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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT:

Dear colleague, dear friend,

About one month ago we had a very interesting meeting, organized by our dear colleague, Hugues Fulchiron, who is now president of the University in Lyon. The theme was the dissolution of non-married couples. Together with the council members, French colleagues and students we had a very interesting day at the University of Lyon. For those who have never been in Lyon, you must know that this city is called a second Paris. Two lovely rivers, an old inner city, nice restaurants ... Fortunately we had good weather, although the conference took the whole day. One very interesting thing was that you can see how quickly developments have gone in the last decades. Only 30 years ago, it was very unusual to start living together instead of marrying, although in some countries these developments (probably some would not speak of 'developments' but 'facts') have gone further than in other countries. World wide we now have a wide variety of relationships: marriages (hetero- or homosexual), registered partnerships, and other living arrangements, although in many countries the marriage is still the only living arrangements that is fully accepted. Nevertheless, those who live together without good arrangements are usually hardly protected by law.

We discussed the legal consequences (no alimony, no pension, no community of goods, and what about the children?) of this and whether the legislator should protect the persons who are confronted with the dissolution of their relationship and who have not made an arrangement before the notary or solicitor or who do not even have a self made contract.

You can imagine that we had an inspiring day, thanks to the convener of this mini conference and our host for the council meeting, Hugues Fulchiron. Together with the very good French food and the other festivities he had organized for us, we had a very good combination of intellectual work with delightful entertainment.

We also discussed several other issues in Lyon. One of them is that we sincerely hope that you will come to Vienna in September this year, although in some countries the semester had already started. Probably you can ask a good colleague to give your lectures in that week, but please come. Bea Verschraegen, the convener of this 13th World Conference has made a good program on the interesting subject, "Family Finances". This theme has been dealt with more than 20 years ago by the convener of the conference in Brussels (Belgium), Marie-Thérèse Meulders-Klein (The Family, the State and Individual Security), but in 23 years the whole world has changed and financial questions within families and in Family Law are still very hot. So, we think that this theme will attract many colleagues to Vienna, a very beautiful town in Austria. Please come!

In Lyon we also discussed the financial situation of the council. Since the costs of the banks have increased and many members pay too late or forget to pay the extra costs of the cheques they send, we have to increase the cost of dues. At the next council meeting we will discuss the issue. I still think that the actual subscription is very low for what members get: being member of an outstanding group of academics and practitioners in Family Law, each year a very interesting International Survey of Family Law (now edited by Bill Atkin, before by Andrew Bainham), the Family Letter twice a year (edited by Margaret Brinig) an interesting discount for international and regional conferences and a forum for international debate with colleagues in the same interesting field of Family Law! So, please understand that the dues for membership will be increased.

Together with some other members of ISFL we had an interesting working group at the conference in Kapaonik, Serbia, which working group was organized by our colleague Olga Cvecic-Jansic. We had lots of snow in this ski resort in the South of Serbia, but warm discussions on several problems in the field of Family

Law.

For myself, this is the last half year of my presidency. In Vienna I will give you my final remarks to what has happened in the last three years, but I can mention already that I think we have a very good society of interested scholars with offers a lot for its members. Nevertheless, we should work on more: attract more members from Central and South America, from the Middle East, from South East Asia, from North and Central Africa and from the developing countries. I tried to work on that, but I found that if we do not have possibilities to financially support people from those developing countries it is very hard to increase the number of members. The new president will start in September this year and I think this issue will also be one of the great tasks for him or her.

I hope that – with your help – we can build further on our Society of Family Law and for a better world in which families and family members feel save and happy. Family lawyers, academics and scientists in the field of Family law can contribute a lot to help children and family members in vulnerable positions and to make a plea for better statutes and regulations in this field. So, please find new members in your own country or elsewhere.

However, it is not only the growth of our Society in the number of members, but I think we will grow in importance too. International organizations, legislators and politicians must know that our Society can offer them a great number of academics and a lot of knowledge in the field of Family Law and Family Life. Promoting the scientific exchange of ideas is one of the important goals of ISFL.

Looking forward to seeing you next September in Vienna!!

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL:

Dear Colleagues:

The Society's Executive Council met in March 29, 2008, in Lyon, France. The meeting was held in conjunction with a symposium on The Nonmarital

Family sponsored by the Family Law Institute of the University of Lyon and planned by Executive Council member and meeting host Professor Hugues Fulchiron.

