

International Association of Schools of Social Work

President's Update

(January to April 2019)

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings!!

I would like to present first update for 2019 after the Tokyo Board Meeting.

Tokyo Board Meeting & Capacity Building Conference

The new year have started with our Tokyo Board meeting.

It was hosted by Japanese Association of Social Work Education (JASWE). The Board Meetings were held on January 11-12, 2019 at JASWE office. The Capacity Building programme theme was Theme: Current Issues and Future Developments of “Glocal” Social Work Education: Challenges for Constructing Inclusive Society by “Glocal” Social Work. It was held on January 13, 2019 at Meigakuin University. IASSW Board is very much thankful to Junko Wake and colleagues for hosting us.



Figure 1: IASSW Board Members in Tokyo Board Meeting.



Figure 2: Prof. Annamaria Campanini giving IASSW plaque to Prof Shirasawa



Figure 3: Delegates at mini conference

On 10th January, 2019 colleagues from Shukutoku university invited IASSW Board Members for a round table about the future of IASSW and the possibilities to strengthen the relationship with the Japanese members. We had the possibility to visit the university and to meet the dean. The discussion was interesting and fruitful.

Pictures were posted on IASSW website, Facebook and Twitter and I hope that you must have seen those.

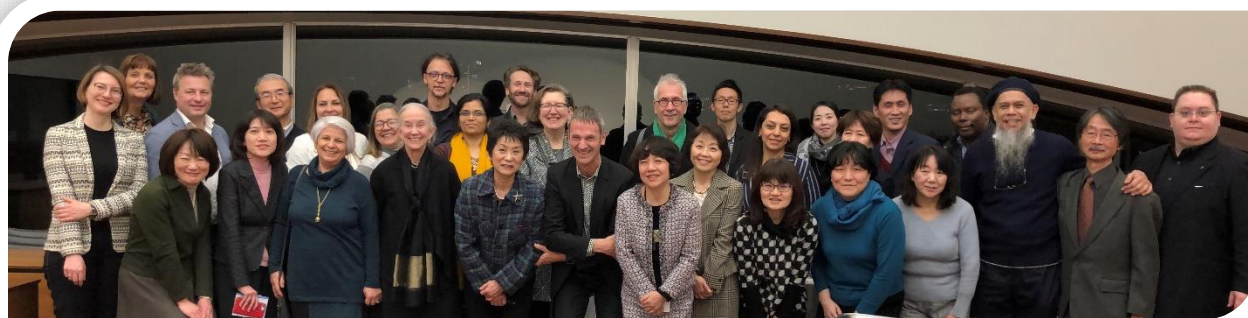


Figure 4: Delegates after the mini conference

In my report for this trimester I would like to update to some interesting activities I was involved in.

Tripartite Meetings

IASSW, ICSW and IFSW had meetings on February 4-5, 2019 in London. The meetings had various items in the agenda: The Global Agenda, 2022 conference and future cooperation among three organizations. President and Secretary attended also the ISWJ owners meeting with SAGE in London.

After this meeting an important survey was circulated between the Board members to evaluate different propositions presented by IFSW for the organization of the 2022 conference.

The same survey was circulated in ICSW. The results of both the consultations were discussed in a skype meeting between the three Presidents and an agreement was reached and the statement published on our media.

This has been a great result obtained thanks to the loyal and strong cooperation between the three Presidents.

IASSW and IFSW used also the opportunity to be together, to meet Vassilios Iokaimidis and discuss the about the education committee and the task force on reviewing the global standards. It has been an important occasion to clarify the respective roles and to develop a positive cooperation in this sector.

In May we have had a discussion on how to prepare the bid for the 2022. There was an agreement in changing some previous requirement and add some new. The bid has been publicized in all the media of our three organisations.

We have had a skype meeting the 24th of June and we agreed to have as a coordinator for the organization of the 2022 conference Vishanthie Sewpaul.

During the meeting was also discussed which important aspects can be on the new Tripartite Agreement document. Rory will prepare a draft that will be circulate and discuss in the next skype meeting.

March Meeting

Rimini Conference Meeting

I had meeting in Rimini on March 4, 2019 to plan the field visits and other activities connected with the 2020 conference. Organizers are preparing a very rich initiative for Rimini Conference <http://www.swesd2020.org/>



Figure 5: Annamaria Campanini with Local Organizing Committee of Rimini Conference

I had different skype meetings with the scientific committee of 2020 Conference. The possible Key note speakers have been contacted and we are waiting for their confirmation. The call for papers is under preparation.

