

## Editorial

The world congress of the International Society for Labour Law and Social Security, which took place in Jerusalem last September, was rich in high quality contributions. As in the past, it presented an excellent opportunity to explore key aspects of social policy and social regulation. And once again, it demonstrated the importance of collaboration and exchange between scholars and members of the international labour law community. Future issues of the *IJCLLIR* will provide substantial coverage of the world congress, by including the final version of Clyde Summers' general report on the future of the employment contract as well as Alan Neal's general report on labour relations in the public sector.

In this issue, we publish Guy Mundlak's contribution to the Jerusalem congress, which discusses the interaction between civil law and labour law, mainly but not exclusively, in light of the Israeli system. We also publish a number of articles on quite distinct subjects. In the field of employment law, Marc Schneider investigates the grey area of the employment/self-employment spectrum, comparing recent legislative developments which occurred in Germany and France. As well, Maria Belén Cardona Rubert presents the Spanish case on the issue of workers' privacy.

In the area of international labour law, we offer a contribution by Roger Blanpain, who strongly recommends a revision of the ILO Convention on holiday with pay. This issue also features two articles in the area of labour relations law. In the first article, Kenneth Miller discusses the British, Canadian and US union security agreement models. In so doing, he analyses provisions of the UK *Employment Relations Act (ERA) 1999*, which Gillian Morris will discuss in greater depth in an article that will appear in the next *IJCLLIR* issue. In the second article, Reinhold Fahlbeck brilliantly covers a new piece of legislation, which represents a significant innovation in the context of the Swedish labour relations system, particularly in the area of mediation and arbitration.

As my second year as Managing Editor of the *IJCLLIR* is nearing completion, I am pleased to inform readers that our Publisher has kindly agreed to increase the Journal's annual page allocation by 25%. On behalf of the editorial board, I wish to thank our subscribers for making this change possible and to express our gratitude to the Publisher for its constant support and confidence.

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