At its meeting, the Council approved plans for a regional conference in Israel to be held in June, 2009. The conference, on the theme, "Civil and Religious Law in Family Matters: Family Law in a Multicultural Environment," will take place at the Sha-arei Mishpat Law College and Bar-Ilan University School of Law. Conference convenors are Dr. Shahar Lifshitz of Bar-Ilan and Professor Rhona Schuz of Sha-arei Mishpat.

The Council also began to consider the venue for the 2011 World Conference, which will be selected at Executive Council meetings held in conjunction with the Society's next World Conference in Vienna this September. Should you wish to make a proposal to host the conference or wish more information about making such a proposal, please contact me as soon as possible. The Council is particularly interested in receiving proposals to hold the conference outside of Europe given that Europe is the location of this year's conference.

At the Vienna World Conference, the Society will elect officers and Executive Council members. To be placed on the ballot as a candidate for membership in the Executive Council requires nomination by two members of the Society. The nominee must also signify his or her approval to the nomination in a letter signed by the nominating members and received not later than 60 days before the General Meeting. Any five members of the Society may nominate a member to be an officer; again, the nominee must signify his or her approval to the nomination in a letter signed by the nominating members and received not later than 60 days before the General Meeting. Each candidate has the right to submit a statement of 200 words or less. Given the timing of this year's General Meeting, **I need to receive all nominations and any statement a candidate wishes to submit on or before Friday, July 19.**

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Dear colleagues,

Please will you check the status of your payment of dues to be sure that you are still a member of the Society. If you don't have a survey please ask me by mail (a.vanderlinden@uu.nl). In case you still have to pay for this year (and some members still need to pay for last year as well), wire or otherwise send along the money as soon as possible.

If you wish to be deleted as a member, which I hope you don't, send me a letter before the end of November 2007, otherwise you have to pay your membership dues for the year 2008.

Unfortunately again there are members who have moved without sending their new address. This takes me a lot of unnecessary time and results in extra costs for the ISFL. Please send me your full new address and preferably also your fax number and e-mail 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 2007. In the case you know interested persons who want to become a member, I can send you or the interested persons (after you inform them) the application/subscription form, both in the English or in the French Language.

We do have the possibility to pay dues for up to five years. Many members choose for this opportunity, which will save you and the ISFL costs. After I paid the Annual Survey of Family Law 2007 Edition our minimum amount for 'dark' years has been diminished from € 35000,- till € 27.000,-. I hope the Society will be able to regain the amount of € 35000,-. You can help me in this respect by paying your subscription as soon as possible.

Whenever you write me, please do it by using your computer or typewriter. In many cases I can't read your handwriting and especially to your Banks this gives me a lot of troubles.

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REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL SURVEY OF FAMILY LAW

This year has produced a bumper crop of papers. This is the result of hard work on the part of a lot of people, including members of the Executive Council – thank you. It also means a lot of editing!

I have chapters from Australia, England, Finland, France, Germany, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Samoa, Puerto Rico, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the United States. I have some other firm promises still to come. There is still an over-representation by Europe and nothing from Latin America apart from a short piece from Puerto Rico. I am still struggling with this one.

An issue that I mentioned in my report to the Barcelona meeting is that of refereeing. I do not believe that the Survey should be turned into a fully refereed publication or anything like that, but requests for papers to be reviewed will, I suspect, continue as the policies of various governments require quality assurance. I would like to accommodate requests if at all possible. With respect to the 2008 edition I have had two papers read by New Zealand colleagues and I am grateful to them for this. It is in my mind that this is a task that I may call on Council members to do – on a very occasional basis.

For the 2008 edition, I have used Peter Schofield to translate one chapter into English, and Dominique Goubau has done a grand job translating the résumés. There are still several of these to arrive from authors.

Thanks to everyone for your support!

Bill Atkin
Professor of Law
Victoria University of Wellington
March 2008

REPORT OF THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

Last issue, we were pleased to include a paper submitted by one of our members on Portuguese family law. I did not receive any pieces for inclusion in the Newsletter describing developments in their countries.

I hope you enjoyed the piece last time and found it thought provoking, and encourage you to send me your short papers. 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 again 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.

