

THE COMMITTEE ON LAW SCIENCES

The Committee on Law Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences, which at the same time is the Polish Committee belonging to the Association Internationale des Sciences Juridiques, devoted its efforts to organizing scientific meetings, co-ordinating plans for research in the legal sciences, and representing Polish jurisprudence in contacts with other countries.

It organized two meetings which were attended not only by members of the Committee on Law Sciences, but also by guests from the legal faculties of all the universities, and by eminent practitioners of the law. Great interest was aroused by the meeting held on 18th January, 1964, at which discussion followed a paper by professor Witold Ś w i d a, of Wrocław University, on the methodology of codification. As a result of the lively discussion which took place at this meeting, a motion was passed calling for greater participation by the jurists in the work of legislation, for more research on the functioning of the law in the community, and for the creation of a special body or bodies to take such research in hand. The paper read by professor Cezary Berezowski at the meeting on 22nd February 1964, on the connections between international law and the law of individual countries, likewise caused great interest.

The planning of legal research was discussed at a plenary meeting of the Committee on Law Sciences, at meeting of the Praesidium of the Committee, as well

as by two teams set up to co-ordinate research on problems of particular importance in the five-year research plan.

The Committee on Law Sciences held its plenary session on 10th April 1964 to discuss the planning of research. Apart from members of the Committee, it was attended by the Deans or Deputy Deans of the law faculties of all the universities in Poland, as well as by representatives from the Ministry of Higher Education and the Governing Board of the Law Institute of the Polish Academy of Sciences. A lively discussion took place, during which criticism was levelled against the way legal research had previously been planned in Poland. A motion was passed detailing concrete ways and means for improving the plans the way they are drawn up. This motion was then passed on to the Minister of Higher Education and the Scientific Secretary of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

After consulting the Committee members, the Praesidium of the Committee drew up a draft of the main trends for legal research in 1966-1970. This motion was then sent on to the authorities of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

With regard to the work of the Committee on Law Sciences on international scientific co-operation, intensive preparations were begun for the part Poland would take in the Seventh International Congress of Comparative Law (Uppsala 1966). An organizing Committee was set up, headed by professor Stefan Rozmaryn, Chairman of the Committee on Law Sciences and member of the Polish Academy of Sciences. The Committee has arranged that thirty papers will be given by Poles at the Congress. It has also suggested that some more general papers should be read by representatives of the legal sciences in Poland. The law departments of all the universities in Poland are working on the papers for the Congress.

Four international legal organizations: 1) the Institut International des Sciences Administratives (I.I.S.A.), 2) the Association Internationale du Droit du Travail et de la Sécurité Sociale, 3) the Association Internationale d'Histoire du Droit des Assurances (A.I.D.A.), and 4) the Association Internationale d'Histoire du Droit et des Institutions, have Polish sections, coming under the auspices of the Committee on Law Sciences, which are also very active, especially in organizing scientific meetings as well as lectures by foreign speakers.

The Polish Section of the I.I.S.A. has been particularly busy, having taken part in the organization of a "Table Ronde" of the Institute, which was held in Warsaw from June 22nd to June 25th, 1964, and which had an attendance figure of about 200. The Poles submitted three papers: 1) *The Administration of State Enterprises*, by professor Zygmunt Rybicki, Warsaw, 2) *Basic Principles of the Budget Economy*, by professor Marian Weralski, Warsaw, and 3) *Relations between Administrators and Administered* by Dr. Stanisław Gebert, Warsaw.

In connection with this occasion, the Polish section also prepared a special issue of "Revue Internationale des Sciences Administratives," containing eleven articles by Polish jurists and practitioners of the law on the Polish system of administration and Polish theory of administrative law.

The section has taken comparative law as its basic trend, and has recently organized a number of conferences on this subject with experts from other countries.

On May 8th, 1964, the Polish Section of the Association Internationale du Droit du Travail et de la Sécurité Sociale organized a meeting at which Minister Leon Chajn gave a paper on *Current Problems of the International Labour Organization*. The lively discussion which ensued testified to the great interest aroused by this subject.

On 8th and 9th May, 1964, the Polish Section of the A.I.D.A. organized a conference in Gdansk on the law of marine insurance. The conference was attended not only by members of the section, but also by representatives of the Ministry of Shipping, the Ministry of Foreign Trade, scientific institutes, and institutions interested in the development of the law of marine insurance. The following papers were read: 1) *The Role and Place of the Marine Insurance Contract in the General System of Polish Maritime Law* (professor Stanisław Matyisik, Sopot), 2) *Condemnation and Abandonment of a Ship in the Light of the Law* (A. Geisler), 3) *The Marine Insurance Company's Liability for Costs Incurred through Damage* (S. Jenger), and 4) *Civil Liability of the Captain and Crew from the Point of View of Insurance* (Dir. W. Niemotko).

Professor Juliusz Bardach (Warsaw), who is chairman of the Polish Section of the Association Internationale d'Histoire du Droit et des Institutions, attended the congress of the Société d'Histoire du Droit and the Société Internationale des Assemblées d'État, which was held in Aix-en-Provence on 23-28 May, 1964. He read a paper on *The Polish Monarchy in the Middle Ages*. Professor Bardach also attended the annual meeting of the Bureau of the above Association, of which he is Vice-President. The meeting took place in Zurich on June 5th and 6th, 1964.

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