

International Association of Schools of Social Work

Regional Report- Asia Pacific

January to June 2022

APASWE Board

After elections late last year the newly constituted Board has been meeting this year and includes the following members:

A/Prof David Rose- President (Australia)
Prof Takashi Fujioka- Treasurer (Japan)
Dr Jowima Reyes- Secretary (Philippines)
A/Prof Kana Matsuo (Japan)
Prof Tulshi Kumar Das (Bangladesh)
Dr Mohd Haizzan Yahaya (Malaysia)
Prof Zulkarnain Hatta – Immediate Past President (Malaysia)

There is one Board vacancy which is currently in the process of being filled by co-option.

Membership

At the beginning of this reporting period membership numbers were:

- Institutional members: 427
- Individual members: 132
- Affiliate members: 2

Increasing and maintaining membership across this large region continues to be a challenge with a substantial proportion of institutional members coming from Japan, Korea, Australia and New Zealand. A major focus of the Board is increasing membership from the many countries across the region that have rapidly expanding numbers of social work education programs.

Asia-Pacific Joint Regional Workshop- 19/2/2022

A joint APASWE and IFSW-AP workshop on “Examining the Updated Global Standards for Social Work Education and Training” was conducted with a range of presenters from across the region reporting on implementation of the Standards in their country.

APASWE Representation at Regional Events

The President represented APASWE and IASSW with presentations at the following regional events:

- Presentation on the “Global Standards for Social Work Education and Training” at the Association of Indonesian Social Welfare and Social Work Education (ASPEKSI) workshop on *Reviewing the Core Curriculum for Professional Social Work Education in Indonesia* 28th to 29th June, 2022.

- Presentation on “Social Work Education: New Frontiers in Asia Pacific” at the Thailand Association of Social Work Education (TASWE) workshop *New Directions of Social Work Education in Asia and the Pacific*, 9th June, 2022.

Biennial Asia Pacific Regional Social Work Conference

The next Biennial regional conference will be taking place in Iran in 2023.

Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development Theme One- Reporting

IASSW and IFSW-AP are jointly working on gathering feedback from the region on progress towards the Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development Theme One for the Global Taskforce. A form for written feedback is being distributed to social work educators and social work practitioner representative bodies across the region and two regional webinars with short presentations by multiple presenters on the theme are scheduled for 20/7/22 UTC 08.00 and 21/7/22 UTC 10.00.

ASEAN Intersectoral Regional Conference on Strengthening Social Work 26-28 April 2022

Several Board members attended and participated in this major regional conference on strengthening social work in ASEAN countries. The conference had high level government representation from ASEAN countries and several key issues were addressed including increasing the professional social work workforce, regulation and capacity building of the social work workforce and developing social work education in the region to continue to build the social work workforce.

Special Edition of *Social Work Education* journal on Asian Social Work Education

A special edition of the journal on the current state of social work education in Asia has been announced for 2024. A call for abstracts to be considered for inclusion of articles in the special edition close 31st October, 2022.

Focus for remainder of 2022

Key areas the Board will be focusing on for the remainder of 2022 including membership, establishing a strategy around engaging social work students across the region with APASWE and each other and continuing the webinar series on Indigenizing social work education and development of a possible publication based on the series.



David Rose
President- APASWE