

International Association of Schools of Social Work

President Report (July-December 2018)

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings!!

I would like to present a President report for the period of July-December 2018. In last few months a lot of travel/visits were done. I tried to showcase IASSW and its activities, as well as enhance membership during all my visits.

Being multilingual and able to speak in French and Spanish, it was easy to interact with colleagues across the globe.

With the help of Rashmi Pandey, I had shared the information, pictures, and other updates on IASSW website and social media (Facebook and Twitter) of different travels. I hope you have seen most of those, I will present a synthesis in this report:

DUBLIN CONFERENCE

Board Meetings- July

Dublin Board Meeting was held on July 1-3, 2018 at Clayton Hotel, before the conference. Current and past Board Members attended the Board Meeting. The meetings were fruitful and had good discussions.



Figure 1: IASSW Board Members during Board Meeting in Dublin, Ireland



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Updates from the Dublin conference:

- We have had meeting with the IFSW newly elected President Silvana Martinez from Argentina and together with Eva Herrstrom (ICSW President) we discussed how to create a stronger and loyal cooperation at tripartite level. I think that there are very good perspectives in this sense.

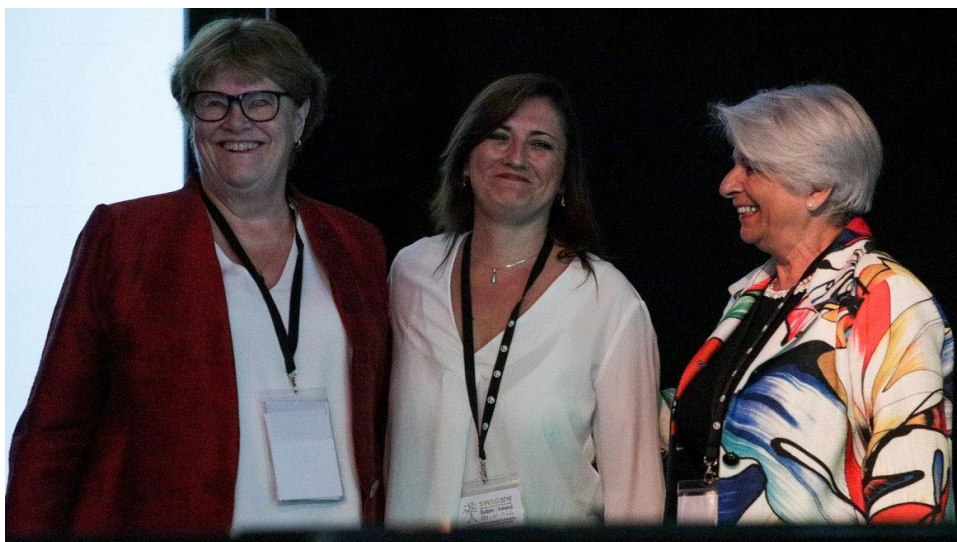


Figure 2: L-R: Eva Holmberg-Herrström-President ICSW, Silvana Martinez President-IFSW, Annamaria Campanini President-IASSW

- The IFSW General Assembly had approved the Ethical Principles, prepared by the joint task force (IASSW-IFSW) although in a brief version. We have uploaded a larger version translated in the 5 languages on the website. It has been a long process, but finally we got an interesting document, thanks to the incredible effort of Chair Prof. Vishanthie Sewpaul and all the task force members. Now we expect that in any school will be a discussion of the document and that we look at this document as a working paper that can be expanded at regional or national level and we would like that feedback will be discussed in the next conference in Rimini 2020.

IASSW General Assembly

The General Assembly was held on July 5, 2018 in Dublin. Around 150 members attended it. I would like to thank the colleagues for their support and agreement in relation to the

difficult period in which I've to navigate maintaining a firm position in relation to the dynamic between IASSW and IFSW.



Figure 3: President addressing IASSW General Assembly in Dublin

IASSW Booth

IASSW booth/stand was centre of attraction for the delegates as it had good posters, movie on 90 years journey of IASSW, pamphlets on IASSW and 90 years celebrations, publications, souvenir etc. All posters and picture were posted on social media of IASSW. We are thankful to Lynne Healy, Rashmi Pandey and a volunteer colleague from India- Prashant Jadhav who designed beautiful posters.



