

REPORT TO THE IASSW JANUARY 2016 BOARD MEETING HELD IN SHANGHAI, CHINA

Introduction

The Executive Committee of the European Association of Schools of Social Work hold one meeting during the second half of 2015 in Paris. This was the first meeting led by new president Nino Zganec, vice-president Vasilios Ioakimidis and other new elected board members as reported in our last report for the Columbia meeting.

Strategic Planning

The EASSW decided to start with the process of strategic planning for the period from 2016-2019. New definition of mission and vision as well as new strategic directions will be defined and the whole process will be guided by independent professional from Lithuania. The strategic planning workshop will be held in February 2016 during the EASSW ExCo meeting in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Preparations for the EASSW conference 2017

The EASSW started already with the preparing of the next European conference which will be held in Paris 2017. The title of the conference (“Social work education in Europe: challenging boundaries, promoting a sustainable future”), main committees as well as timetable for the future activities were defined. The conference in Paris will be organized in close cooperation with the UNAFORIS (Union Nationale des Acteurs de Formation et de Recherche en Intervention Sociale).

Strategic cooperation with other international organizations

The EASSW started with the conclusion of the strategic agreement with other international (European) organization. The first agreement will be signed with the PowerUs (International network of teachers and researchers from schools of social work and representatives from different service user organizations), and some preparatory activities toward the formal partnership were made with the ESWRA (European Social Work Research association). The EASSW president is invited to attend the meeting of the ExCo of the IFSW European region

in Porto at the end of January 2016 for the purpose of the strengthening of the cooperation between two organizations. These partnerships should enable higher level of mutual cooperation and possible future joint activities.

Partnerships with INGO of Council of Europe, AIFRIS and ENSACT

During the ExCo meeting in Paris very important meetings were held among the EASSW president and treasurer with representatives of the AIFRIS (Association Internationale pour la Formation, la Recherche et l'Intervention Sociale) and INGO of Council of Europe (Conference of International Non-governmental Organisations). Also two representatives of the EASSW ExCo attended on October 12th the ENSACT meeting held in Utrecht, Netherlands (the minutes enclosed below).

Next EASSW ExCo meeting and mini conference

Preparatory work has been made for the next ExCo meeting in Vilnius in February 2016 as well as for the mini conference under the title: "Social work in dynamic societies: preserving identity, embracing innovations" that will be held during the ExCo meeting. Some of the ExCo members will give lectures concerning actual issues of international social work education.

Climate conference in Paris

The representative of the EASSW, Robert Bergougnan who is also actual EASSW treasurer participated very actively together with Lena Dominelli in organization of the social work event during the World Climate conference COP 21 in Paris. The title of the event was: Social Work, climate change and risk management (program enclosed below)

World Social Work Day 2016

The EASSW president participates in preparatory work for the celebrating of the WSWD in Geneva together with the IASSW president Vimla Nadkarni and other colleagues from Europe.

The EASSW also decided to organize celebration of the WSWD in Brussels (Belgium) together with the IFSW European region. This event will be Europe-wide and will be held on March 14th.

The ExCo member of the EASSW Raymond Kloppenburg organized the group of Dutch students who made the proposal of the logo for the celebration of the WSWD in Europe.

Research projects and support for the social work schools

The EASSW continued to support to finance the small research projects according to its own rules and tradition. Also the ExCo members supported the proposal that EASSW participates as non-academic partner in the proposal for Horizon 2020 program for an Innovative Training Network (ITN) in social work. This proposal is to develop a new European post graduate (PhD) programme which aims at the future of social work as a profession. The idea is to develop a more integrated social work research education in participating universities and other partners are the Universities of Bolzano, Bielefeld, Durham, Madrid, Sarajevo and Ljubljana.

Conclusion

The EASSW is actively involved in current developments concerning the different political, societal and educational matters that have influence to social work and societies in the Europe. We use social media, web site and other channels to communicate with the interested public, we release our statements when needed (e.g. Ukraine, situation with the refugees, terrorist massacre in Paris etc.) and will develop new strategy how to include and activate more our school members in all these processes.

