

Previously the International Industrial Relations Association

Message from Ilera Secretary

Dear Colleagues,

Our Association has had a fairly active programme since I last communicated with you. In the past 4 months, we have had our two regional Congresses which were scheduled for this year. The first was the 9th European Regional Congress, held in Copenhagen, Denmark during 28 June – 1 July. All of us who were able to attend this congress would confirm that it was a huge success. Then, last month, during 20-23 September, the 7th Asian Regional Congress took place in Bali, Indonesia. It was equally a successful event, judging not only by the extensive number of themes that were focussed, but also the relatively large number of participants, from outside Asia. I am happy to observe that for some time now, our regional congresses have attracted large number of participants and paper writers from outside the hosting region. This is good for our Association, as it confirms the growing interest in regional issues and the broader comparative research. In both congresses, there were emerging topics, such as greening economy and a renewed interest in research on issues that are variously described as non-standard, atypical, precarious or contingent employment. The resurgence of research on this broad theme is timely, as the forms of employment are, for various reasons spreading across countries and regions.

I would like to use this medium to thank Soren Andersen and his colleagues for the European Congress, and Sutanto Suwarno and Colleagues, the organizers of the Asian congress and their colleagues for tasks that were well executed.

Early next year, we will have two regional congresses. The 6th African Congress will hold during 24-28 January in Lagos, Nigeria. The organizers, the Nigerian Industrial Relations Association, have got a web site and I urge interested members to check it out or communicate with the organizers. The registration for this congress is now open, so those who are planning to attend could register online. Then in September, we will move across to Sao Paulo, Brazil, for the

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Forthcoming Ilera Congresses



16th Ilera World Congress
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA,
2-5 July 2012

Themes: *Trans-national Movement of Labour*
Growing Diversity in the Workforce; Labour and
Social Movements Responding to Globalization;
Emerging Orders of Production and Skill
Development in a Global Economy; Raising the
Floor for Rights at Work in a Globalizing Economy;
Income and Employment through the Life Course.

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6th Ilera Regional African Congress
Lagos, Nigeria, 24-28 January 2011

Submission of abstracts is now closed. Over 100 abstracts were found acceptable, and acceptances have been communicated to the authors. Soft copies of accepted papers should be forwarded to the Scientific Committee – at niranigeria@yahoo.com, funmiadewumi@rocketmail.com, ifyonyes@yahoo.com and edanisha@yahoo.com, not later than 15 December 2010.

The format to be used: font type - times new roman in 12 points. Paper size - A4, using double line spacing. Tables and charts should be clear and resizable. Margin - please allow one inch all round the page. Author(s)' names, affiliation and email addresses should be at the beginning of the first page.

Draft Congress Programme will be released soon.

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7 Congress of the Americas during 22-25 August. The planning is ongoing, and there is a web site which interested members can consult.

By the end of the Sao Paulo congress, we should all be looking forward to and preparing ourselves for Philadelphia, to attend the 17th World Congress. Our President, Professor Janice Bellace, and her team are working round the clock to make sure that we have a most rewarding experience in the historic city of Philadelphia.

Perhaps the big news of the year, from an institutional point of view, is that our Association has had a rebirth, so to speak. As we announced to you in one of our previous broadcasts, the Association is now known as the International Labour and Employment Relations Association, ILERA, following a decade of extensive discussions and debates. From all indications, the overwhelming majority of our members who responded to our announcement have welcomed the name change, and those who attended the Bali Congress had a firsthand knowledge of how it feels.

Well, dear colleagues, I want to again remind you that the Secretariat will be happy to receive interesting news of publication, academic achievements and forthcoming key meetings that could be of interest to our global leadership. I look forward to receiving such meetings from you. In that case, kindly send your information to ilera@ilo.org

Finally, let me also remind you that those members who have not renewed their membership by paying their dues should find time to do so as soon as possible. As you all know, a simple and fast way to do this is to fill out the credit card form and mail it to Johanna de Vries at the above address.

