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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I have the pleasure to announce to you that Prof. Hugues Fulchiron (Lyon) agreed to organize the 14th World Conference of the ISFL, which will take place in Lyon in 2011. As soon as we know the exact schedule you will be informed by newsletter.

The preparation of the book on the 13th World Conference, which took place in Vienna last year, is making excellent progress. Half of the authors already received the first print; the others will receive it within the next 3 or 4 weeks. I hope to have the book published by July 2009.

With best regards,
Bea Verschraegen
President of the ISFL

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL:

At its annual meeting, held in February, 2009, the Executive Council chose the theme and venue for the next world conference, to be held in 2011. The conference will be convened by Professor Hugues Fulchiron at the University of Lyon in Lyon, France. The theme will be "Solidarity Among Generations." A date for the conference has not yet been set, but we are hoping to be able to announce one in the fall newsletter.

The Council also approved various regional conferences and symposia. In addition to the

Israeli conference, described elsewhere in this newsletter, a regional conference or symposium is scheduled in Brazil and Japan. The Brazilian conference will take place on August 27-29, 2009, at McKenzie University in Sao Paolo, Brazil. The conference will take place in connection with the annual meeting of the Instituto Brasileiro de Direito de Familia (IBDFam), and the conference theme is "Children's Rights." The Japanese symposium will take place in late 2010. The theme will be "Reconstruction of Modern Families: Recent Developments in Asian Law." At this symposium, invited speakers will discuss the impact of natural and manmade disasters, such as earthquakes and war, on the family. Information on these regional meetings and the Israeli conference is available now, or will soon be available, at the Society's website.

The Council also approved various amendments to the Society's by-laws. These amendments would:

1) *make the Society Newsletter Editor an appointive member of the Executive Council;*

The Editor of the International Survey is an appointive Council position because this important job requires regular reports to the Executive Council and continuity in the editorial function. Because the same concerns apply to the Newsletter Editor, the Council felt that these two positions should be treated in the same way.

2) *create a new Council membership category based on past service;*

The Society's Executive Council needs members with leadership experience, but it

also would profit from the election of young Society members. In order to ensure that both of these goals are met, the Council approved a new Executive Council membership category open to all past presidents and convenors of World Conferences. Under the proposed by-law change, these individuals would be eligible to serve as Council members as long as they remain members of the Society in good standing; they would not need to be elected.

3) improve the election process by requiring candidates for the Executive Council to provide biographical information which will be sent to the membership with the ballot.
An informed electorate is best able to select Council members. This amendment is aimed at ensuring that members of the Society have adequate information about all Council candidates.

4) permit by-law revision between General Meetings of the Society.
Under the current by-laws, amendments can only be enacted in connection with a general meeting; general meetings are invariably held in connection with a world conference. But world conferences only take place every three years; it is also possible that world or regional conditions might require cancellation of a world conference. The proposed amendment would permit by-law revision between general meetings in order to ensure that needed changes in the Society's governance structure could be implemented when a general meeting cannot be convened.

The text of these amendments will be circulated to the membership before the next general meeting, and vote will be taken at that meeting.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Last year most members of the International Society of Family Law paid their subscriptions. Some did not and next month I will send them a reminder so that they can remain a member of the Society. Members who did not receive the International Survey Edition 2008, please tell me by email (a.p.vanderlinden@uu.nl) and give me your most recent address. Unfortunately there are still members who have moved without sending their new full address (and preferably also their fax number and e-mail address). Again, I ask you to tell interested colleagues about our Society. I can send you or the interested persons (after you informed them) the application/subscription form, both in the English or in the French Language. Remember that we do have the possibility to pay for 5 years. Many members choose for this opportunity, which will save you and the ISFL costs. Subscriptions are for one year € 50,-; for three years € 120 and for five years € 180,-. In all cases when you write me, please do it by using your computer or typewriter. Many times I can't read your handwriting and this gives me a lot of trouble, especially to your Banks or credit card agencies.

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REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL SURVEY OF FAMILY LAW

1 **The 2009 edition** is well under way. Half of it is edited and I am expecting a number of chapters to arrive within the next few weeks. It will be published as usual before the northern summer recess.

2 **Online publication:** At the first meeting in Vienna, I raised an issue that had come up during my discussions with the publishers in Bristol. This is the question of placing the Survey online.

