

## **Editorial**

The second issue of this year contains an interesting mixture of articles dealing with events in Australia and Europe.

Professor Coulthard of Bond University, Melbourne examines the changes in Australia's model of resolving industrial disputes and regulating employment terms and conditions.

Marlene Schmidt of the Goethe University in Frankfurt is the second contributor to our young academics series, the aim of which is to facilitate first publications at an international level by beginning academics. The author discusses the EC Parental Leave Directive.

Professor Antonio Ojeda-Avilés of the University of Sevilla comments on EC Directive 96/71 on the posting of workers.

In the Documentation Section, Pascale Lorber of the University of Leicester examines the meaning of the judgements of the courts of Nanterre and Versailles on the closure of Renault in Vilvoorde (Belgium) which was decided by the French management without consulting its European Works Council. These are important decisions which may have set the tune for the future of the European Works Councils.

The Renault case note also signals a new development for this Journal. From 1998 onwards, a case law section will be added to the Documentation Section. On a regular basis, contributors will report on developments in case law or on landmark cases in the context of international organisations, such as the European Community, the Council of Europe and the International Labour Organisation. National landmark cases and judgements of tribunals in the framework of other organisations can also be reported.

This gives the reader an opportunity to keep in touch with the latest developments in international case law which are otherwise hard to find. The Renault case can be seen as a forerunner of what will be a regular feature from next year onwards.

The Section further contains a number of important EC documents as well as part of the annual report of the ILO Director-General to the 1997 International Labour Conference in Geneva.

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