regional Conference in Prague.

All these activities represent a solid ground for the preparation of the next ISLSSL World Congress to be held in Turin on 4-7 September 2018 during which the results of the seven international research groups will be presented and discussed.

I thank the national Associations and their members for their active contributions to the success of our Society’s initiatives.

Best wishes and happy summer break.

Prof. Tiziano Treu
Seminar on Comparative Labour Policy (Tokyo, Japan)

The international JILPT Labour Policy Seminar took place in Tokyo on 27-29 March 2017. The theme was: “Identifying Major Labour Policy Issues in Contemporary World of Labour — Commonalities and Differences Crossing Regions and Nations”. The following topics were discussed: 1) The changing features of industrial sectors, business organizations and business activities; 2) The changing features of work relations, work organizations and working styles; 3) Their background factors; such as progressing globalization, new waves of IT, AI, IoT and the demographic changes; 4) Major issues of labour policies arising therefrom; such as tackling with enlarging social inequality, redefining the demarcation of labour law, reforming the labour market, reconstructing the worker representation system and controlling migrant workers.

Graduate Seminar on International and Comparative Law “Isla de Margarita” (Cordoba, Argentina)

A new edition of the Graduate Seminar on International and Comparative Law usually held at Isla Margarita (Venezuela) took place exceptionally in Cordoba (Argentina) on May 7-15, 2017 in Villa Carlos Paz. As in the past editions, a number of scholarships have been granted to young scholars for participating in the Seminar. The Seminar saw a very good participation of representatives from Latin-American countries with a very good discussion on the main theme: “Decent work vs. precarious and vulnerable sectors”.

4th Seminar on International and Comparative Labour Law (Venice, Italy)

For the fourth consecutive year, the ISLSSL Seminar on International and Comparative Labour Law took place in Venice, where Ca’ Foscarì University has made available two magnificent rooms such as the Aula Baratto, directly exposed on Canal Grande, and the Aula Magna Silvio Trentin, an example of 16th Century Venetian architecture.

Under the scientific coordination of Prof. Adalberto Perulli, the Seminar, entitled ‘Global Trade and Labour Rights’, was held on 18-24 June 2017 with the participation of 24 PhD candidates and researchers in representation of Italy, South Africa, Germany, UK, Hungary, Brazil and Japan.

The Seminar was opened by the ISLSSL Secretary-General, Prof. Giuseppe Casale, and Prof. Adalberto Perulli. Several distinguished Professors presented the various topics and
participated in the lively debate. Among others, Prof. Jeffrey Kenner (University of Nottingham), Prof. Janice Bellace (University of Pennsylvania), Prof. Manfred Weiss (University of Frankfurt) and Prof. Michele Boldrin (University of Washington) presented and discussed the theme “Global Trade after Brexit and new US protectionism”. In the following sessions, lectures were delivered by Dr. Christian Viegelahn (ILO, Geneva), Prof. Michele Faioli (University of Tor Vergata), Prof. Giancarlo Corò (Ca’ Foscari University), Dr. Valentina Cagnin (Ca’ Foscari University), Prof. Maria Teresa Carinci (University of Milan), Prof. Fabrizio Marrella (Ca’ Foscari University), Prof. Sheldon Leader (University of Essex), Dr. Karl Pfeffer (ITCilo, Turin), Prof. Vania Brino (Ca’ Foscari University), Prof. Barbara Kresal (University of Ljubljana). During the Seminar, one full day was dedicated to the presentations of papers by 23 young scholars in the session chaired by Prof. Bellomo (University of Perugia). President, Tiziano Treu took part in the discussion.

At the end of the Seminar, Prof. Perulli highlighted some of the mayor topics discussed. Brexit will probably not lead to a social and environmental decay, since the current government is not going to deny the progresses of the EU acquis in the field of labour law.

Social clause, which has been accused several times of being a kind of disguised neo-protectionism, could revive too, not only within the negotiation of the EU-UK trade-agreements, but also (and quite surprisingly, though) in the US trade policy, in order to protect those jobs that the current US administration considers as threatened by globalization.

