Report from the Capacity Building Committee

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This report highlights activities that have occurred since the last report in January 2018 and/or are planned in each of the key initiative categories.

**Regional Resource Centres**

1. The Regional Resource Centre (RRC) in China has submitted a proposal to the United Board to be able to continue its capacity building work in partnership with the Vietnamese Association of Social Work.

  The China RRC has plans for 2018 that include:

1. The Committee received a report from the RRC at Massey University. The name of the RRC has been changed to the Social Work Oceania Regional Resource Centre. This change was requested and approved because there is another organisation called the “Pacific Regional Resource Centre” which is faith-based.

The RRC collaborators are working, along with a number of other Pacific social work educators and practitioners (more than 30 in total), as contributors towards a Pacific social work book, which will be used as a learning resource for social work education across the region. The book title is Pacific Social Work: Navigating Practice, Policy and Research, the editors are Jioji Ravulo, Tracie Mafile’o and Bruce Yeates, and the publisher is Routledge.

In addition, the SWORRC Coordinator, Tracie Mafile’o is co-editing a special issue of the journal *Aotearoa New Zealand Social Work*, called *Tu Mau*, which has a focus on Pacific social work. This is serving as a publication outlet for papers presented at the *Advancing Pacific Social Work Symposium.*

Finally, a logo for the SWORRC is currently being designed. It is anticipated the logo and an information flyer will be ready before the SWSD Conference in June 2018. A PRRC webpage has also been developed and will go live once the logo is finalised. These mechanisms, along with our use of social media, will improve the visibility of the SWORRC.

1. There will be a meeting of RRC leadership at the SWSD Conference in July 2018.

**Program Consultations**

1. There have been no requests for program consultation since our last meeting. We have not heard anything more on the request from the Sharjah Women’s College, University of HCT, United Arab Emirates (the last communication was now a year ago), and we assume that this request has been withdrawn.

**Capacity Building workshops**

1. Azerbaijan

The Azerbaijan State Culture and Art University became a member of IASSW and we supported a conference/capacity building event this spring. President Annamaria Campanini presented and participated.

Respectfully submitted,

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