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SPEAKERS

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Director of DSV (Deutsche Sozialversicherung), the representation of German social insurance, Franz Terwey is also director of ESIP, the European Social Insurance Platform. Created in 1996, ESIP represents a strategic alliance of over 30 social security organisations across 13 European countries. Its missions are to preserve high-profile social security for Europe, to reinforce solidarity-based social insurance systems and to maintain European social protection quality.

Dominique LIBAULT



At the end of his studies at the Administration National School (ENA), Dominique Libault specialised in social issues. Former technical adviser of Simone Veil when she was Minister Social Affairs, Health and Urban Policy, he joined the Social Security Directorate, that he manages since November 2002. Besides its missions related to the functioning of social security, the Social Security Directorate negotiates and follows up France's international commitments on social security matters.

Vladimir SPIDLA



Before he became a Member of the European Commission in 2004, Vladimir Spidla was Prime Minister of the Czech Republic since 2002 and Chairman of the Czech Democratic Party (CSSD). He is currently Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities. His political priority consists in tackling the globalised world challenges to the European social model. The "Social Policy Agenda" has set four priorities to aim this goal: creating more and better jobs; fostering a convergence towards the best performance in Europe; to addressing the impact of demographic ageing and to promoting an inclusive society.

Roland SIGG



Roland Sigg is Head of Research at the International Social Security Association in Geneva and Lecturer at the University of Geneva in comparative social policy. He served as research fellow at the University of California, Berkeley, and at McGill University, Montreal. He currently co-ordinates comparative research projects in the field of the development of the welfare state, pension, work incapacity and reintegration, and the administration of social security. He is in charge of organising the International Research Conference in Social Security. He edited several books on various social security issues and published papers in national and international periodicals.

Alain EUZEBY



Professor of Economics in the "Institut d'études politiques" of Grenoble (France), Alain Euzéby is also administrator in the Unions for the collection of social security and family allowance contributions (URSSAF) of Grenoble. He often works with the National School of Higher Social Security Studies (EN3S) and has been consulted on several occasions by the European Commission and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) on issues related to social protection and its financing. Alain Euzéby has published some books of economics and articles dedicated to the effects of globalisation over European social protection systems.

Emmanuelle HOAREAU-SAUTIERES



Emmanuelle Hoareau-Sautières is currently student at the National School of Higher Social Security Studies (EN3S), which object is training public service Social security managers. Graduate from the "Institut d'Etudes Politiques" of Rennes (France), she holds a Master in International Humanitarian Aid, Emergency, Rehabilitation and a university degree in international law. In 2002, she was the coordinator responsible for the implementation of an orthopaedic centre for disabled children in Alep (Syria).

Magalie RASCLE



After her studies of Political Science and a Master in management of European projects which led her to Brussels, Magalie Rascle integrated the French social security. From 1999 to 2003, she managed the national project of the Sickness Insurance for the National Health Insurance Fund for Salaried Workers (CNAMTS). As a part of her training in the National School of Higher Social Security Studies (EN3S), the mission entrusted for the ESIP conference gives her the opportunity to conciliate her professional vocation for social protection and her personal interest for European issues.

Bruno PALIER



Specialist of Social Policies in France and in Europe, particularly in a comparative perspective, Bruno Palier is currently permanent researcher of the CNRS (National centre for scientific research) based at the CEVIPOF (Centre for the study of the French political life). He is a former student in the "Ecole Normale Supérieure and holds a PHD in Political Science. His thesis was entitled "Reform the social security, government policy from 1945 in France in a comparative perspective". He published besides several reference books on social protection and its reforms in France and in Europe.

Philip MANOW



Researcher in the Max-Planck Institute in Cologne, Philip Manow is specialist in Social Policy, Political Economy and the reforms of the Welfare States. He participates in several international research projects, on "The New Politics of the Welfare State", led by Paul Pierson (Harvard University, Center for European Studies), and on "The Adjustment of National Employment and Social Policy to Economic Internationalization", led by Fritz W. Scharpf (MPI for the Study of Societies) and Vivian Schmidt (Boston University). He has also published articles about the unemployment crisis and the German Welfare State.

