

Editors' Foreword

This first issue of 1994 marks the beginning of the *International Journal's* tenth anniversary year.

Since its inception, the *International Journal* has sought to present material across the range of Labour Law, Industrial Relations, and Social Law, and it is with the latter area, as it affects the field of Social Security, that Volume 10 begins its ARTICLES section.

Juan Antonio Sagardoy Bengoechea's analysis of the role of social security in the fight against unemployment was first presented to the 4th European Regional Congress for Labour Law and Social Security, in September 1994. This is followed by Mies Westerveld's comparative study of three countries — Germany, the United Kingdom and The Netherlands — in relation to their development of social security pension schemes during the last one hundred years. After these two related presentations, John T. Campling's assessment of future prospects in the context of international economic re-structuring is presented on a much broader canvas, taking the Australian case as its point of reference.

The focus of this issue's DOCUMENTATION AND COMMENT section is firmly upon the development of social policy for the European Union. In addition to a review by Jeff Kenner of the recent "Green Paper" *European Social Policy: Options for the Union*, there is also presented the schedule of questions raised by the Commission of the European Communities in the course of that "Green Paper".

The DOCUMENTATION AND COMMENT section also includes the text of the Council Directive on working time, eventually adopted at the end of November 1993, together with two important Opinions from the Economic and Social Committee.

Finally, the DIARY section contains reminders of some of the most important international events scheduled to take place during the next two years.

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