Moreover, the trade agreements’ crisis could turn into a new drive for a network of bilateral agreements, which China is already implementing by assuming for the first-time commitments, even if limited, in the field of social and environmental rights.

In such a context, a new role can be played by international financial institutions (World Bank, IMF) and by international organizations such as the ILO and OECD. In this regard, a new and more social-oriented globalization could emerge against a creeping and populism-led “deglobalization”.

Thanks to the continuous support by the Ca’ Foscari University and the presence of illustrious professors, coupled with the beauty of the location, this Seminar marks a very important moment of debate among international young scholars and researchers on themes such as global trade, labour law and social rights.
Meeting of the ISLSSL Research Groups’ Coordinators (Turin, Italy)

The coordinators of the seven international Research Groups met on 3 February 2017 on the campus of the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization in Turin to discuss and organise the activities related to the research groups in view of the forthcoming events organised by the Society, and in particular for the next World Congress to be held in Turin on 4-7 September 2018.

African Labour Law Society (ALLS)

Following the formation of the African Chapter of the ISLSSL in 2016, an African Labour Law conference with wider participation coming from different African countries will take place at Sun City (South Africa) on 7 September 2017. The program is available in Annex III.

Upcoming ISLSSL Congresses

a. XII European Regional Congress (Prague 2017)

The XII European Regional Congress will take place in Prague (Czech Republic) on 20-22 September 2017. We urge to register as soon as possible if you have not done it yet. For more detailed information please visit the official website at https://www.ercprague2017.cz/. The programme of the European Regional Congress is in Annex I. Please note that the Executive Committee meeting will take place in the morning of 20 September from 9:00 to 13:00 at the Charles University, Carolinum - Patriotic Hall, Ovocný trh 5, 11636 Praha 1.

b. XXII World Congress of Labour and Social Security Law (Turin 2018)

The XXII World Congress of Labour and Social Security Law will take place in Italy on 4-7 September 2018 in the City of Turin (See Annex II).

In light of the preparation of the above-mentioned events, and more specifically for the World Congress, President Tiziano Treu, Secretary General Giuseppe Casale and a group of academics in strict collaboration with the national associations of the International Society have created seven international research groups open to everyone who would like...
to take part in them. These international research groups are coordinated by a group of selected scholars. The following are the coordinators of the seven international research groups:

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ISLSSL Young Legal Scholars Section

Activities carried out in the first half of 2017

As announced in Bulletin No. 145, the Meeting of Latin American ISLSSL Section, Encuentro Latinoamericano de Jóvenes Juristas took place in Santiago de Chile on 27-28 April. The main theme discussed was: “Los conflictos laborales, sus formas de solución y su incidencia en la eficacia de los derechos laborales”. Around 100 representatives coming from ten different countries (Chile, Argentina, Perú, Uruguay, México, Colombia, República Dominicana, Venezuela, Brasil and Spain) attended the Meeting, during which were organized two plenary sessions, four specific panels and a round table discussion. The meeting convened by the American Sub-Section of Young Legal Scholars Section took place at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile and at the ILO Office in Santiago. The academic quality of the speakers was very high. The enthusiasm was such that it was decided to hold the next meeting in Uruguay in 2018.

During the 4th edition of the Seminar on international and comparative labour law in Venice (18-24 June 2017), on Friday, 23 June 2017, 23 papers were presented by Young Scholars coming from Brazil, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, South Africa, United Kingdom. The organizers, together with the ISLSSL Board will make a selection of the papers presented during the 2016 and 2017 editions of the Venice Seminar with the objective of preparing a volume to be presented at the World Congress in Turin in September 2018.

In Gdańsk (Poland), the Meeting of the European Labour Law Young Scholars Group ELLYS took place on 5-7 July 2017. This meeting was promoted by Uniwersytet Gdański on the following themes: “Organization, Productivity and Well-Being at Work”. The Meeting saw the participation of 28 Young Scholars coming from ten different countries (Austria, Czech Republic, France, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania and Spain).

