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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT:

Dear colleague, dear Family (Law) member, dear friend,

We had a wonderful meeting with the executive council in Gerona (Spain) on April 14th. This time the meeting was preceded by a conference/colloquium for the council members and Spanish colleagues. The colloquium was held because last year (March 2006 in Modena), the executive council decided that, if possible, the host of the council should try to organize a mini-conference to make it more worthwhile to come to the meeting. And this worked. It was raining for two days and fortunately it stopped raining at Saturday afternoon. So, after the meeting of the council we had some free hours to walk in the sun in this beautiful (medieval) city, before we enjoyed a wonderful dinner (again). We had an excellent meeting at Friday in the building of the Faculty of Law. Some members from the executive council and some Spanish members presented their papers on developments in the field of family law and we had interesting discussions. I was again happily surprised with the great number of council members that have come to our meeting, even for two days. Colleagues from Canada, USA, Japan, South Africa, New Zealand, the Bahamas and from many countries in Europe (including Russia) attended the conference. Great!

I am very happy with the way this meeting was held and I think it has been a very good decision of the council to combine the council meeting with a mini-conference. We very grateful for the way Prof. Miquel Martin-Casals and Dr. Jordi Ribot organized everything. Next year the executive council will meet in Lyon (France) and Prof. Hugues Fulchiron will have the difficult task of making an interesting mixture of a scientific approach and the council meeting.

At the meeting of the executive council many interesting and important issues were discussed. You can find the outcome of the discussions in the report of our secretary-general Prof. Marsha Garrison in this Family Letter.

In this Family letter you can read about several conferences that will be held in the coming year, such as in North America (in Vancouver at the beginning of June 2007) and in the UK (in Chester in July 2007).

I have a *question to you*: although – as you can read in this Family Letter - ISFL is a sound organization and fully alive and kicking, I think we should try to enlarge the number of members. If you speak to your colleagues in your country (in a personal meeting, at a conference or elsewhere) ask them if they know ISFL and if so, if they wish to become a member. We offer so much for the amount of the subscription (annually the International Survey of Family Law will be sent, twice in a year they receive the Family Letter and besides that they receive a great discount for ISFL-conferences), that I think it is a waste that so many colleagues do not take advantage of all these advantages.

Thanks to the activities from Prof. Miquel Martin-Casals and Dr. Jordi Ribot we welcome many new members in Spain and in South and Central America. An example to be followed by all of us!

Be proud of ISFL and try to promote it as much as possible!! You can refer them to our renewed website: http://www.law2.byu.edu/ISFL. Our treasurer, Dr. Adriaan van der Linden (A.vanderLinden@law.uu.nl), will be happy to welcome them and to send them the Survey and other information.

I hope to meet you at one of our regional conferences to be held in 2007 or at our international conference next year in Vienna!

I wish you a lot of success and pleasure in your work and much happiness in your family.

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL:

World Conferences:

Family Law: Balancing Interests and Pursuing Priorities, a 700-plus page volume containing 85 contributions based on papers presented at the 2005 12th World Conference in Salt Lake City will be published in August, 2007 by Wm. S. Hein & Co.

The 13th World Conference in Vienna, Austria, will take place on September 16-20, 2008. Please note that this is a change of date. The September dates are firm. Please mark your calendars and begin to plan for a late-summer trip to Vienna. Austria has excellent weather in September, and both hotel and air fares will be lower than they are during the high-season summer months.

Website:

The website now features a password-protected area that provides access to an electronic version of the International Survey. The Society's membership will soon be moved to this password-protected area. Please note the password in this issue of the Newsletter.

At its recent meeting, the Society's Executive Council approved the addition of a website listserve that will be available to all Society members as a forum for inquiries and discussion. We are hoping to develop language-specific subsites.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Adriaan van der Linden from the University of Utrecht has kindly consented to be the treasurer for the next period (and possibly for a longer period), and has been approved by the Executive Council. Adriaan is also deputy judge in the Court of Appeal in Den Bosch and deputy judge in the District Court of Amsterdam.. He has been to all the world ISFL-conferences since Durban.