There are considerable advantages in putting the Survey online, most notably its greater exposure and accessibility to readers and researchers. This will lead to more citations and recognition. What I am not sure of are the implications for ordinary sales.

Bill Atkin, General Editor

REPORT OF THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

In the spring of 2008, we were pleased to include a paper submitted by one of our members on Portuguese family law. This time, I am pleased to include a paper on new Greek legislation on opposite-sex cohabitation written by Penelope Agallopoulou. . I hope you enjoyed this piece last time and find 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 about address changes that are sent to me.

Margaret F. Brinig, Editor, *The Family Letter*
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Website Updates:

Notes About the ISFL Website

The ISFL website at <http://www.law2.byu.edu/isfl/index.php> has been updated and revised in the following ways:

First, we have activated the “award plaque” and entitled it “In Appreciation for Exceptional Service to the International Society for Family Law” and put a link for it on the ISFL homepage. The first five recipients are now listed on the digital award plaque.

Second, we have activated the “ISFL Developments & Comments Forum” where members may post information about or links to significant developments in family law in their own or other nations, and other members may also post “blog” comments about those developments. We have also put a link for it on the ISFL homepage. We encourage you to try out the “forum” by posting some news or links about family law development, ISFL business, etc.

Third, at the “conferences” link (at <http://www.law2.byu.edu/isfl/conferences.php>) we have moved the “2008 ISFL World Conference in Vienna” from “Coming ISFL Conferences” to the “Past ISFL Conferences” category and we have added below that link a new link entitled “Photos taken at ISFL 13th World Conference in Vienna” and have attached some photos there. If other persons who attended the Vienna World Conference took pictures they would like to add, just send them

to me at lynn_wardle@byu.edu and I will post as many as we can accommodate.

Fourth, also at the “conferences” link, under “Coming ISFL Conferences” we have activated the link for the coming (June 2009) Israel Regional Conference website including the online registration feature.

The new Executive Council contact information has also been posted there.

I invite you to check out these website changes, and to let me know of any significant corrections that need to be made.

Lynn D. Wardle
ISFL Website Editor

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.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND CALLS FOR PAPERS

ISFL REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN ISRAEL

June 7-9, 2009

Conference Website and Registration Site:
<http://www.law2.byu.edu/isfl/israelcon2009/>

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

Location: Israel (near Tel-Aviv). The interaction of religious and civil law, and the centrality of issues pertaining to multiculturalism have always characterized Israeli family law. Nowadays almost every legal system around the globe faces the dilemmas posed by the existence of religious and other cultural communities within a civil state, and almost everywhere family law issues seem to be the focal point of such dilemmas. Having the long and extensive experience with these issues, Israel is the most appropriate location to discuss matters concerning religious laws, multiculturalism, and civil law in family issues. In addition, the ISFL has a special connection to Israel since the initiating figure behind the establishment of the ISFL was an Israeli Professor, the late Ze'ev Falk

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: The Conference Hotel is Kfar Macabiah Hotel a resort hotel near Bar-Illan University in Ramat-Gan, Israel, a suburb or Tel-Aviv, located about 15-minutes drive from the beaches of Tel-Aviv. For information about

the hotel see <http://www.inisrael.com/maccabiah/>. To register contact Olla Yasinovy, Reservations, Kfar Macabiah, Ramat-Gan ISRAEL, via Email: ollay@kmc.co.il .

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, as well as from other parts of the world. Distinguished Professor Michael D.A. Freeman of University College London will be one of the keynote speakers.

Registration: Registration is online at <http://www.law2.byu.edu/isfl/israelcon2009/>.

Further information may be found at the ISFL website <http://www.law2.byu.edu/isfl/israelcon2009/> or contact from any of the conveners at schuz@mishpat.ac.il , or Lifshis@mail.biu.ac.il , or wardle@law.byu.edu .

Scientific Committee: Rhona Shuz (Sha'arei Mishpat), Shahar Lifshitz (Bar-Ilan), Lynn Wardle (Brigham Young), Ayalet Blecher (Sha'arei Mishpat), Ruth Halperin (Bar Ilan), Benjamin Shmueli, Anna Singer (Uppsala University).

Call for Papers for the Latin American Regional
ISFL REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN BRAZIL
August 27-29, 2009

Children's Rights is the theme for the first Latin American Regional Conference. It will take place in São Paulo, Brazil, at Mackenzie University, from August 27th to 29th, 2009, with the local cooperation of the Brazilian Institute of Family Law - IBDFAM. The Convenor is Giselle Groeninga.