My very best wishes,

Tayo Fashoyin,

News from national associations

INDIA

The IIRA India launches the production of an electronic newsletter called [IIRA E-digest](#). The e-digest aims at economical dissemination of information relating to new developments in the field of IR and HR. The first issue is dedicated to the memory of IIRA India founder **Prof. C.S. Venkata Ratnam**.

GREECE

We are also sorry to announce the death of Prof.

7th Ilera Regional Congress of the Americas São Paulo, Brazil, 22-25 August 2011

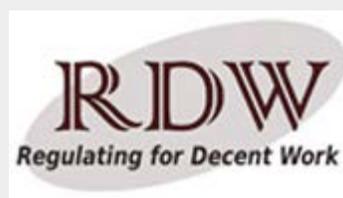
Theme: *Work in the Americas: Challenges and Opportunities*

- Tracks*
1. Informal work, contingent work, and other forms of non-regular work
 2. Technological frontiers of the Economy and labor relations
 3. New actors and new flows in international trade and labor relations
 4. Labor and employment system – the role of social actors and of social dialogue in labor market regulation

Submission of abstracts until 15 February 2011

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Other Congresses



The Second Conference of the Regulating for Decent Work network, International Labour Office, Geneva, 6-8 July 2011

The Regulating for Decent Work Network is pleased to announce the Second RDW Conference, to be held in the International Labour Office, Geneva from 6-8 July 2011. The RDW Conference will be co-hosted by the University of Manchester's Fairness at Work Research Group (FaW) and the University of Melbourne's Centre for Employment and Labour Relations Law (CELRL). Researchers from all regions and from a range of disciplines including law, economics, industrial relations, development studies, sociology, psychology and geography are encouraged to attend.

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Chris Jecchinis on 13 September 2010 in Toronto.
Prof. Jecchinis was an member since the establishment of the IIRA in 1967. He was also the President of the Institute of Labour Studies, the European Centre for Vocational Education and then the National Centre for Vocational Orientation (Ekep) in Athens.

Our sincerest condolences to his wife Philippa and his sons Kieron, Alexander and Peter.

JAPAN

Welcome to Prof. Michio Nitta who was elected as President of the JIRRA in June 2010 for a period of two years. We wish him success and look forward to meeting him at the next Ilera Council Meeting

COLOMBIA

Ms. Martha Monsalve, President of the Asociacion de Relaciones de Trabajo de Colombia announces their second congress from 23 to 26 February 2011 in Bogota.

[Programme \(in Spanish\)](#)

About the Ilera

The International Industrial Relations Association (IIRA) was established in 1966 in response to a growing need to develop and exchange knowledge in the field of industrial relations, at the international level, and provide the academic and the practitioner with a forum for discussion and research. In 2010 it was decided to change its name to the **International Labour and Employment Relations Association**.

The Association has over 1,000 members worldwide including prominent industrial relations scholars and practitioners. Subjects such as globalization, new technology, gender, HIV/AIDS, employee involvement, occupational safety and health, industrial relations, labour law, human resource management, international labour standards, social dialogue, labour administration, informal economy, and many other topics are largely discussed during its congresses.



You are invited to attend a Global Forum on Employment Relations to be held in Sydney on 30 March 2011. The Forum will focus on recent trends in employment relations in key economies North America, Europe and Asia and their implications for Australia. The Forum will also provide an opportunity to review the effects of recent reforms in Australia in the context of the re-elected Labour government from a wide range of employer and union perspectives.

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Twelfth International Conference of the Society for Global Business and Economic Development

Singapore, 21-23 July 2011

More than ever before, the present economic and environmental conditions have prompted businesses and institutions to promote a sustainable and balanced economic development. Sustainability and inclusive growth considerations have assumed even greater significance due to the need to balance corporate success and social good, especially, when nations are at different stages of development. In this context, the organizers of the Twelfth International Conference invite theoretical and empirical research, case studies and proposals to address a range of themes that encompass a gamut of policy issues and corporate practices.

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