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### **The Marco Biagi Award for 2010**

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### **CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE MARCO BIAGI AWARD**

By the deadline of April 31, eight papers had been submitted, from Australia, Cameroon, India and Italy. An academic jury composed of Professors Manfred Weiss, Matthew Finkin and Gian Guido Balandi evaluated the papers and decided as follows:

*The winner of the Marco Biagi Award for 2010 is Ms. Virginie Yanpelda of the Université de Douala, Cameroon, for her article entitled “Travail decent et diversité des rapports de travail”.*

*Using Cameroon as an example, Ms. Yanpelda considers whether and how the goals of the International Labour Organization’s decent work agenda can be realized in the context of an African country where most work relationships do not fit within the traditional concept of employment. She emphasizes the diversity of the “African reality” in that regard, and suggests strategies on how to cope with this reality in a way which will accord with the goals of the decent work agenda. To that end, her analysis indicates that both national and international concepts have to be rethought. Ms. Yanpelda’s well-structured article addresses one of the most pressing problems of labour regulation in developing countries, particularly in Africa. More broadly, it makes a very illuminating contribution to the current debate on whether (and to what extent) the ILO’s universally oriented strategies should be adapted to the circumstances of developing countries.*

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*The runner-up in this year's competition is **Mr. Marco Peruzzi of the University of Verona, Italy**, for his article on "Autonomy in the European Social Dialogue".*

*Mr. Peruzzi offers an incisive analysis of European Social Dialogue (cross-sectoral and sectoral), using a very sophisticated multi-disciplinary approach that draws on legal, sociological and political science literature. He convincingly portrays social dialogue as a concept of governance which is incompatible with real autonomy of the social partners at the level of substantive inputs, and which leaves autonomy to be understood in a procedural sense as referring to the implementation of agreements. The paper highlights the link between this kind of autonomy and the open method of coordination, and contributes significantly to the development of a theory of the European social dialogue as a unique type of "soft law" instrument.*

Ms Yanpelda and Mr Peruzzi will be contacted soon to be invited to present their work at the Association's 2010 meeting in the United Kingdom.

With the congratulations of the Association

Bologna, Ferrara June 8<sup>th</sup> 2010

Gian Guido Balandi  
President