His report follows:

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Dear colleagues,

Please note that within three months you will receive a reminder to pay your subscription, unless you have already paid for the coming year(s). If you wish to be deleted as member, which I hope you don't, send me a letter before the end of November 2006.

Unfortunately there are still members who have moved without sending their new address. This takes me a lot of unnecessary time and results in extra costs for ISFL. Please send me your full new address and preferably also your fax number and email address. We try to keep the membership list updated and with your help we can succeed in that. If you change your address or if you want to be deleted as member, please send me a message as soon as possible, but before the end of November 2006. If you know interested persons who want to become a member, I can send you the application/subscription form, both in the English or in the French Language.

If you might doubt about whether you paid or not, please write or mail me (a.vanderlinden@uu.nl). We do have the possibility to pay for 5 years. Many members choose for this

opportunity, which will save you and the ISFL costs. I hope the Society is able to keep the amount of € 35000, as a minimum amount for 'dark' years.

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REPORT OF THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

So far, no one has responded to the Council's invitation to all members to send me pieces for inclusion in the Newsletter describing developments in their countries. Short pieces describing interesting developments in various countries will enhance the knowledge of all the membership, will supplement the excellent Annual Survey in a timely way, and in addition may serve as a publication for more junior members. I am accordingly pleased to solicit short articles (less than 1000 words) on developments in various countries, and will endeavor to publish at least one each issue, depending upon the number of submissions and their lengths. The Council would be particularly pleased to receive submissions from outside Europe and North America.

Margaret F. Brinig, Editor, *The Family Letter* brinig. 1@nd.edu

Report of the International Survey Editor REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL SURVEY OF FAMILY LAW

It is a privilege to be the general editor of the Survey. I am conscious of the high standards set by my predecessors and I am working hard to maintain those standards. Having said that, the transition to a new editor has had its frustrating moments as I develop my own contacts and patterns of working. I am very grateful for the assistance of various other people, including Council members. In many respects, the Survey is best seen as a collective enterprise.

2. 2007 edition:

At the time of writing, I have 16 chapters in hand, 15 of which have been sent to the publisher. The countries represented are: Australia, England and

Wales, Germany, India (2 chapters), Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Serbia, South Africa, Tonga, United States and Zimbabwe. In addition, there is Ursula Kilkelly's "annual survey of international law" chapter. I am waiting for a few final chapters, which have been promised for some time: Canada, China, Italy, West Indies (Bahamas), and possibly Tajikistan. This will make 20 or 21 chapters. I am running about a month behind Andrew's schedule, but in the end I am totally reliant on authors.

I have had excellent assistance from my secretaries (my original secretary left at the beginning of this year). A further step in the editorial process is the obtaining of abstracts and their translation into French. I am grateful to Dominique Goubau for doing this, although I also had some preliminary help from a recent top graduate, Nick Whittington, who studied for a semester at Lyon.

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Website Updates: First, the computer experts at BYU Law School have added the link for the "2008 ISFL 13th World Conference in Vienna" at http://www.law2.byu.edu/ISFL/conferences.php.

Second, we now have a "secure" section of the ISFL website. Information on how to access it is supplied in the emailed version of the newsletter. We have put on that secure section the "International Survey of Family Law -2006 Edition" pdf file that you sent a few weeks ago. It is now linked on the secure page link at https://www.law2.byu.edu/isfl/members.php. I invite you all to try it.

Regional Conference Links are available there as well.

The American Association of Law School, Family Law Section Website is now available at http://www.uiowa.edu/~mfblaw/aals.html. Section members have provided material, but more suggestions would be welcome, including links, class materials, exams you don't mind being generally available, or anything else you'd like to supply. You may write her at mbrinig@nd.edu, and may attach

electronic versions of any submissions.

REPORT OF WORLD CONFERENCE CONVENOR:

ISFL 12th World Conference book.

The convenor of the 12th World Conference, Professor Lynn Wardle, reports that that manuscript for the book containing selected papers presented at the 12th World Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, has been sent to the publisher, William S. Hein & Co. It is can be cited as "Family Law: Balancing Interests and Pursuing Priorities" (Lynn D. Wardle & Camille S. Williams, eds., Wm. S Hein & Co., forthcoming 2007). The publisher expects the books to be printed and available for purchase (for about \$75-80) in August, 2007. Thanks to the cooperation of the authors of many of the papers who edited their papers down to 6,000 words to make room for as many papers as possible, the book contains 84 papers - a record number of papers published from a single ISFL conference.