Figure 4: Poster of IASSW President (1928-2020)

IASSW Election results-2018

- During the Dublin conference we have had election of the Treasurer and 2 members at large. Please join us to congratulate IASSW newly elected board members for 4 years term- 2018-2022. We have now **Treasurer** Tan Ngho Tiong (Singapore) and **Member – at-large:** Augusta Yetunde Olaore (Nigeria) and Shajahan P. K. (India)
- IASSW Board Members and all members are looking forward for the contribution of newly elected board members for growth and development of International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW).
- IASSW Board and all members want to thank Mark Henrikson, Linda Kreitzer and Hernando Munoz who completed their four year term (2014-2018) for the contribution that they have given to International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW).

IASSW cocktail for the awardee

A cocktail was organised to celebrate Prof. Dr. Marida Yamamoto (Brazil) for the Katherine Kendall award and Prof. Dr Mel Gray for the Eilein Younghusband lecture.



Figure 5: in centre KK Awardee 2018- Prof. Dr. Marida Yamamoto (Brazil)



Figure 6: Prof. Dr Mel Gray for the Eilein Younghusband lecture.

Presentation of the newly elected editors at the Sage booth- 6th of July

It has been a useful occasion to introduce the team of the International Social Work Journal Editors that have been selected by the three associations, Patrick O'Leary and Ming sum Tsui.

Board meeting post conference

The 4th afternoon we had a short Board meeting to introduce new candidates and to evaluate the conference. Not many people could participate

PRESIDENT'S TRAVEL/VISITS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES:

1. AUGUST: Chengdu – CASWE conference

In August I've been invited to open and give a key note at the China Association of Social Work Educators. It has been a great opportunity to meet many Chinese scholars and also to discuss with the CASWE Board about the role that can play in IASSW.

Prof Yongxiang Xu and prof. Ma Fengzi have in their closing speeches underlined the importance of the involvement of Chinese schools in the international initiatives and warmly invited them to become members of IASSW.



Figure 7: Closing Ceremony : Annamaria Campanini with the CASWE Board

2. September/ October - Latin America visit

I visited different parts of Latin America to involve schools in these areas to participate in IASSW activities and increase the school membership from Latin America region.

In **Valparaiso (Chile)**, at *Universidad de Valparaiso* I opened the IV conference on Clinical social work. (Video : [IV Seminario de Trabajo Social Clínico reunió a expertos internacionales](#))

In **Santiago (Chile)**, I met the Rector of **INACAP** and representatives of the different schools, with the purpose of organizing a process of curricula evaluation.



Figure 8: Meeting with the Rector and the University Board of INACAP

Bogota, Colombia

I participated to the XXII Seminario Latinoamericano y del Caribe de Escuelas de Trabajo Social, an important occasion to meet representatives of different schools of the Latin America region.

The ALAEITS assembly has elected Costa Rica as new Board of the Latin America region. A big thank to Nilsa Burgos who was in the IASSW Board for her valuable contribution to IASSW activities and best wishes to Rita Meoño Molina and her team!!!



Figure 9. Opening ceremony



Figure 10: The newly elected Board of ALEITS

Argentina, Mar del Plata and Buenos Aires

Thanks to the contacts provided by Silvana Martinez I've had the opportunity to meet different colleagues of the Mar del Plata and Buenos Aires Universities, as well as the President of Argentina Association of Schools of Social Work. I've discussed about the

cooperation with IASSW and possible future initiatives and also I've offered some open lectures and seminars.

Visita Dra Campannini a la Facultad de Ciencias de la Salud y Trabajo Social :

<https://youtu.be/yCGN7wyp6SM>



Figure 11. Meeting with the Rector at Mar del Plata Buenos Aires Univ.



Figure 12. Open lecture at

3. October -Bologna, Italy-

In Bologna together with ICSW President- Eva Holmberg-Herrström and Italian representatives we started to discuss the organisation of the Joint World conference on social work education and social development that will take place in 2020 -29june/1july- in Rimini, Italy.



Figure 13. The LOC team at work

4. November - Visit in China

a. Beijing

I was invited to participate in 1st and 2nd November 2018, to the 30th anniversary of the establishment of social work in China and at the Peking University .

During these 30 years China has realised a phenomenal progress, establishing a large number of social work Bachelor and master programs, training trainers and social workers that are playing a highly significant role in providing community services and in enhancing social betterment in China.

Angelina Yuen and Lena Dominelli, two IASSW past Presidents, have contributed with their speeches to the success of the conference.

We hope that China social work education will have a further development responding to the need of the society and can develop a stronger participation and contribution to the International Association of Schools of Social Work



Figure 14. Closing ceremony

B. Shanghai

Invited by ECUST, during a week I've had the opportunity to meet colleagues, give lectures to students of the first International Master in Social Work, but also to participate to an interesting research meeting in one Community Center. During the farewell diner I offered a plaque to Prof. Yongxiang Xu, President of the China Association of Social Work Educator and responsible of the organisation at ECUST University in Shanghai, as a sign of a deep appreciation of his work to enhance social work in China.