Next Activities

The Young Scholars Section will meet in Prague on 20 September 2017, during the ISLSSL XII European Regional Congress, organized by the Czech Society for Labour Law and Social Security Law. The theme of the Young Scholars’ session will be: “Organization, Productivity and Well-Being at Work. National Reports on Changes in Labour and Social Security Law from 2014 to 2017”. In view of this Session we invite Young Scholars to submit their papers’ proposal to stefanobellomo@mmba.it. All the National Associations
are invited to appoint their representatives who will present their papers/reports during that session.

**ISLSSL website**

Once again, we would like to express our thanks to Lancaster House for generously hosting our new website, created in 2013, free of charge. This has allowed us to provide a sphere for the dissemination of documentation related to our institutions, our activities, projects and proposals, member news, the activity of our young scholars, and scientific publications. Along with our congresses and activities, our website is another meeting place for our members and their affiliates.

Giuseppe Casale  
Secretary-General

Tiziano Treu  
President
ANNEX I

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

ISLSSL XII European Regional Congress
Prague, 20 – 22 September 2017

Czech Society for Labour Law and Social Security Law
with cooperation ESTEC, s.r.o

under the auspices
of the President of the Senate of the Czech Parliament, Mr. Milan Štěch
and
Charles University Rector Prof. MD. Tomáš Zima, DrSc., MBA,
at (venues) Charles University (Carolinum) and at the Faculty of Law

Agenda

Wednesday, 20 September 2017
ISLSSL Executive Committee Meeting
09:00 – 13:00 (Charles University, Carolinum - Patriotic Hall)

Young Scholars’ Section - Theme: Organization, productivity and well-being at work (Collegium Maximum)
Co-ordinators: José Maria Miranda (Spain)
Stefano Bellomo (Italy)
Participants - discussants:
Jakub Tomšej (Czech Rep.)
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Opening Ceremony (Grand Hall of the Carolinum)
Welcome Cocktail (Gothic ground floor of the Carolinum)

Thursday, 21 September 2017

Plenary session - Theme 1: Migrant Workers (Collegium Maximum)
Chair Kubra Dogan Yenisey (Turkey)
Keynote Speaker Yves Jorens (Belgium)
Discussants Polonca Koncar (Slovenia)
Catherine Barnard (UK)

Plenary session - Theme 2: European Works Council (Collegium Maximum)
Chair Manfred Weiss (Germany)
Keynote Speaker Dagmara Skupień (Poland)
Discussants Frederic Turlan (France)
Romuald Jagodziński (ETUI)

Session 1 (Theme 1 workshop: Social integration of immigrants (Collegium Maximum)
Chair/Speaker Kristina Koldinská (Czech Rep.)
Panellists Jean-Philippe Lhernould (France)
Maximilian Fuchs (Germany)
Eberhard Eichenhofer (Germany)

Session 2: Sport and Labour Law (Room n. 300 – only in English)
Chair /Speaker Frank Hendrickx (Belgium)
Panellists Stefano Bellomo (Italy)
Costas Papadimitriou (Greece)
Lubomír Ptáček (Czech Republic)

Session 3: Work – life balance (Collegium Maximum)
Chair/Speaker Věra Štangová (Czech Rep.)
Panellists Martine Le Friat (France)
Susanne Burri (Netherlands)
Vie personnelle - vie professionnelle : quel(s) équilibre(s) en droit français du travail?
Krassimira Sredkova (Bulgaria)

Session 4: Social Dialogue in Europe: recent trends and practices (Room n. 120 - only in English)

Chair/Speaker Angelika Muller (Belarus/ILO)
Panellists Martin Štefko (Czech Republic)
Marek PLISYKIEWICZ (Poland)
Vit Samek (Czech Republic)

Gala Dinner – French restaurant Art Nouveau (Municipal House)

Friday, 22 September 2017

Plenary Session Theme 3: New forms of Social Security (Collegium Maximum)