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES & CALLS FOR PAPERS:

ISFL North America Regional Conference in Vancouver, B.C., June 18-20, 2007

"MAKING FAMILY LAW: FACTS, VALUES, AND PRACTICALITIES"

Although the program is not yet final, we are confident that this will be a most interesting conference. Keynote speaker Professor Zheng Wu, a well-known expert on family change who is chair of the Victoria University Department of Sociology, will speak on "The Changing North American Family: Canada and the United States." During the two-day conference, approximately fifty presenters will give papers on a wide range of topics. Conference participants will also have the opportunity to relax and socialize on an evening dinner cruise in Vancouver Harbor.

Hotel and Registration Information:

The Conference will convene at the Empire Landmark Hotel, located in the heart of downtown Vancouver and featuring the award-winning and revolving Cloud 9 restaurant. The hotel's 357 guestrooms offer private balconies to enjoy the best unobstructed views of the city, coastal mountains and the Pacific Ocean. Conference participants are eligible for special rates, *if they make reservations by May 18*. Information on making reservations is available at the ISFL website.

A printable registration form is available at the ISFL website. You must register by May 15 in order to obtain the "early-bird"

discount.

For more information, visit the "conferences" section of the ISFL website, which contains links to the call for papers, the Empire Landmark Hotel, and Vancouver tourism information.

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EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF FAMILY LAW (ISFL) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHESTER, ENGLAND

July 17th to 21st 2007

FAMILY JUSTICE: FOR WHOM AND HOW?

Theme:

Family Justice: for Whom and How? Many debates on family law can make assumptions that all participants understand and accept the same definition, parameters and analysis of family. This is not always the case and not only might lawyers debate as to the meaning of family, and the significance of this within law, but other academic disciplines and professions other than law may have very different views of what constitutes a family and how the law should provide for family members. Thus, on one analysis, the theme is extremely wide and papers and presentations, philosophical, theoretical and practical on this aspect are welcome relating to all aspects of family relationships that are or should be regulated and how they should be regulated, accessed or enforced. At the same time, Family Justice has a particular, practical significance in England and Wales at present, with the establishment in 2005 of a national and 41 regional Family Justice Councils. These are cross-disciplinary bodies established with a view to improving access to justice in local courts. The Councils are primarily co-ordinating and training bodies and have representation from, amongst others, judges, magistrates, legal professionals, the police, child welfare and support agencies, including local councils, paediatricians and academics. Two of the keynote speakers will be reviewing the progress of the Councils at both national and local level.

Proposals will be welcome from those in other jurisdictions who are able to provide a comparative perspective. Above all, however, the theme is intended to be broad and inclusive and proposals are welcome on a wide range of subjects from all jurisdictions, legal systems, disciplines, and theoretical perspectives.

Keynote Speakers

At present, three distinguished academics and judges have agreed to give keynote speeches.

Baroness Hale of Richmond, the first female judge to sit in the House of Lords, will, subject to any changes in commitments, speak on the last full day of the conference.

Professor Judith Masson, an academic member of the national Family Justice Council, and His Honour Judge Kevin Barnett, the designated family judge for Chester and co-chair of the Cheshire Family Justice Council, will also speak.

Lord Justice Thorpe, the Head of International Family Law and the Deputy Chair of the National Family Justice Council will also deliver a keynote address, probably on Wednesday 18th July.

It is hoped that there will be one or two additional significant and senior speakers.

Dates

The Conference will run from Tuesday afternoon, July 17th until Saturday lunchtime, July 21st 2007. It is appreciated that some participants will not be able to spare the time for the whole Conference and arrangements can be made for attendance for part.

Paper Proposals

Proposals for papers are very welcome from anyone interested. The proposal should contain an abstract of the proposed paper of no more than one page (single spaced, 12 font, by way of guidance) and contain the name, title and position of the proposer and contact details including full postal address, email, telephone and, if possible, fax. Please also send a 75 word mini-resume/biography.

