

International Association of Schools of Social Work President's Report (January June 2020)

Dear Colleagues,

It has been a very difficult period and I hope to find all of you in a good health.
Here I'm presenting my President report for the period January- June, 2020. This is my last report for my term 2016-2020.

We have had a very fruitful meeting in Kuala Lumpur where we have reviewed and accepted Tokyo Board Meeting minutes and discussed all the items foreseen in the Agenda. I want to thank Hatta and his colleagues for providing a warm hospitality and supporting in the organization of the seminar on School social work that has been successful with lot of participants. The seminar was organized with the help of In Young Han, capacity building member from South Korea as Darla Spence Coffey could not attend KL Board meeting.

The last six months were marked by the Covid Pandemic with all the consequences at different levels. We have continued to work on line, intensively with Officers, committees' chairs, Rashmi to manage the association and plan many different initiatives.

I will report some of the activities:

Tripartite Committee

IASSW, ICSW and IFSW have 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.

- David Jones, Global Coordinator of the Global Agenda 2010 – 2020, Abye Tasse, Global Coordinator of the Global Agenda 2020 – 2030 also participated in the meetings in advancing the common platform.
- You can get more updates on IASSW website: <https://www.iassw-aiets.org/featured/4481-tripartite-meeting-updates/>
- We have discussed on the organization of the 2022 conference in Panama. The decision was to postpone the signature of the contract till September to evaluate the situation in relation to the Coronavirus. Vishanthie Sewpaul is the contact person with Panama, in name of the Tripartite group.
- During the meeting was also discussed about the new Tripartite Agreement document. This is still pending. One issue raised by ICSW is to add a sentence that will clarify that the Board members to be elected should not run in other organisations



Global Agenda Committee

It was created a common flyer between the three organisations to launch a consultation on the future Global Agenda. The flyer containing proposal from IASSW-ICSW and IFSW has been published with the premises of David Jones and Abye Tasse, on our website and social media. Now the task force has produced a proposal for the first topic to focus on from 2021/2023 and we have distributed to receive feedback on that and more in general on the future GA.

We have planned to have some specific zoom meeting at different levels (regional and national) and to participate to the discussion on the GA, scheduled during the on line conference of IFSW.

You must have received a report and consultation document from Antoinette Lombard. We need to be proactive and maximize the participation in this very significant document to make the voice of our association present and heard.

World Social Work Day 2020

We have shared information with IASSW members to participate in the poster making for WSWD 2020. Few proposals from IASSW members, but no one selected by the committee. For the future, I invite you to start a process of involvement of students quite soon so we can have more participants.

The WSWD at UN in Geneva and in NY have been canceled due to coronavirus.

As President, I've recorded and shared a message in English, French, Spanish and Italian. All videos are available on YouTube:

https://youtu.be/5I7zXDIIIPM?list=PL_njXF0sMFh3bfwHBaLEjQ2ouSkh9rCau

https://youtu.be/a4eGOqW6fA8?list=PL_njXF0sMFh3bfwHBaLEjQ2ouSkh9rCau

https://youtu.be/x9_7jJawWXg?list=PL_njXF0sMFh3bfwHBaLEjQ2ouSkh9rCau

COVID 19 initiatives

I discussed with Lena Dominelli, chair of the Sustainability, Climate Change, Disaster Intervention Committee some possible initiatives to make visible the engagement of IASSW during this pandemic.

Lena and myself prepared video messages for members and visitors of IASSW website.

Lena send a message in English:

https://youtu.be/Xli962mhgPQ?list=PL_njXF0sMFh0fTwT0twVzFq4D6zmNVsUh

I prepared messages in English, French, Spanish and Italian:

https://youtu.be/w9T_xIp7fmM?list=PL_njXF0sMFh0fTwT0twVzFq4D6zmNVsUh

https://youtu.be/KK2kW16kEmo?list=PL_njXF0sMFh0fTwTOtwVzFq4D6zmNVsUh
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https://youtu.be/nEGJebQO_7E?list=PL_njXF0sMFh0fTwTOtwVzFq4D6zmNVsUh

A page with social work stories, new and updates, teaching experiences have been created and posts have been regularly uploaded by Rashmi, after Lena Dominelli check. We have also launched a call for two international projects on COVID 19 in agreement with David McNabb, chair of the International projects and Lena Dominelli. Another initiative has been proposed to the Board in agreement with Darla Coffey, chair of the capacity building committee, to discuss the effect of COVID 19 in specific areas. Two proposals have been selected: a zoom meeting led by Shajahan on "on line teaching" and by Anneline Keet on "older adults".

