

Annamaria Campanini Biographical Sketch

Annamaria Campanini currently serves as professor of social work at Milano Bicocca University, a position she has held since 2007. She received her PhD in Sociology from Trieste University based on her research entitled, *Sociology and Social Work: History of a Dialogue*. In 2009 she received Honorary Doctoral Degree from Loyola University of Chicago for her leadership in international social work education.



Dr. Campanini began her academic career in 1975. She has a strongly developed interest and participation in Italian, European and international social work education. From 2002-2008, she served as the coordinator of the European Social Work thematic network, and in May of 2003 she was elected as a member of the Executive Committee of the European Association of Schools of Social Work, serving as President from 2007-2011.

In addition to her leadership roles in social work education, Dr. Campanini has taught in many countries of Europe and served as an international examiner as well as curriculum development expert in Portugal and for European ESCO projects.

She has authored many publications in several languages, including English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese and she serves as an editorial board member of many international social work journals.

IASSW Vision Statement

Serving the IASSW in the capacity of President will be an honor. The organization has a vital role to perform in strengthening social work education globally and in serving as a strong and collaborative voice for social work programs, faculty, and students throughout the world.

The importance of education as a change agent cannot be underestimated; it is through our social work educational programs that we may hope to develop future leaders who will carry forth with the mandates embodied in the Global Agenda as well as in the various instruments for social change promulgated through the United Nations and our own policy and standards documents. Our social work education must be a vital player in those efforts.

IASSW, through the various Regional Associations and in collaboration with our current partners as well as with new partners we will identify, must be in a leadership position to focus on not only strong professional preparation but also on political engagement to promote social justice and human rights.

In my own leadership commitments I have spoken to the importance of diversity as a value to be celebrated, to opening spaces of cooperation and exchange within Europe and among the IASSW recognized regions of the world, and to support innovative and comprehensive solutions to global issues as well as organizational challenges.

My vision for the future of IASSW is one of strengthening relationships with our current partners, IFSW, ICSW, the UN and our Social Work Regional Associations. In addition, we must seek and collaborate with new partners who share our values and our commitment to education, global sustainability, social justice and human rights.

We must have an organization (IASSW) that fosters innovative solutions to meet our many organizational challenges. Strengthening partnerships, seeking greater financial sustainability for the organization, and developing leadership for not only the present, but for the future can accomplish this.

It is my belief that as an international organization we must understand the unique strengths and challenges in our association's regions, allow each region to develop further its unique reality in teaching and research, while at the same time benefitting from our mutual interaction to strengthen our collaborative efforts globally.

I ask for your support in this important election. I welcome the challenges and stand ready to work with each of you in finding solutions to our mutual issues as we create an atmosphere for forward development of IASSW.