We need support in finding good sponsors for the conference and of course in promoting the participation.

April Meetings

I was invited to participate to the international conference organised by the Iranian Association of Social Workers on Social work and social resilience and I gave a key note on Internationalization vs. indigenization in the social work curricula. How to handle this challenge?



Figure 6: Annamaria Campanini in Tehran



Figure 7: Annamaria Campanini receiving medal

At the end of the conference I was awarded with the 8th Social Health Medal and I offered a



Figure 8: Annamaria giving IASSW plaque

plaque as a sign of appreciation to the President of the Iranian Association of Social Workers Dr. Hassan Mousavi Chela. During the visit in Iran, also an important meeting has been organised with representatives of Schools of Social Work.



Figure 9: Annamaria Campanini with the delegates in Iran

Perspectives of social work education in Iran and in the world have been discussed, as well as the importance to participate as a member in the life of the association

Dr. Hassan arranged also many visits to social services in Teheran and Isfahan (city in central Iran) where I was received by the political Deputy of Governor of the Region and we discussed about the importance of implementing Social Work services in Iran.



Figure 10; Annamaria Campanini welcomed by colleagues in Iran

International Military Social Work Conference

International Military Social Work Conference was held on April 24, 2019. I participated and spoke on behalf of the association to the participants from many different countries of the world on the importance to create a group to share experiences and discuss competences of social workers in this occupation sector, but also reflect on some possible ethical dilemmas. Three-day inaugural roundtable conference, sponsored by Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service, with additional support from the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) and the Office for Military Families and Veterans - University of Alabama, has been very interesting a successful



Figure 11: Delegates of International Military Social Work Conference

June meetings

I've been invited to the EASSW conference in Madrid and I had the opportunity to give a welcome speech at the beginning and to participate to the round table at the end of this very successful conference. Elections have been held during the general assembly and we welcome the new President Teresa Bertotti and thank Nino Zganec for his contribution!

Presentation of the Ethical principle in Italy

I've been asked by the National Council of social workers to present the ethical principle as an important contribution to their work on revising the ethical codes.

Following this presentation in Rome, many other regional councils have organized seminar with workshop and discussion.

World Social Work Day

A joint video messages for WSWD 2019 was prepared by Presidents of IASSW and IFSW in Spanish with subtitles in English: <https://youtu.be/6lcd4l2PCH0>

The video messages links were shared with all IASSW members through Google groups. It was posted on IASSW website, Facebook and Twitter.

World Social Work Day 2019 at the United Nations-Geneva

The celebration of World Social Work Day at the UN in Geneva was held on March 19, 2019. Nino Zganec, President EASSW represented both IASSW and EASSW. The event is part of this approach, putting at the heart of its proposal the inclusion of women, as well as marginalized genders and sexualities, in all spheres of society. The event will pay special attention to strategies and policies to combat the discrimination and inequality of these groups in all societies. More details at: <https://www.hesge.ch/hets/actualites/2018/100-ans-hets-journee-internationale-du-travail-social-2019-onu-geneve>

World Social Work Day 2019 at the United Nations-New York

1 Apr 2019 - Social Work Day at the United Nations is an annual programme of the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) and the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW). The theme of this thirty-sixth annual programme was child protection. This year President could not attend this programme but it was represented by IASSW board members: Lynne Healy-IASSW Main representative at UN, Barbara Shank-IASSW secretary, IASSW interns at UN.

The programme was live stream at UN Web TV: <http://webtv.un.org/meetings-events/watch/social-work-day-2019-at-the-united-nations/6021318335001/?term=#.XMpYBCHFD0U.gmail>

World Social Work Day 2019 in UN Bangkok

On 4th April WSWD was celebrated in United Nations Conference Centre Bangkok, Thailand by IASSW, ICSW and IFSW. Zulkarnain Hatta, President of APASWE and Vice President of IASSW represented both the organisation. Also, IASSW treasurer Tan Ngho Tiong was present. Along with IASSW, the President of IFSW (Asia Pacific) and the Vice President of ICSW were also the different panellists.



