

Report of the Easter European sub regional Association of the Schools of Social Work, July 2020

- During the first period of the pandemic the members were exchanging experiences and shared their knowledge about the impact of the sars-covid-2 in different countries of East Europe and beyond. For some social work teachers the exchange gave them the feeling of belonging to the wider support network of social work educators.
- A smaller group of women from the Balkan region decided to contribute to the book on Human Rights and Social Work, which will be edited by Vjollca Krasniqi and Jane McPherson. The book will come out in 2021 by Springer.
- Egle Šumskienė from the University of Lithuania started an important project “Persons and Places: Transformations of Communities in the Process of Deinstitutionalization of Care Services” submitted under the Application for the Research Council of Lithuania Program Welfare Society – 2019-2020. Darja Zaviršek is part of the project and work as international advisor on deinstitutionalization.
- Ana Sobočan, University of Ljubljana contributed to the document Ethical Challenges during Covid-19: a global perspective which was published by the IFSW.
- The web site has been updated, posting important events and documents. The members of the EESrASSW have the chance to post their published or unpublished articles or research in the web site. The web site is a resource base for the region. <http://www.eesrassw.net/> (contact: Ana M. Sobočan).

ADDITION TO THE DECEMBER 2019 REPORT:

- The national association of social workers from Slovenia and the Faculty of Social Work Ljubljana organised a national congress of social work titled Humanism and Ethics in Social Work in October 16-18, 2019. Dr. Barbara Shank addressed the participants of the conference in the name of the president of the IASSW and Dr. Julia Watkins addressed the participants of the conference as the former president of the US CSWE. The conference organisers thanked them both deeply for their commitment and support. The scientific president of the conference was Darja Zaviršek. Some photographs of the event:



Dr. Julia Watkins, former president of the US CSWE, former treasurer of the IASSW, Oct. 2019



From left to right: Dr. Julia Watkins, dr. Barbara Shank, dr. Petra Videmšek, Slovenia; dr. Theano Kalinikkaki, Greece. October 2019



Dr. Barbara Shank, Secretary of the IASSW



Dr. Julia Watkins, Dr. Barbara Shank



Dr. Ana M. Sobočan, gave the key note speech, October 2019



From Left to right: Danica Hrovatič, president of the National Association of Social Workers Slovenia; dr. Ana Radulescu, president of the European Association of Social Workers, dr. Darja Zaviršek, president of the scientific committee of the 7th National Congress of Social Work Slovenia, board member of the IASSW.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Darja Zaviršek".

Darja Zaviršek, president

11.7. 2020