Website

As you are aware that new website is launched in January 2020. This website is having more features and user friendly. In the last few months Rashmi has posted several news and updates, various changes in the rotation flyers of homepage. Initially, it has images of full board meetings held in Kuala Lumpur, later Video messages and flyers on WSWD, than video messages of Lena and mine on Covid, later IASSW statement of violence, and now with General Assembly and Global Agenda. I hope you visit the website and find the updates which is posted regularly. We are always in communication and we have skype meetings with Deorukhkar- IASSW website manager, and Rashmi to update our website in relation to the needs. In the last few months, work related to the website increased a lot due to Membership renewal, Online voting, Covid stories. Moreover, as decided by the board Social Dialogue Vol. 22 free access was for IASSW members only and other had to pay 2.99 USD, so we had to update the website to cope with this choice. Rashmi has offered an important contribution to cope with all these requests and make possible to have a quick and effective results.

Task force on Global Standard

The joint task force has issued a draft of the document that has been circulated in our google groups: The feedbacks have to be sent to Dixon Sookraj, chair of our task force. It would be important the participation of our members at the symposium that has been planned in the on line IFSW conference.

IASSW Communication and Marketing Manages

Agnes Yuen from Hong Kong was selected during the Kuala Lumpur meeting and started her job in February. She has accomplish some important tasks, like the new brochure for IASSW presentation, an increasing communication through social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn), she has submitted some applications for funding.

Agnes has also suggested to target students in our associations, designing a specific area in the web and creating an interest group (there was one in the past under Lena Dominelli presidency) with representative on the Board.

IASSW Statement

As IASSW we have issued a Message For Peaceful Engagement With Social Justice, Opposing And Condemning Racism, Discrimination And Violence, in response to the George Floyd assassination by the police, revising the statement which was approved by the Board in 2015 and was on website.

I would like to highlight the participation to some initiatives:

January- Singapore

I participated to the International Social Work Seminar on “Strengthening the Family: Global Social Work Perspectives”, organized by Tan Ngoh Tiong, with a speech on “Working with Families across Cultures: An Empowerment approach”. This includes the strengths perspective, family group conference, dialogical evaluation and social work intervention.”



Figure 1: IASSW Board participated in Singapore conference

February- Suva

I was invited to participate to the Symposium on Culturally relevant social work in Oceania: Practice Education and Research, organized by The Social Work Regional Resource Centre of Oceania. This has been a really interesting meeting where we could exchange experiences and discuss the relationship between indigenous knowledge and international dimension of social work.



Figure 2: A group picture with participants of Symposium

April- ASASWEI

I participated to the zoom event on Academic responses to Covid 19 in Social work, organized by ASASWEI the 30th of April.

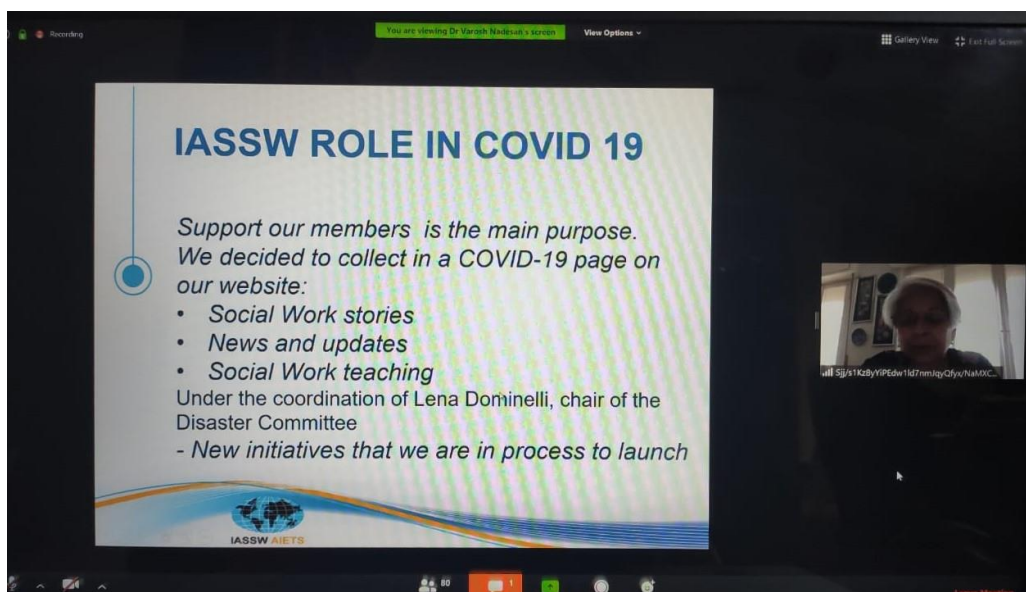


Figure 3: ASASWEI Webinar

May- Bangladesh

Prof. Habibur Rahman, invited me to participate to a community talks on Social Entrepreneurship, Community Development & Social work Intervention. An on line event that was organized the 19th of May

Stay Home Stay Healthy during Covid19: A Community Social Work Concern

Episode-03: Social Entrepreneurship, Community Development & Social Work Intervention



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I look forward for your feedback on my report and fruitful Online board meeting in July 2020.

Respectfully submitted

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