Submitted by Nino Zganec, EASSW President

Minutes ENSACT meeting 12 October 2015 in Utrecht

Present: Thea Meinema (President ENSACT), Cecilia Heule (PowerUs), Arnoud Simonis (FESET), Phil Birkenhäger (FICE), Kerstin Svensson (Lund University), Annelise Murakami (ICSW), Anke Beuck (EASSW), Raymond Kloppenburg (EASSW), Josefine Johansson (IFSW)

Apologies: Jolanta Pivoriene (FESET), Maria Pentaraki (SWHIN)

Item	Decision	Action
Welcome		
Minutes from last meeting		
Minutes from meeting 18 March 2015	Minutes agreed without changes	
The minutes say that ENSACT should approach the European Social Work Research Association in 2015	ESWRA was invited to join ENSACT, but are not able to at this point in time.	No immediate action; exchange information on plans and activities
European Observatory report		
Kerstin presented findings and outline for draft report. Proposes two reports, on content and on process evaluation. Deadline for report is 1 Feb 2016.	Partners agree on outline. No further contributions will be invited. Contributions deadline 1 December.	Kerstin to send draft report between 5-10 January, comments within two weeks. Thea to draft cover letter with process evaluation and recommendations.
Stand-alone version European report as open source material	Report preferably available on ENSACT website. Low-cost solution for editing and layout.	Thea to ask Robert about technical possibilities. Thea and Kerstin to look into lay-out possibilities. Thea to ask Sue Lawrence for editing.
Workshop in Seoul: several ENSACT partners will participate in conference.	Thea will send in workshop proposal on European observatory.	Thea will suggest to Seoul organisers to have special seminar on observatories and results
World Social Work Day 2016		
World Social Work Day 2016 takes place on 15 March. It will focus on the rights of migrants.	ENSACT partners prefer to organise local or national activities on WSWD.	No joint presence in Geneva.
The next ENSACT meeting		
	Next meeting to take place	

	in Lund, Sweden, on Monday 4 April from 13.00 to 17.00 hours, hosted by Kerstin and Cecilia	
Any other business		
Arnoud will be on sabbatical from end October to mid January, but can be reached by email.		
PowerUs will decide on formal status in May 2016.		
Thea will put succession ENSACT Presidency on agenda next meeting.		



Travail social, changement climatique et gestion des risques

Social Work, climate change and risk management

Nouveaux enjeux nouveaux acteurs

New stakes, new players

Mardi 1^{er} décembre 2015 / Tuesday, December 1st, 2015

09:30 - 13:00

CNAM - 292 rue Saint Martin - Paris 3^{ème}

SEMINAIRE / SEMINAR

The voice of social work in the discussions about climate change has been largely inaudible. This organized event takes place in parallel with the negotiations of the 21st Conference of the Parties (COP21) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). It highlights the considerable roles that social workers play in:

- Promoting projects for the "survivors" of the climate change, including those affected by drought, floods, storms, heat waves, cold snaps or armed conflicts linked to a lack of resources;
- The development of a climate change theory for the profession;
- Undertaking research that aims to mitigate the effects of climate change, facilitate adaptation and lead to a reduction of the risks this phenomenon poses throughout the world.

Social workers can play important roles in promoting sustainable development, as proposed in projects run by the UNDP and other UN agency deliberations, including those affecting children, older people, disabled people, indigenous people and women. By so doing, social work is acting in accordance with the international definition of social work and calling for recognition of the substantial contributions made by the discipline and profession to social work research, education and practice and to the leading political and socio-economic problems of contemporary societies.

Both 'natural' and climatic disasters are interlinked throughout the world. Even in places that are considered 'safe' like France, dramatic events occur as instanced by the torrential rains on the Côte d'Azur in the Autumn of 2015, the Xynthia storm in February, 2010, bad weather in the Pyrenees in May 2013, the floods of Lamalou-les-Bains, in September, 2014.

Regularly, periods of big cold hit the homeless people hard. The scorching heat which affected Europe in the summer of 2003 produced real trauma in France because there was an

exceptionally high death rate among older people, which the public noticed. Nevertheless, half of these deaths occurred within institutions supposedly there to assure their care and protection.