The



Minister of Social Development and Human Security, Gen. Anantaporn Kanjanarat officiated the ceremony while Mr. Thomas Davin, representatives of UNICEF Thailand gave the keynote speech.

World Social Work Day 2019 in Matera (Italy)

On 22nd of March the WSWD was celebrated in Italy in Matera -European capital of culture 2019, with representatives of the Parliament and other important institution. I was asked to give a key note on the fourth pillar of the Global Agenda and it was also an important occasion to present the Rimini conference and to receive commitments of sponsorship by the National and Regional Professional Registers Presidents.

Updates from IASSW Committees and Task Forces:

✚ Restructuring IASSW

Following the decisions taken during the Board meeting, many progresses in this period have concerned:

- The new agreement with Chapel and York for the administration of IASSW. New Bank is also in process to be contracted.
- The agreement with Preshit for revamping the website
- Definition of the tasks to appoint a communication person. The call will be launch soon
- Invitation sent to all the past officers and Board members to become Life members

I actively participated in all these initiatives and I think that these are very important steps to develop a better and more effective organization.

I want to thank specially Tong, Barbara and Rashmi who have worked very hard to prepare all the documents needed and have participated to numerous skype meetings.

✚ Census

The census is still in progress but we need many more efforts to reach all the countries and have a complete picture of social work education in the world.

John Rauthenbach is continuing in his tireless commitment to contact people and many colleagues have helped him (Barbara has completed all the USA schools....) but we need more volunteers in this important task.

✚ Nominating Committee



IASSW had announced four vacancies on the IASSW Board of Directors from July 2020. There is one position open for President, Secretary and two positions for Member at Large of the Board of Directors. The deadline for submission of nominations is June 1st 2019. All official versions of the call for nominations in Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, French and English is available on the IASSW website: <https://www.iassw-aiets.org/iassw-call-for-nominations-for.../>

IASSW and IFSW to update Global Standards for Social Work Education and Training.

The International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) and the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) have initiated a joint process of reviewing and updating the Global Standards for Social Work Education and Training. Dixon Sookraj from IASSW and Vasilios Iokimidis from IFSW are Chairs of this task force.

Ute Straub with Teresa Bertotti and other colleagues from Belgium have organized a workshop during the

Publication Committee

We have launched 20th volume of Social Dialogue Online Magazine on March 25, 2019. Theme of this volume is "Human trafficking and Modern-Day Slavery". Guest Editor Professor Doris Testa is a Senior Lecturer at Victoria University, Melbourne and Carolyn Noble is Editor in Chief of Social Dialogue Online Magazine.

You can access this volume : <https://socialdialogue.online/volume/20/read/#page=1> and previous volumes on our

website: <http://socialdialogue.online/> and <https://www.iassw-aiets.org/>

We are thankful to Carolyn Noble for her commitment towards Social Dialogue magazine and IASSW.

Capacity Building Committee

IASSW: Call for applications for next IASSW Regional Resource Centre was circulated to the members, posted on website, Facebook and Twitter on March 25, 2019. The deadline for submission of applications is 31st May 2019.

Honors and Award Committee

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – THE 2020 KATHERINE A. KENDALL MEMORIAL AWARD

Call was circulated to the members, posted on website, Facebook and Twitter on April 2, 2019: <https://www.iassw-aiets.org/call-for-nominations-the-2020-katherine-a-kendall-memorial-award/>

Nominations should be submitted to the chair of the Committee by 30th September 2019 via wairereg@gmail.com and copied to IASSW secretary Barbara Shank on bwshank@stthomas.edu

Call for Eileen Younghusband Award

The call was sent to the Board Members, last date is on October 30, 2019. E-voting by IASSW board members will be done in November, 2019.

Condolence message form IASSW



- ✚ IASSW saddened to learn of the sudden loss of our dear friend and Board member Prof. XU Yong Xiang on February 20 and released condolence message.
- ✚ IASSW also lost a good volunteer- John Flynn, who was helping President for Rimini Conference preparations.

Skype Meetings

A. Office bearer's Skype

On February 11 and April 18, we had Office bearer Skype meeting. We had discussion about activities, progress and difficulties etc.

B. please write all the others

Respectfully submitted

I hope you find this update helpful and we will continue to provide you all the updates in future too. You are most welcome to provide us with information that you would like to include in the coming issues of the update from the President's office.

With best wishes,

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