

## Editors' Foreword

In this Autumn issue of *The International Journal* we continue our consideration of developments in labour law and industrial relations at supra-national level, with particular emphasis upon the International Labour Organisation and the Council of Europe.

Thus, while adopting a point of departure firmly rooted in Australian developments, Breen Creighton's contribution to the ARTICLES section offers a thoroughgoing consideration of — and, in parts, fairly vigorous critique of — various aspects of ILO activity and procedures.

Concern with the "legislative" standard-setting work of the ILO continues in the DOCUMENTATION AND COMMENT section, with the fruits of the 1995 Session of the International Labour Conference. Here, the instruments presented include the new Convention and Recommendation concerning safety and health in mines, together with the proposed Protocol to the 1947 Labour Inspection Convention.

The confusing nomenclature of various instruments masquerading under the title of "social charter" is addressed in the course of presenting recent efforts to improve the standing of the Council of Europe's European Social Charter. Along with the draft text of the Revised European Social Charter itself, this section of the *International Journal* also introduces the new procedure providing for a system of collective complaints, in the form of an Additional Protocol to the existing European Social Charter.

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