Many of you kindly send me updates of changes to your email addresses. This is very important, since otherwise not only will you miss the Family Letter, but also other notices that the Board asks me to send out from time to time. The most important place to send changes of address is to Adriaan van der Linden, our Treasurer, though I will forward your notes to this effect that are sent to me.

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Website Updates:

Due to changes made on the host computer system, the ISFL website homepage address (URL) has been revised. It is now all lower-case. The old URL may not open. The revised website address is:

<http://www.law2.byu.edu/isfl/index.php>

Please save this as the computer bookmark or link to the ISFL homepage, replacing the former URL.

An alternative way to find the ISFL website is to go to the BYU Law School homepage, click on "Organizations," then click on "Law School Sponsored Programs" then click on "International Society of Family Law."

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. To access it the username is "ISFL" (in capitals), and the password is "ISFL2006" (again, in capitals, as the lock is case-sensitive). 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.nd.edu/~ndlaw/faculty/brinig/aals/>.

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.

REPORTS ON CONFERENCES:

New Family Maintenance Convention Approved in The Hague

At its Twenty-first Diplomatic Session, the Hague Conference on Private International Law approved the new *Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance*. The Final Act containing both the new Convention and a *Protocol on the Law Applicable to Maintenance Obligations* was signed on November 23, 2007, by delegates from 68 states and the European Community. At the conclusion of the Diplomatic Session, the Convention was signed by the United States, indicating its intention to proceed toward ratification.

The Convention and Protocol were the product of prolonged and complex negotiations that began in 2003. Building on several previous Hague conventions and the 1956 New York Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance, the new Convention is intended to provide a more prompt, accessible and cost-effective system for support enforcement across international borders. It mandates that all contracting States provide effective access to procedures, including legal assistance where necessary to achieve recognition and enforcement of a foreign child support orders. Various Working Groups and subcommittees devoted many hours to developing procedures to simplify the international enforcement process and facilitate cooperation between contracting States, including standard forms, an electronic system of country profiles, and timelines for case processing.

Many ISFL members participated in the work of developing the new Convention over more than five years. At the final sessions, Linda Elrod and I were also present as Observers on behalf of the ISFL. The text of the Maintenance Convention and the Protocol are available on the web site of the Hague conference at www.hcch.net.

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND CALLS FOR PAPERS

The Council has not yet selected a site for the next world Congress (2011). Now is the time to suggest sites to us and to indicate that you are willing to convene a World Congress. The Council would be particularly happy to receive suggestions for a Congress in Asia since the last three have been in Europe and North America.

13th World Conference of the International Society of Family Law

September 16 – 20, 2008, Vienna, Austria

Austrian Ministry of Justice

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen!

We are glad to inform you that the

Preliminary Programme is now online.

Please see www.univie.ac.at/isfl.

Please note that the **deadline for abstract submission** is on **May 15, 2008**.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in September in Vienna!

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Notice of ISFL REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN ISRAEL, June 7-9, 2009

Theme: Civil and Religious Law in Family Matters:
Family Law in a Multicultural Environment

This conference will consider various cultural influences, institutions and interactions relating to family law including (but not limited to) the interaction of religious laws and processes with and upon family law in particular states and communities. This theme includes matters of parent-child as well and spousal relations, formation as well as continuation and dissolution of family relations, financial as well and relational dimensions of family law, matters relating to

extended families as well as nuclear families, alternative families as well as traditional families, spiritual, moral and emotional as well as legal considerations, and religious, customary, and tribal laws as well as state-run civil law.

Dates: 7-9 June 2009. June 7 afternoon/evening (registration and reception or dinner) at hotel near Tel Aviv; June 8 sessions at Bar-Illan University Law School (Ramat-Gan, Israel); June 9 (sessions at Centre for the Rights of the Child and the Family at Sha'arei Mishpat Law College (Had Hasharon, Israel) (the two schools are 30 minutes apart).

Co-conveners: Dr. Shahar Lifshitz (Bar-Illan University School of Law), Rhona Schuz (Senior Lecturer and Joint Director of the Centre for the Rights of the Child and the Family, Sha'arei Mishpat Law College), and Professor Lynn Wardle (Bruce C. Hafen Professor of Law, Brigham Young University School of Law).

Housing: 1) Hotel near Bar-Illan in Ramat-Gan.