Chair Jean-Pierre Laborde (France)

Keynote Speaker Franz Marhold (Austria)
Discussants Roman Lang (Czech Rep.)
Jozsef Hajdú (Hungary)
Ulrich Becker (Germany)

Plenary Theme 4: The role of the State in industrial relations (Collegium Maximum)

Chair Stein Evju (Norway)

Keynote Speaker Jesus Cruz Villalon (Spain)
Discussants Petr Hůrka (Czech Republic)
Grega Strban (Slovenia)

“Obligations states impose to employers for providing income security to workers”
Tiziano Treu (Italy)
Session 5: Temporary Agency Work (Collegium Maximum)
Chair/Speaker     Ronnie Eklund (Sweden)
Panellists        Mijke S. HOUWERZIJL (Netherlands)
                  Maria Do Rosario PALMA-RAMALHO (Portugal)
                  Jaroslav Stránský (Czech Republic)

Session 6: Recent labour law reforms in Europe (Room n. 300 – only in English)
Chair/Speaker     Giuseppe Casale (Italy/ITCIL0)
                  “Balancing regulations to promote jobs”
Panellists        Antoine Lyon-Caen (France)
                  Magdalena NOGUEIRA GUASTAVINO (Spain)
                  “Crisis and labor reforms in Spain: a change of paradigm?” (“Crisis y reformas laborales en España: ¿un cambio de paradigma?)
                  Adalberto Perulli (Italy)
                  “Le "Jobs Act" italien: un nouveau paradigme pour le droit du travaille
Programme

**Tuesday, 4 September 2018**
9:00 – 13:00 Registration of participants  
14:00 – 18:00 Registration of participants  
14:00 – 17:00 Young Scholars’ Section Meeting  
14:00 – 17:00 Executive Committee Meeting  
17:00- 18:30 Opening Ceremony  
18:30 – 20:00 Welcome cocktail

**Wednesday, 5 September 2018**
9:00 – 10:30 Plenary Session  
Chair: tbc  
Presentation of the Global Report on *New Forms of Social Security* by Prof. Franz Marhold and Prof. Mukul Asher  
Discussion  
10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break  
11:00 – 12:30 Plenary Session  
Chair: tbc  
Presentation of the Global Report on *Informal Workers* by Prof. Jonathan P. Sale and Prof. Humberto Villasmil  
Discussion  
12:30 – 14:00 Lunch  
14:00 – 17:30 Parallel sessions  
15:30- 16:00 Coffee Break
Thursday, 6 September 2018
9:00 – 10:30 Plenary Session
Chair: tbc
Presentation of the Global Report on **Global Trade and Labour** by Prof. Janice Bellace and Prof. Adalberto Perulli
Discussion
10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30 Plenary Session
Chair: tbc
Presentation of the Global Report on **Transnational Collective Agreements** by Prof. Fausta Guarriello and Prof. Ericson Crivelli
Discussion
12:30 – 14:00 Lunch
14:00 – 17:30 Parallel sessions
15:30- 16:00 Coffee Break
20:00 Gala Dinner

Friday, 7 September 2018
9:00 – 10:30 Plenary Session
Chair: tbc
Presentation of the Global Report on **Migrant Workers** by Prof. Kubra Dogan Yenisey and Prof. tbc
Discussion
10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30 Plenary Session
Chair: tbc
Presentation of the Global Report on **The Role of the State and Industrial Relations** by Prof. Jesus Curz Villalon and Prof. Maria Katia Garcia Landaburu
Discussion
12:30 – 14:00 Lunch
14:00 – 15:30 Plenary session
Chair: tbc
Presentation of the Global Report on **Organization, Productivity and Well-Being at Work** by Prof. Sylvaine Laulom and Prof. Takashi Araki
Discussion
15:30- 16:00 Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:00 General Assembly of the ISLSSL
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## African Labour Law Society Conference

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### ANNEX III

**African perspectives on labour law: theory and practice**

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