Proposals should be submitted by March 30th 2007 to the coconvenors, Professor Roger Kay and Dr. Martha Sampson preferably by email, in word, at law.conference@chester.ac.uk or by fax to + (44) 1244 398869 or by post to Department of Law, University of Chester, Parkgate Road, Chester CH1 4BJ, United Kingdom.

Venue

The conference will convene at the University of Chester. There is en suite accommodation available on campus and help will be given with booking alternative accommodation in Chester. Suitable lecture theatre and break-out room space has been secured. Confirmed prices will be available shortly, and the base cost will be very reasonable thanks to University

pricing and sponsorship.



There will be pre-dinner receptions at the University on the Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and at the historic Chester Town Hall on the Thursday evening. The conference dinner will be held on the Friday night in the restaurant at <u>Chester Racecourse</u>, which overlooks the River Dee and the roman walls of the city. It will be produced by the outside catering unit of a very well-known chef, whose main restaurant has a Michelin star.

Lunch on the Thursday, and the afternoon sessions, will be held at the College of Law in the nearby, beautiful village of Christleton.

The University is a ten to fifteen minute walk from the centre of Chester. Both Liverpool and Manchester Airports are some 30 minutes drive from Chester.

For those travelling from Europe, Liverpool Airport is a hub for both <u>Easyjet</u> and <u>Ryanair</u>. Manchester has a major international airport with direct or connecting flights from all over the world, including direct flights from several cities in the USA and Canada. It also has low cost flights to and from many European destinations with, for example, <u>bmibaby</u>, <u>jet2.com</u> and <u>thomsonfly</u>. Transport from either airport can be arranged.

We are happy to extend the deadline for the receipt of abstracts to the end of May, 2007. We would remind you that all details can be found at www.chester.ac.uk/law/conference.

Thank you and we hope to see you.

Roger Kay and Martha Sampson

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EUROPEAN CHALLENGES IN CONTEMPORARY FAMILY LAW

Third Conference organized by the Commission on European Family Law and the Department of Private Law, University of Oslo The conference will be held in Oslo, Norway from 7th - 9th June 2007.

It is our pleasure to invite you to participate at the third conference organised by the Commission on European Family Law.

The CEFL's third conference is centred on four themes currently at the forefront of policy debate and academic discussion. The harmonisation of family law in Europe, in particular in the Nordic countries, and the USA forms the basis for the first general theme. The second core topic of discussion will be the rights of children and the responsibilities owed to them. Papers will also be presented on the recent developments in cross-border family matters and finally the position of cohabitants upon the termination of their relationship either by means of death or dissolution will be addressed. This last topic has also been chosen as CEFL's third working field.

At the previous two CEFL conferences which took place in 2002 and 2004 particular attention was paid to the methodological aspects of the development of a European family law. In this context the first

Principles in the field of divorce and maintenance between former spouses were discussed. At the third CEFL conference the second set of Principles regarding parental responsibilities will be presented. Once again this conference will provide selected young researchers the opportunity to present their research in three parallel working groups.

In short, this conference will focus on contemporary European family law from a truly comparative perspective and enable the continued exchange of ideas regarding future challenges.

For more information and registration please see the conference website at http://www2.law.uu.nl/priv/cefl/Con2007/CONHome2007.htm

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NEW PUBLICATION AND INVITATION

I am writing to inform you that we have recently started the publication of a magazine specialized in Family Law, which will be published every six months. This project is an initiative of the Asociación de Juezas y Jueces de Familia de Costa Rica (Association of Costa Rican Family Law Judges) and Editorial Jurídica Continental (The Continental Legal Publishing House).

Enclosed (on the Spanish website only) please find the first issue, which contains articles written by judges with specialized knowledge in the topics addressed: international child adoption, international abduction of minors, violence against senior citizens and family mediation.

We wish to request your valuable support for this project, which may consist of:

- a) Writing articles, or promoting others to write them for publication in our magazine. Those articles must be sent to any of these e-mails: revista.derechodefamilia.cr@gmail.com, revista.derechodefamiliacr@yahoo.com
- b) To spread the news regarding our magazine in university circles or among persons interested in compared Family Law, or review it in other publications on related subjects, etc.
- c) Subscription to our magazine, at the following email address: jazcon@racsa.co.cr

We will deeply appreciate your support.