Invitees: All members of the ISFL are invited to attend, participate and make proposals to present papers. We also will welcome other Israeli academics, professionals and government officials interested in family law, as well as Egyptian, Jordanian, Turkish or Christian Orthodox (e.g. Greek, Russian, Serbian, etc.) family law scholars, professionals and judges from the region.

The conveners are planning to arrange for joint-publication of papers -in the "Family in Law Journal" published by the Centre for the Rights of the Child and the Family, and in an American, Canadian, or European law journal.

Details about when to submit proposals for papers to be presented, registration costs, optional social events and tours will be available at the ISFL website (under conferences) by the week after the conclusion of ISFL 13th World Conference in Vienna, 16-20 September 2008.

Further information may be obtained from any of the conveners at schuz@mishpat.ac.il, or Lifshis@mail.biu.ac.il, or wardle@law.byu.edu.

Call for Papers:

Gender, Family Responsibility and Legal Change

An international, interdisciplinary conference

***10 – 12 July 2008
Brighton, East Sussex, UK***

Because societies are changing a number of issues in family law are currently on the political and legal reform agenda in many countries – unmarried cohabitation, divorce, income and property on divorce, contact with children, residence of children, father's rights, assisted reproduction, the criminalisation of family antisocial behaviour (with a particular focus on children), the welfare test in the aftermath of the advent of legally enforceable individual rights, and many others.

Even outside the bounds of traditional family law there are numerous issues that have implications for families and family responsibilities – balancing the roles of mothers and fathers in the labour market and in family life, support for the elderly and responsibility for pension provision, the protective role of family members in the face of dramatic environmental changes, and others – which see family membership as the source of political engagement.

In each of these reform movements gender looms large as the issue that makes resolution either particularly difficult or especially interesting (and certainly politically contentious).

In this conference – which will draw together people working in a variety of spheres of both political and academic life – we wish to consider the role that gender plays in determining family responsibility and in debating and achieving legal change. We hope to see it examine questions that range across social life in every part of the world. Questions which we hope to see addressed and explored include:

- What is family responsibility?
- How is family responsibility gendered?
- When is the law implicated in questions of family responsibility?
- Is the involvement or absence of law in the family gendered?
- What responsibility does law have for the family?
- What is the role of the state in relation to family responsibility?
- How does (and should) law and lawyers interact with other disciplines in resolving questions of family responsibility?

The Conference will be held on the beautiful campus of

the University of Sussex, close to the seaside city of Brighton and Hove and the South Downs, between 10 and 12 July 2008.

Plenary speakers for the event include:

- Martha Fineman
- Brenda Hale
- Eva Kittay
- Jo Miles
- Ratna Kapur
- Albie Sachs (to be confirmed)
- Barbara Hobson (to be confirmed)

The conference is being organised by Craig Lind (c.lind@sussex.ac.uk), Jo Bridgeman (j.c.bridgeman@sussex.ac.uk), Heather Keating (h.m.keating@sussex.ac.uk), Sue Millns (s.millns@sussex.ac.uk) and Alex Newbury (ahn21@sussex.ac.uk) in the Sussex Law School at the University of Sussex.

Please send proposals for papers (on the proposal form below) to Craig Lind (c.lind@sussex.ac.uk).

The final deadline for proposals is 30 April 2008 (and decisions on those proposals will be communicated to authors by 31 May 2008).

If you would like further information please contact any of the conference organisers (detailed above).

There is a (developing) conference website accessible through the Sussex Law School web site at <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/law/1-4-9-1.html>.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF NOTE BY ISFL MEMBERS:

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1. Family Law in General: History; Theories; Overviews

Jane Adophe, "The Holy See and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Working Toward a Legal Anthropology of Human Rights and the Family," 4 Ave Maria Law Review 343 (2006).

Brian Bix, "Domestic Agreements," 35 Hofstra Law Review 1753 (2007).

Margaret F. Brinig, "From Family to Individual and Back Again," 51 Howard Law Journal 1 (2007).

John Eekelaar, "Why People Marry: The Many Faces of an Institution," 41 Family Law Quarterly 413 (2007).

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Olga Cvejc Jancic, "Право на поштовање приватног и породичног живота у пракси Европског суда за права човека - Водич кроз одабрану судску праксу, Архив за правне и друштвене науке 1906-2006, бр. 3-4/2006, стр. 1929-1962, Београд (Right to respect for private and family life in the Practice of The European Court of Human Rights – Guide through the selected cases, Archives for legal and social sciences 1906-2006, no. 3-4/2006, pp. 1929-1962, Belgrade).

