

**International Association of Labour Law Journals (IALLJ)
Business Meeting – Bologna – 16 November 2016
Minutes**

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1. Welcome and introductory words of the President

The President welcomes the participants and expresses his thanks to Guido Balandi, his team and publisher Il Mulino for hosting the meeting and organizing the dinner.

The attendees appreciate the fact that the IALLJ business meeting went hand in hand with a scientific seminar, for which many additional thanks go to Silvia Borelli and her team.

The President speaks words of regret about the passing away of Roger Blanpain on 11 October 2016 and evokes memories and moments of reflection. The participants share their thoughts about this great loss.

2. Approval of minutes of last meeting at Leuven (24 June 2015)

The minutes have been sent to the IALLJ members before, following the Leuven meeting in June 2015. Only a very limited number of comments were submitted before the final draft. The minutes will be published on the IALLJ website. The participants agree that, taking into account the frequency (annually) of the IALLJ meetings, draft minutes should be sent over e-mail as soon as possible after each meeting. Members can then make their comments to allow smoothly a draft final version.

3. Update of Journals' information and website

The President asks all members to carefully monitor that the information regarding their respective journal remains up to date. Please report updates to the President or to Lancaster House directly.

The President expresses his gratitude to Lancaster House for the professional work taken care of for the IALLJ website.

4. Follow up Bulletin of Comparative Labour Relations

The meeting agrees that Frank Hendrickx, who is involved in the editorial work of the Bulletin of Comparative Labour Relations since a couple of years, will continue to represent this journal as a member of the IALLJ (next to him representing the European Labour Law Journal).

5. New applications for membership

- a. **Agreed procedure:** year 1 (first discussion on the basis of written applications) and year 2 (decision during a meeting whereby the applicant-Journal is invited to present its case).

Explanation:

Based on experiences and decisions made during the IALLJ meeting of last year (Leuven, June 2015), the IALLJ members have decided, following a due process concern and bearing in mind an openness for all relevant labour law journals, to deal with new applications for membership with the IALLJ in two separate rounds.

Applications are made to the President of the IALLJ before 31 December of the year preceding the year of the next IALLJ meeting.

Year 1 (first round) : During the first following IALLJ meeting, a first orienting discussion will be held on admissibility, scope, quality, content, methodology (such as peer review) of the applicant journal.

The IALLJ meeting may ask one or two referees to give an opinion about the applicant journal taking into account the criteria mentioned above. If any additional information is needed in the meantime, the file can be completed during this round.

Year 2 (second round): During the following IALLJ meeting, to be held in the subsequent year, the IALLJ will invite the applicant-Journal's editor, in order to make a final decision after due consideration, unless the first round has caused a need for longer consideration or investigation. The decision during the second meeting may nevertheless entail a decision of deferral for a period then to be decided.

This information will be put on the IALLJ website.

b. New application 2016: Diritto delle relazioni industriali

This journal (published by Giuffrè) applied for membership with a letter from prof. Tiziano Treu. The editorial board is composed of Tiziano Treu, Mariella Magnani and Michele Tiraboschi (*managing editor*). The Journal covers, in equal proportion, collective and individual employment law and policy, with a focus on industrial relations' institutions and regulation processes at a national, international and comparative level. Its contents are divided into two parts: doctrinal articles and observatories. The Journal was founded in 1991 and is classified as an A-Journal in the official Italian journal-ranking. It uses peer review on the basis of double-blind review.

The attending IALLJ-members noted that the journal's main scope is labour law and falls within the ambit of the IALLJ. The first round discussion ended with no particular obstacles and the meeting assigned two members to make an opinion to the President and to invite the applicant journal's editor to the next IALLJ meeting for hearing and final decision-making during that meeting. We will ask prof. Guido Balandi to organize this.

6. Marco Biagi Award: 2016 and 2017

a. Result and feedback round 2016

As already communicated by e-mail, the assessment committee appointed as 2016 Marco Biagi Award winner: Dr. Mimi Zou (Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong) with her paper entitled:

“Towards Exit and Voice: Redesigning Temporary Migrant Workers’s Programmes”.

The committee and the IALLJ congratulate Dr. Zou with the Award. The assessment committee was composed of the following members: Alan Neal (University of Warwick), Frank Hendrickx (University of Leuven), Jesús Cruz Villalón (University of Sevilla), György Kiss, (University of Pécs).

Frank Hendrickx reports about the activities and gives feedback about the overall assessment of the award winning paper. A total of 14 papers were received and the committee emphasized that it received many excellent papers, making the decision not easy.

The Award winner, Mimi Zou, presented her paper at the end of the IALLJ seminar held earlier during the afternoon, in the presence of professor Marina Biagi.

b. Call for round 2017

The call for papers will go out as soon as possible. IALLJ-members are invited to distribute the call. The call will also be communicated through the LLRN website.

The deadline for submissions for the Marco Biagi Award 2017 is 31 March 2017.

The assessment committee will be: Alan Neal (University of Warwick), Frank Hendrickx (University of Leuven), György Kiss, (University of Pécs). Committee member Jesús Cruz Villalón (University of Sevilla) volunteered to be replaced by Joaquin Aparicio (Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha, Spain).

7. Yearbook of Comparative Labour Law Scholarship, publication years 2014 + 2015

The President reports about the progress on this project. The President received the 2014 and 2015 selections of almost all participating journals. These will fit two Yearbooks covering the 2014 and 2015 articles respectively. The Leuven Institute for Labour Law’s secretariat is currently editing these volumes. The idea is to work towards a print-on-demand publication by the Leuven Institute for Labour Law (with recognized ISBN). This is a non-profit model, but the volumes will nevertheless be provided rather soon, with an introductory overview/discussion of the Yearbook articles and will be finalized as professionally as possible. Frank Hendrickx will cooperate with Alan Neal and Antonio Baylos to finish the volumes in the short term (that would be January 2017 for the 2014 volume).

8. Next meeting IALLJ (2017)

It is reminded that the IALLJ should meet as much as possible in light of an international/comparative academic labour law conference. Due to the fact that

regional variety needs to be taken into account, it is highly preferred to hold the meeting in Toronto 2017, at the occasion of the LLRN conference at Toronto, 25-27 June 2017.

A mailing will be organized to ask tentatively who will be able to attend. If it turns out that attendance will be too low, the Prague conference (European Regional Conference of the ISLLSSL, September 2017) will be taken as an alternative meeting venue.

9. Miscellanea

The European Labour Law Journal will be published by Sage (instead of Intersentia) as from 1 January 2017.