



The Nordic Association of Schools Social Work

## **NASSW report to IASSW Board Meeting, Medellin 29-31 July, 2015**

NASSW Executive Committee had its meeting in Copenhagen in March 2015. There are many changes going on in social work educations in the Nordic countries. The executive committee is following the changes and discussions wanting to contribute with a comparative analysis later. Following tendencies in social work educations can be mentioned: There are increasingly larger educational units where social work is combined with other disciplines. There are different models of these combinations. There are also changes in the position of research in social work curriculum so that including research in social work education is a growing feature also in those countries, where it did not use to be. Now, there is an official structure for collaboration between the schools of social work in each country.

The main work of NASSW during the past six months has been:

1. Contributing to Nordic and European conferences
2. Working with the strategic plan together with the member schools.
3. Promoting IASSW membership among Nordic social work schools
4. Keeping NASSW active in social media.
5. Maintaining and improving contact with and support to social work schools in the Nordic countries

### ***1 Contributing to Nordic and European conferences***

Nordic schools were participating in and contributing to the European social work research conference in Ljubljana in April 2015 and in the EASSW conference in Milan in July 2015. Next general meeting of NASSW will be held in October 2016 in connection of the following joint Nordic conference and correspondingly a new chair and working committee will be elected in this general meeting. Joint preparations for the conference have been started. Preparing the strategic plan together with the member schools

### ***2 Preparing the strategic plan together with the member schools***

NASSW executive committee has continued discussion on the updating of the strategic plan. The member schools in each country will be involved in the discussions before the following executive committee meeting in Oslo October 19–20, 2015.

### ***3 Promoting IASSW membership among Nordic social work schools***

The executive committee members in each country promote the IASSW membership of social work schools besides the EASSW membership. The role of IASSW has been actively discussed for example in the connection of World Social Work Day, in the context of Global Agenda, through Social Dialogue advertisements, in discussions on Research statement and in separate membership promotion emails. NASSW executive committee nominated two candidates, one from Norway and one from Denmark to IASSW nomination committee for the selection of member at large candidates.

### ***4 Keeping NASSW active in social media***

Materials from NASSW meetings and discussions have been published on NASSW facebook site and in twitter, and documents and informations have been published on the website. A newsletter will be sent to the contact persons in member schools after each executive committee meeting.

### ***5 Contacts with and support to Nordic social work schools***

The executive committee will maintain and develop contacts with and support to social work schools in the Nordic countries e.g. via emails to contact persons and via the facebook and website activities. A review of social work curricula and pedagogical applications in relation to the topics such as interprofessional work and global issues (including human rights) in the Nordic social work schools will be carried out before next executive committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted by

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