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Elizabeth Jollimore, "Children," in CANADIAN FAMILY LAW GUIDE (CCH in press) (this chapter canvasses Nova Scotian law relating to custody, access, guardianship, the status of the child, adoption, and child protection.).

Elizabeth Jollimore, BEST PRACTICES IN DIVORCELAW: A HANDBOOK FOR LAWYERS, (editor)(published by Family, Children and Youth Section, Justice Canada, forthcoming 2007).

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

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Barbara Stark, “When Globalization Hits Home: International Family Law Comes of Age,” 39 Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law 1551 (2006).

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John DeWitt Gregory and Joanna L. Grossman, “The Legacy of Loving,” 51 Howard Law Journal 15 (2007).

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Lynn D. Wardle, “Form and Substance in Committed Relationships in American Law,” in COMMITTED RELATIONSHIPS AND THE LAW 61-65 (Oran Doyle & William Binchy, eds. Four Courts Press, 2007).

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HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY, at 1059-1987 (2007).

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Olga Cvejic Jancic, “Reform of Adoption According to the New Serbian Family Act,” in FAMILY LAW: BALANCING INTERESTS AND PURSUING PRIORITIES, 252-259 (Ed. Lynn D. Wardle and Camille S. Williams, New York, 2007).

Lynne M. Kohm, Megan Lindsey & William Catoe, “An International Examination of Same-Sex Parent Adoption,” 5 Regent University International Law Review 237 (2007).

4. Spousal Relations in the Ongoing Family or Similar Relations

5. Parent-Child Relations in the Ongoing Family or Similar Relations

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Elizabeth Jollimore, "Child Support Payments: The Lingering Deduction," Canadian Family Law Matters, Oct. 2007, No. 308.

Other Publication Notes:

Elizabeth Jollimore participated in a Conference sponsored by the Canadian Bar Association (Nova Scotia) on October 26, 2007. The theme of the Conference was "Sending Out An SOS . . . Calling In The Expert." Her presentation was titled, "Expert Witness in Family Litigation."

Robert E. Rains, The Dickinson School of Law of The Pennsylvania State University, Carlisle, PA, USA, has a recently published book, *True Tales of Trying Times: Legal Fable for Today* (Cambridge University Press, 2007). Two chapters contain a number of family law cases. The book is available for purchase in Europe through Wildy, Simmons and Hill Publishing at <http://www.wildy.com> and in North America through Willow Crossing Press online at <http://www.willowcrossingspress.com/index.html>. ISFL members and others from outside Europe and North America may purchase the book from either publisher.

FAMILY LAW - BALANCING INTERESTS AND PURSUING PRIORITIES Selected Papers from the 12th World Conference of the International Society of Family Law Lynn D. Wardle & Camille S. Williams, editors (William S. Hein & Co. Buffalo, NY, 2007). This anthology contains eighty-seven chapters written by family law scholars from dozens of nations who were among the 164 presenters who delivered papers at Twelfth World Conference of the International Society of Family Law in 2005. The theme of the conference and title of the book, *Family Law - Balancing Interests and Pursuing Priorities,* reflects two basic principles that underlie family laws in all nations. First, multiple valid and important (and often sensitive) interests are

implicated in the regulation of family relations, and those interests must be identified, recognized, understood and respectfully considered in framing family policies in order to strike an appropriate balance in family law. Second, the policy and value priorities of the people and their government also must be identified, protected and vindicated in setting family policies and in resolving family disputes. The chapters in this book are divided into eight Parts, covering the *before-during-after* phases of (legal and quasi-) spousal and parent-child relations, as well as general, historical, theoretical, and reflective chapters. Chapters reflect perspectives from many legal systems, civil as well and common law, traditional as well as modern, on the relational, economic, social, and other aspects of family law. The book is cloth-bound, and available for purchase from the respected Buffalo, New York law book publisher, William S. Hein & Co. at their website at <http://www.wshein.com/Catalog/Product.aspx?sku=6736> or by or by e-mailing order@wshein.com. The cost per book is US\$78.00 (with a 10% discount or US\$70.20 for current members of the ISFL), plus mailing.

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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