

## EDITORIAL FOREWORD

This first issue of Volume 5 contains three articles dealing with the important and highly topical question of "new forms of work".

The contributions come from three continents, beginning with a European perspective, drawn by Annie Boudier, in which the active use of such new work forms in the employment policies of Member States of the European Economic Community is viewed in a comparative framework. This is followed by a detailed account by Paul Osterman of experience in the United States, after which a Japanese overview is provided by Iwamura Masakiko.

All of the articles contained in this issue have been adapted from papers delivered to an international colloquium, held in Paris on 3rd and 4th November 1988, under the auspices of the Research and Statistical Section of the French Ministry of Labour. The colloquium constituted the second gathering of comparative labour lawyers and industrial relations specialists organised within the framework of collaboration between the group of specialist international journals to which the *International Journal* belongs, and was promoted by our French partner *Travail et emploi*. This programme of co-operation between the major journals active in the field of comparative labour law and industrial relations is set to continue, with the next gathering due to take place in Madrid, Spain, early in November 1989.

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