These events have brought home the reality that groups of people who are already vulnerable, e.g., older people disabled people, poor people and others leading precarious lives are particularly exposed to the risks posed by climate change and unusual or extreme weather conditions.

Social workers have a specific place and roles to play in:

- Demanding that greater consideration is given to the situation of people who are exposed to climate change risks and ensuring that their voices are heard in all discussions, including those concerning prevention, anticipation and mitigation of risks.
- Supporting both victim-survivors of climate change disasters and those other professionals coming to their aid in situations of disaster and/or crisis.
- Working with individuals and groups during the post-disaster management through a strengths-based approach to promote agenda setting and action plans, resilience, leadership, and reconstruction.

Achieving these objectives of enhancing well-being and providing dignified responses to victim-survivors are not the sole purview of social worker. Rather, it requires global responsibilities and approaches that involve all stakeholders, a demonstration of solidarity of all, by all and for all. By building social links that bring us all together to solve problems, social workers can foster a durable, socially-based and just, sustainable development.

Social work research, education and practice have much to contribute to social transformations in conditions of climate change. These encompass, strengthen and empower local people and families to foster solidarity. Thus, social work must become a major player in climate change discussions and should be given greater prominence in COP 21 and subsequent deliberations on the subject.

Programme / Program

09:30 - 10:20 **Social Workers Rising to the Challenges of Climate Change - *L'évolution des travailleurs sociaux face aux défis du changement climatique***

Lena Dominelli, IASSW Climate Change Committee

→ **Climate Disasters in the Global South: Addressing the significant social impacts / *Les Désastres Climatiques dans l'Hémisphère Sud : Etat des lieux des impacts sociaux significatifs***

→ **Margaret Alston**, Monash University, Australia

10:20 - 11:20 **Discutants et échanges avec la salle / *Debate***

- Manuel Boucher, Président de l'ACOFIS - Le travail social dans la société du risque
- Agathe Petit, Membre de l'ACOFIS - L'intervention sociale face au risque climatique
- Marcel Jaeger, Président de l'AFFUTS - Paradigme environnemental dans le travail social
- Dominique Paturel, membre du CA de l'AFFUTS – une alimentation durable pour tous
- Michel Perrier, UNAFORIS - Interroger et investir les espaces
- Arnaud Morange, UNAFORIS - Développement Durable et Dév. du Pouvoir d'Agir

11:20 - 12:10 **Social work responses to natural disasters – strategies, challenges and lessons learned / *Les réponses du travail social aux catastrophes naturelles – stratégies, challenges et leçons apprises***

→ **Desley Hargreaves**, University of Queensland, Australia

Climate change, extreme weather events, and disasters: Developing new social work knowledge and practice / *Changement climatique, météorologie extrême et catastrophes : Vers le développement d'un nouvel apprentissage et d'une mise en pratique du travail social*

→ **Julie Drolet**, University of Calgary, Canada

12:10 - 12:30 **Jean Louis Laville, CNAM, Paris auteur de *Civil Society, the Third Sector and Social Enterprise / Société civile, le tiers secteur et L'entreprise sociale***

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- Arnaud Morange, UNAFORIS

CONCLUSION

Lena Dominelli, IASSW and / et Robert Bergougnan EASSW

Organisateurs / Partners

IASSW-AIETS - *International Association of Schools of Social Work / Association internationale des écoles de travail social* - www.iassw-aiets.org

EASSW - *European Association of Schools of Social Work / Association européenne des écoles de travail social* – www.eassw.org

Cnam - Conservatoire national des arts et métiers - Département droit, intervention sociale, santé, travail / *The National Conservatory of Arts and Crafts, Department of Law, Social Interventions and Health*, - www.cnam.fr

ACOFIS - Association des chercheurs des organismes de la formation et de l'intervention sociales / Association of Research Workers in Organisations of Training and Social Interventions - www.acofis.org

AFFUTS - Association française pour le développement de la recherche en travail social / French Association for the Development of Social Work Research, - www.affuts.org

UNAFORIS - Union nationale des acteurs de formation et de recherche en intervention sociale / National Union of Trainers and Research in Social Interventions, - www.unaforis.eu



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