Yours sincerely:

Diego Benavides Santos Director Revista de Derecho de Familia de Costa Rica (Costa Rican Family Law Magazine)

RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF NOTE BY ISFL MEMBERS:

(Compiled by Associate Editor Laurence C. Nolan, Professor of Law, Howard University School of Law, 2900 Van Ness St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, tel. (202)806-8064, fax - 8428 lnolan@law.howard.edu)

Family Law in General: History; Theories; Overviews

David D. Meyer, "A Private Right to Public Recognition of Family Relationships? The Cases of Marriage and Adoption," 51 Villanova Law Review 891 (2006).

Sarah H. Ramsey & Robert F. Kelly, "Assessing Social Science Studies: Eleven Tips for Judges and Lawyers," 40 Family Law Quarterly 367 (2006).

Gordana Kovaček Stanić, Porodično pravo (Family Law-text book in Serbian), Pravni fakultet u Novom Sadu, Centar za izdavačku delatnost Novi Sad, 2005. COBISS.SR ID 2091701183, ISBN 86-80769-95-9.

2. Before/Creation of Spousal or Quasi-Spousal Relations

Nicholas Bala, "The Debates About Same-Sex Marriage in Canada and the United States: Controversy Over the Evolution of a Fundamental Social Institution," 20 BYU Journal of Public Law 195(2006).

William C. Duncan, "Avoidance Strategy: Same-sex Marriage Litigation and the Federal Courts," 29 Campbell Law Review 29 (2006).

Olga Cvejic Jancic, "Brak I razvod, u Novo porodično zakonodavstvo, Prvani fakaultet u Kragujevcu - Centar za porodično pravo (Marriage and Divorce, in New Family Leglistion, Faculty of Law in Kragujevac, Center for Family Law)," Kragujevac, p137-157 (2006).

Olga Cvejic Jancic, "Brak - Stanje u prošlosti I izazovi budućnosti," Pravni život 10/2006 ("Marriage - State in the Past and Challenges of the Future"), Juridical Life, no. 6, pp 5-15 (2006).

Mark Strasser, "An Amendment to Protect Marriage: Bad in Theory, Likely Worse in Practice," 20 BYU Journal of Public Law 387 (2006).

Lynn D. Wardle, "The 'End' of Marriage," 44 Family Court Review 45 (2006).

Lynn D. Wardle, "Federal Constitutional Protection for Marriage: Why and How," 20 BYU Journal of Public Law 439 (2006).

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Melanie B. Jacobs, "My Two Dads: Disaggregating Biology and Social Paternity," 38 Arizona State Law Journal 809 (2006).

Cynthia R. Mabry, "Opening Another Exit From Child Welfare for Special Needs Children - Why Some Gay Men and Lesbians Should Have the Privilege to Adopt Children in Florida," 18 St. Thomas Law Review 269 (2005).

Mark Strasser, "Lawrence, Lofton, and Reasoned Judgment: On Who Can Adopt and Why," 18 St. Thomas Law Review 473 (2005).

Paul Vlaardingerbroek, "Trends On (Inter-Country) Adoption by Gay and Lesbian Couples in Western Europe," 18 St. Thomas Law Review 495 (2005).

Lynn D. Wardle, "The 'Inner Lives' of Children in Lesbigay Adoption: Narratives and Other Concerns," 18 St. Thomas Law Review 511 (2005).

Lynn D. Wardle, "Can You Hear the Prayer of the Children? The Quest to Make the World Safer for Children and Families," in LIBERT MEMORIALIAS PETAR SARCEVIC, UNIVERSALISM, TRADITION AND THE INDIVIDUAL 371 (J. Erauw, et al, eds. 2006).

Lynn D. Wardle, "Form and Substance in Parentage Law," 15 William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal 203 (2006).

4. Spousal Relations in the Ongoing Family or Similar Relations

Gordana Kovaček Stanić, Self-Determination Principle in Family Law: The Serbian Family Act 2005, Uppsala Yearbook of East European Law 2005. ISBN 1-898029-80-6.