Those who are willing to come, please send a

one-page proposal by email or letter to: Giselle Groeninga giselle@groeninga.com.br or Rua Professor Arthur Ramos, 241 #93 São Paulo S.P. 01454-011 Brazil. The deadline for proposals is June 30th, 2009.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS **International Journal of Law, Policy, and the Family**

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The Center on Children and Families at the University of Florida Levin College of Law is launching the Juvenile Justice Project, an effort to benefit children locally, statewide and nationally by focusing on the juvenile justice system. We will devote ourselves to research, advocacy, conferences, workshops and projects in this area and welcome collaboration with others.

We invite you to visit our website at <http://www.law.ufl.edu/centers/childlaw/juvenilejustice/>

Our first conference will be February 19 and 20 2010, and we have confirmed as our plenary speakers Geoffrey Canada, the founder and president of the Harlem Children's Zone, the innovative project profiled by Paul Tough in **Whatever It Takes (2008)**, and Shay Bilchik, Director of the Juvenile Justice Reform Project at Georgetown, and former president of the Child Welfare League of America. In addition, we have as confirmed participants Bob Schwartz (Juvenile Law Center), Chris Slobogin

(Vanderbilt), Mark Fondacaro (John Jay College, CUNY), Alex Piquero (Maryland) and Kenneth Nunn (Florida). For further information about the first conference, which will focus on issues of prevention and avoidance, and for the call for papers, please go to our website. Registration information to attend the conference will be available in fall 2009.

We also invite you to read our report about the controversy over shackling juveniles, **The Shackling of Juvenile Offenders: The Debate in Juvenile Justice Policy**, available for downloading on our website. A handbook on juvenile justice targeted for youth and families will be available on the website in the next few weeks as well.

Contact information:

Juvenile Justice Project jip@law.ufl.edu

Greek law 3719/2008 concerning cohabitation between persons of different sex

Law 3719 of 26.11.2008 “on Reform on the law relating to the family, the child, the society and other provisions” regulates, in its first 13 articles, cohabitation between persons of different sex for the first time in Greece.

The above law contains provision for the conclusion and the termination of a cohabitation agreement. The system followed by the Greek law makers is formal. The cohabitation contract is subject to notarial form and enters into force as soon as a copy of the contract is submitted to the registry of the place of residence. The document is filed in a special archive.

Law 3719/2008 also regulates the relations between the cohabitants both during their contract and after its termination, as well as issues regarding their children. More concretely, it grants several rights to the cohabitants, the most remarkable of which are: the possibility of each partner after the termination of their contract to claim a share in the increase of the assets of the other party to the extent he/she has contributed to it, the possibility of one or both parties having to assume the

obligation of maintaining the other one in case his/her inability to maintain himself/herself from his/her own income or property, and certain succession rights. Children born during the cohabitation have all the rights, hereditary and otherwise, of children born to married parents.

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF NOTE BY ISFL

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Other Publications Notes:

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).

MARRIAGE and QUASI-MARITAL RELATIONSHIPS in CENTRAL and EASTERN EUROPE (Lynn D. Wardle & A. Scott Loveless, eds. Brigham Young University Academic Press, 2008).

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Ursula Kilkelly, CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IN IRELAND: LAW, POLICY AND PRACTICE published by Tottel Publishing, 2008. This is the first comprehensive original analysis of the implementation of children's rights in Irish law, policy and practice covering areas of constitutional law, child law (guardianship, custody and contact), adoption, child abduction, education, youth justice, life and health care and advocacy and representation.

Family Law during the years of 1991-94. Anders Agell was active as a legal scholar during five decades and his scholarly production includes many works on family law but also theory of law and legal policy. His sharp analysis of legal matters, his theoretical brilliance, pedagogic skill and command of languages rendered him great respect in the academic world. It is with great sorrow must accept that a great legal scholar has left us and his loss is deeply felt.

Patrick Parkinson has been named a Member of the Order of Australia "For service to the law and to legal education, particularly in the areas of family and child protection law, as an author, through contributions to policy reform, and to the community."

Personal Notices:

Anders Agell, Professor of Law at the University of Uppsala in Sweden, passed away on Nov. 6th 2008, at the age of 78 years. Anders Agell was the President of the International Society of