



NASSW

The Nordic Association
of Schools of Social Work

REPORT FROM THE NORDIC ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS OF SOCIAL WORK, July 2020

Since the IASSW-board meeting in Kuala Lumpur, the NASSW-board have had no face-to-face meetings due to Covid-19. Unfortunately, our next joint Nordic FORSA / NASSW conference that was supposed be held in Iceland in 2020 is postponed until 2021. The new dates are not yet set. Our meeting in May in Lund was cancelled and we hope to have this meeting in September or early October this year.

NASSW do not have a lot to report. Most of our member schools have been busy with corona management and to make the shift from Campus-based learning to online-teaching. The reports that we have received so far is that this readjustment process has worked well and that it has triggered the digitalization of social work education. We can also see difficulties in finding (digital) alternatives to social interaction. We see a trend among our members schools that the effects of working from home are very different for different colleagues. For some it has been productive and eased the work load, for others it has been extremely hard work and an increasing risk of feeling blue due to the lack of social relationships.

During 2020, our work will be focused on preparing for the next Nordic conference. The theme of the conference is: "No one will be left behind": Social Work and Sustainability: Opportunities and Challenges for social work practice, education and research." For more information, see <https://forsa2020.is>.

We will also postpone the annual meeting to the next conference, so the new president for NASSW will not be elected until then. Marcus Knutagård will stay on as president for NASSW until the end of 2021. We will most likely stick to our plans to chair two workshops at the conference on the themes:

- *“Digitalisation of the social work profession – challenges for social work education, research and practice”.*
- *“Social work education in collaboration with practice”.*

The impact of Covid-19 will be an essential part of this discussion.

Our homepage is continually updated, and will in the future only be in English. We use Facebook frequently for dissemination and knowledge sharing.

<http://www.nassw.socwork.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/theNASSW/>

NASSW look forward to our continues cooperation with IASSW and EASSW and hope, in spite of the global pandemic, for many inspiring conferences and meetings that will contribute to the global development of social work education.

Warm regards,

Marcus Knutagård

President, NASSW

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