Willy PALM



Willy Palm, a lawyer, specialised in social security law, is director of the "Association Internationale de la Mutualité" (AIM). He started his professional career at the European Institute of Social Security law (Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium). From 1992 he worked at the Research and Development department of the 'Alliance Nationale des Mutualités Chrétiennes'. Furthermore he undertook some healthcare related expert missions for the European Commission's PHARE programme (Romania, Lithuania). Before joining AIM, Willy Palm was an advisor to the Belgian Secretary of State for international co-operation.

Marie PANAYOTOPOULOS-CASSIOTOU



Marie Panayotopoulos-Cassiotou is a Greek Member of the European Parliament elected in June 2004 on the list of the "New Democracy Movement". She is member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs and of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality. Moreover, she chairs the Intergroup on "Family and Protection of Childhood" in the European Parliament. Representative of the Greek Confederation of Large Families by COFACE (Confederation of Family Organisations in the European Union) from 1998 to 2004, she has particularly good knowledge about issues related to family policy, which importance is increasing at the European level.

Dr Doris PFEIFFER



Dr Doris Pfeiffer, who holds a PHD in Political Economy, has a long professional experience within the German Health Insurance funds. She is the chief executive officer of the VdAK-AEV (Verband der Angestellten-Krankenkassen e.V.– Arbeiter-Ersatzkassen-Verband e.V) that is the Union of health funds for employees and workers, which headquarter is based in Siegburg. The aim of this association is to represent its members at the national and regional level, to advise them and to negotiate and reach agreements with suppliers of medical services.

Dr Zofia CZEPULIS-RUTKOWSKA

Dr. Zofia Czepulis-Rutkowska is a director of the Bureau for European Integration in the Polish Social Insurance Institution (ZUS). She is also a senior researcher in the Institute of Labour and Social Studies. Until 2003 she was a lecturer at the Warsaw College of Insurance and Banking. Her professional interests include research on living standards, institutions of the welfare state and labour market. She has participated in several international comparative studies.

Ad J.V BOCKTING



Ad Bockting studied Law at the University of Groningen (Netherlands) and he graduated in 1972. From 1974 he has been working in the field of social security, mainly in policy departments dealing with disability and rehabilitation, and with organizational structures in implementing disability and rehabilitation programs. From 1993, Ad Bockting has been working as manager of the International Department of UWV, the Institute for Employee Benefits Schemes. An important part of his work is the coordination of social security in the EU.

Kurt BERLINGER



Kurt Berlinger works for the German employment federal Agency (BA) since 1974. He has been responsible for BA's international relations for a long time and thus knows particularly well the issues related to the implementation of an employment strategy. He collaborated with the ILO (Geneva) and the OECD (Paris) and also dealt with programmes aiming to develop or to reform the organisations in charge of employment in Central and Eastern European Countries. Since October 2003, he manages BA's representation in Brussels, which is in charge, in particular, to follow the Leonardo da Vinci programme and the initiative Euroguidance.

Maria Helena ANDRE



Involved since the 80s in the General Confederation of Portuguese Workers, Maria Helena André is working in the European Trade Union Confederation for a long time. She was for more than ten years the ETUC Confederal Secretary. Since May 2003, she is the Deputy General Secretary of the ETUC. ETUC was created in 1973 to express the common interests of workers at the European level. Its main aims are to influence European decisions through its involvement in economic and social policy-making at all levels of the EU and to negotiate with the employers through the European social dialogue.

Emmanuel JULIEN



Deputy Director of Social Affairs at the Confederation of French Industrialists (MEDEF), Emmanuel Julien represents MEDEF at UNICE (European employers' organisation), at the European Commission and other employers' organisations in relevant EU and International entities (OECD, IOE...). He puts forward MEDEF actions, carries out negotiations with regard to various European mandates, deals with lobbying related to draft directives in the European community. He is a member of the Social Commission Bureau and Chairman of the corporate social responsibility working group at UNICE. UNICE is the main employers' organisation at a European level. It comprises 39 national organisations from 33 European countries and it is chaired by Ernest-Antoine Seillère.