

Editors' Foreword

We begin this 9th Volume of the *International Journal* with a rich variety of materials, ranging from consideration of the problems facing organised labour movements in the "new world" of industrial relations and labour law regulation, through important coverage of progress towards completion of the Single European Market and its associated "social dimension", to presentation of the situation relating to equality in employment and occupation at the international level.

In the ARTICLES section, the contributions by Alfred Pankert and Ulrich Zachert take sharply differing approaches to addressing the key issue of "the future of trade unions", and combine, between them, to offer some sobering thoughts on the prospects in store for organised labour movements within Europe and elsewhere in the World. Of particular interest is the range of perspectives adopted by the various trade union confederation contributors to Alfred Pankert's study, the results of which were first presented in the context of "Theme 2 — Trade Unionism in the Future", at the 9th World Congress of the International Industrial Relations Association, in Sydney, Australia (September 1992).

This issue's DOCUMENTATION section concentrates upon two areas of continuing significance for European labour markets — the implementation of social provisions within the framework of the EC single internal market, and the problems of migration and free movement of workers into and within the expanding territories of the EC Member States. One of the most important instruments in the former context is the recent so-called "Pregnancy Directive" (92/85/EEC), which is reproduced in full in this issue. Within the framework of labour mobility and immigration issues, the text of the original 1985 Schengen Agreement, along with the most recent available draft of a Convention between the EC Member States on the crossing of their external frontiers, complement the set of articles on this subject which were published in Volume 8 of the *International Journal*.

Finally, in this issue's SELECTED CASE LAW, Lammy Betten looks in detail at the ILO-level initiatives and monitoring activities in the field of equality, and presents a wide diversity of material drawn primarily from ILO sources over recent years.

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