<u>5. Parent-Child Relations in the Ongoing Family or Similar Relations</u>

6. Termination/Post-Relations of Spouses & Quasi-Spouses

Olga Cvejic Jancic, "Divorce Reform in Serbia," in INTERNATIONAL FAMILY LAW (2006).

Olga Cvejic Jancic, Razvod braka prema novom Porodičnom zakonu Srbije, Godišnik na Pravniot fakultet 'Justinijan prvi' vo Skopje, Tom 40, 2002/2003 ("Divorce under Serbian Family Law, Year-book of the Faculty of Law "Justinianus primus," Skopje, Tome 40, 2002/2003), 474-491 and 491 and - 506 (2006)." Olga Cvejic Jancic,

<u>Divorce reform in Serbia</u>, International Family Law, November 2006, (2006) IFL 177-232, page 205-207.

David S. Rosettenstein, "Alimony and Alimony Surrogates and the Inputation of Income in American Family Law," 25 Quinnipiac Law Review 1 (2006).

Lynn D. Wardle, "Beyond Fault and No-Fault in the Reform of Marital Dissolution," in RECONCEIVING THE FAMILY, CRITIQUE OF THE AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE'S PRINCIPLES OF FAMILY LAW DISSOLUTION 9 (Robin F. Wilson, ed. 2006).

7. Termination/Post-Relations of Parents and Children

Margaret F. Brinig, "Penalty Defaults in Family Law: The Case of Child Custody," 33 Florida State University Law Review 779 (2006).

Solangel Maldonado, "Recidivism and Parental Engagement," 40 Family Law Quarterly 191 (2006).

David A. Meyer, "The Constitutional Rights of Non-Custodial Parents," 34 Hofstra Law Review 1461 (2006).

Patrick Parkinson, "Family Law and the Indissolubility of Parenthood," 40 Family Law Quarterly 237 (2006).

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Margaret F. Brinig, The Economics of Family Law (2 vol.), part of the Economics of Law Series, gen. ed. Richard A. Posner and Francesco Parisi, Erdman's, 2007)

Day, David C. and Markesteyn, Dr. Peter H. *Turner Review and Investigation* (St. John's, NL: Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, 2006) website: http://www.childandyouthadvocate.nf.ca/whatsnew2.html.

John Eekelaar, Family Law and Personal Life (Oxford University Press, 2006).

NOTE: The Newsletter will publish notices of recent publications dealing with family law topics if the following information—Name of author, title of article or chapter, title of book or journal in which it is published, the volume and pages, the year of publication (and if the title of the article, chapter and/or book or journal is not in English a translation of the same into English - so that the entry can be placed in the appropriate category)—is sent to Prof. Laurence C. Nolan, Howard University School of Law, 2900 Van Ness Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20008; 202-806-8428 (fax); lnolan@law.howard.edu (e-mail).

Gordana Kovaček Stanić, The Serbian Law on Family 2005

and the European Perspective, *International Family Law*, June 2005, IFL 57-122, Jordan Publishing, Limited, ISSN 1369-5762.

Marija Draškić & Gordana Kovaček Stanić, The New Family Act of Serbia, *The International Survey of Family Law*, 2006, ISBN 1846610176.

Personal Notices:

Professor Olga Cvejic-Jancic of the University of Novi Sad, Serbia, has been appointed a member of the National Commission for the drafting of the Serbian Civil Code. The Code dates from 1844 until Second World War, after which it was abolished. Professor Cvejic-Jancic, a long-time member of the ISFL and the former Dean of the Faculty of Laws at the University of Novi Sad, is the only member of the Commission who is not from Belgrade.

Not exactly a member, but Sheila Simon, who delighted the 12th World Congress with her interacting songs about gender and violence, is running for Mayor of Carbondale, Illinois. The Chicago Tribune reported on its front page on November 24, 2006, that Sheila Simon (who teaches legal writing and family law at Southern Illinois University) is running for mayor of Carbondale.

Carbondale is a long train ride from Chicago, and a story about a non-partisan race for mayor of a town of only 25,000 people would not normally make the front page of a Chicago paper.

This is the webpage of the story:

http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/politics/chi-0611250201nov25,1,3306552.story?coll=chi-news-hed