Figure 15. A plaque of recognition to prof. Yongxiang Xu

C. Wuhan

Visit in Congo 10/14 December

It has been very interesting to participate as chair of the jury to the discussion of the first Master thesis in Brazzaville, where a Social Work school has been created with the support of the former IASSW President Abye Tasse and Emmanuel Jovelin from Lille University (France).



Figure 17- Prof. Emmanuel Jovelin and some master students

During my stay I've also met the Minister of Social and Humanitarian Affairs of the Republic of Congo and attended the Seminar on exchange of experience in building schools of social work in Africa, organized under the leadership of Abye Tasse. I've presented IASSW history and activities, underlining the support that we can offer in capacity building and the importance of being member of this international community.



Figure 18- Minister Antoinette Dinga Nzondo



Figure 19- Prof. Abey Tasse with Dr. Ashenafi from Adis Ababa University

Updates from IASSW Committees

I am not including report from each committee in this one, as all will be sending their reports for Tokyo board meeting but I would like to highlight few as follows:

Website Committee updates

Subscribe to Updates- Sign Up with your email address to receive news and updates from IASSW.

We have created a space in our website where EVERY individual member or academic who are part of the member schools, can subscribe signing up with their email address, to

receive news and updates from IASSW. I hope that all of you will do it so our community will become more tied and can be more active at international level.

IASSW Website Revamp

We would like to revamp IASSW website. We have received few proposals, had Skype meetings with current website company manager- Preshit. We had several discussion among Office bearers and website committee. Unfortunately, we are not having enough members in the website committee.

Please volunteer in this important committee and let us to have NEW website in 2019.

Relocating and Reincorporation

- Relocating / Finding a suitable legal/corporate and financial 'home'. We are currently incorporated and use banking services in the USA, and find compliance costs (banking, legal and audit fees), are excessively expensive and international banking restrictions are onerous.
- During IASSW General Assembly we took also a very important decision to relocate and reincorporate our finance in a less expensive country. A firm will work for this entire process as this not very simple operation that should help us to save money to be invested in our specific activities.
- John Rautenbach and Tan Ngoh Tiong will update more on it.

2020 Conference

As you all must be aware of that 2020 conference will be organised in two different locations: Rimini 28/6- 1/7 by IASSW and ICSW with the title: Promoting Human Relationship: Bridging the future! www.swesd2020.org and in Calgary by IFSW in July. As Presidents of the three International Associations we will participate to both conferences and the results will be taken in consideration to build the new Global Agenda.

The Rimini conference will be focused on social work education and social policy, so we hope that there will be a larger space for our academics to share ideas and discuss about curricula, teaching methodologies, researches!

You will find information on the website www.swesd2020.org and we are really keen to have your suggestions on how to create a more active participation during this important meeting.

IASSW Members can login in the discussion forum on IASSW website: <https://www.iassw-aiets.org/discussions/> and provide their inputs. You can also reach us by sending your emails, feedback at hello@iassw-aiets.org



PROMOTING HUMAN RELATIONSHIP: BRIDGING THE FUTURE!

GLOBAL AGENDA

As you know the 1st Global Agenda will finish in 2020 and we are preparing the new one. Together with ICSW we have launched a FB and a dedicated address where you can send your suggestions. This is a very important process, so please involve your students and your colleagues in sending ideas and feedback.

Video messages

- Video message sent for the III Congreso Internacional de Trabajo Social y XII Congreso de Facultades y Escuelas organizado por la Conferencia de Decanos/as y Directores/as de las Facultades y Departamentos de Trabajo Social de las Universidades españolas

con el título: "El trabajo social en un mundo en transformación: ¿distintas realidades o nuevos relatos para la intervención?".

- Speech recorded for the Global Institute of Social Work on Future of Social Work: International Perspectives
(<https://gisw.teachable.com/courses/444984/lectures/6821344>)

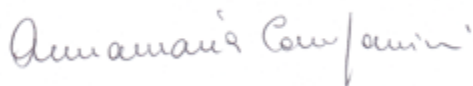
Skype Meetings

- We had regular alternate month Skype meetings with office bearers in July, September and November to discuss about activities, progress and difficulties.
- Frequent Skype meetings were organized with ICSW President and other partners to monitor the process of the Rimini 2020.
- I also used many whatsapp calls to connect with colleagues and Rashmi in relation with the activities of IASSW.

I wish you a relaxing holiday and a productive New Year 2019!

As always, I look forward to receive your valuable feedback on my report.

With warm regards,



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