

International Association of Schools of Social Work President's Report (July-December 2021) for Online Board Meeting

Dear Colleagues,
Greetings!!

Before I start my report of activities for the period of June-December, 2021, I would like to express my tribute to Prof. Vimla Nadkarni, IASSW President 2012-2016 and immediate past president 2016 to until her demise. Her leadership and life-long dedication to improve the development of social work education in India and internationally, will continue to inspire all of us. Our deepest condolences to her family. May her soul rest in peace.

IASSW is receiving tribute , in remembrance message from across the world, which has been uploaded on IASSW website : <https://www.iassw-aiets.org/announcements/7510-tribute-to-prof-vimla-nadkarni/>

Let's welcome new Board Members in their first online board meeting.

Marlene Corydon Harritsø President of Nordic Association of Schools of Social Work (NASSW) and David Rose President of Asia Pacific Association of Social Work Education (APASWE) IASSW is thankful to the Board Members who have completed their term with IASSW in 2021: Zulkarnain Hatta, President APASWE, Teresa Francesca Bertotti President EASSW, Marcus Knutgård President NASSW

I would request you to please volunteer for following:

- Chair- Capacity Building Committee: Darla Spence Coffey wants to step down and we are thankful for her work with the committee.
- Chair- Publication Committee: P K Shahjahan was elected in 2016 for 4 years of Member-at-large position. Due to his personal reasons, he wants to leave the board and Chair of the publication committee.

Online Board Meeting

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we had again an online board meeting during June 10-11, 2021. Although, it was difficult for some of due to different time zones across the world. In spite of that we had 25 participants' (voting and non-voting board members) in attendance.



Tripartite Committee

IASSW, ICSW and IFSW met online on 29th November and agreed on following things:

- Global Summit
- Global Agenda
- WSWD 2022

Katherine Kendall

I participated as member of the Board, and representative of IASSW to different meetings organized to discuss the strategy of the KK Institute and to evaluate the project to be funded.

ISWESD

Publication of book is in process. Tiong will be updating more on it.

Communication manager position

Agnes Yuen was appointed at February 2020 and left in April 2021. As discussed in the July Board Meeting, a fresh call for a Communication Officer was sent in August and we received several applications across the world. Barbara Shank and myself shortlisted the most relevant and experienced one. They were given written assignments and interviewed in September.

After discussion, the President, Secretary and Treasurer finalized a candidate from India- Jenny Joy, and she started working from October. Her email address is jenny@iassw-aiets.org She will be presenting her work done during October to December to the board.

Reports from the Committee

- I had online meetings with Chair of Committees of IASSW discussing about the progress and try to solve the issues (if anyone had it)
- I also sent emails to Chair s of the committee to confirm about their committee members and almost everyone responded and confirmed their members. I am thankful to each one.

Palestine/Isreal SW task force

After June Board meeting, a task force was formed, chair of task force is Tiong and he will update on it.

Other activities

I am sharing highlight of my participation to many different initiatives during the past six months:

July

- The 14th I had a meeting with the association of Spanish schools of social work, to present IASSW, respond to their questions and explore the possibility to organize a bulk membership. Prof. Francisco Rodenas, who is now the chair of this association was very much committed and is trying to overcome some beurocratic problems. The day after I gave a welcome speech to the "IV congreso internacional de trabajo social (CIFETS2021) y XIII congreso di Facultade y Escuelas de trabajo social , sobre Trabajo social en la era digital : Ética y Cuidados." For the preparation of the conference I gave a suggestion for three keynote speakers linked with our association: Vishanthie Sewpaul, Mark Henrikson and Abye Tasse, so they were on the conference.

August

- 17th I participated to the seminar for the 50th anniversary of the Fachhochshule in Koblenz, with a speech on Social work education between internationalization and indigenization.
- The 30th of August I was invited to speak about global standard at the ASASWEI meeting.
- I've sent a message for establishment of the social work day in Mexico

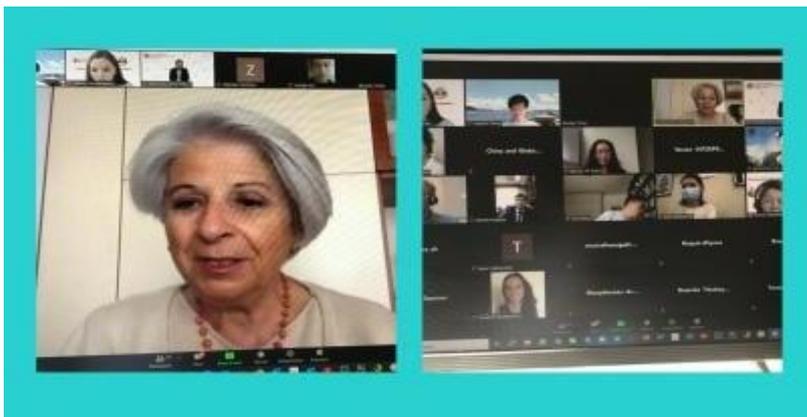
September

- 1st I gave a welcome speech at the opening conference of “Pandemic, poverty and inequality : Social work in the 21st century” organized by ASASWEI and in the afternoon I participated at the workshop on Global standard for social work education and practice: a shared vision (IASSW Africa and IFSW Africa) with the contribution of Anneline Keet and Antoinette Lombard.
- 3rd September , in the same conference, I presented IASSW mission and activities to the audience.
- 11 September I was invited to give a presentation of Global standards at the conference on Building bridges between Europe and China: Theories and practices of social work field education, organized by Sun Yat Sen University as a final event of a project funded by European Union.
- El 22 September I gave a welcome speech for the 25th anniversary of the UNAM anniversary of “Centro de investigaciones y Estudios de Genero” .
- I also presented at the opening of "COVID-19 y la transformación de las comunidades en el siglo XXI" between the different universities: UABJO, España; ENTS, UNAM; Graduate School of Social Work, RENIESTS; Universidad de Zaragoza, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Universidad de Murcia, España; Universidad Nacional de Colombia.
- I’ve prepared the part relative to IASSW of the chapter “O protagonismo organizativo do Serviço Social no contexto internacional e brasileiro” in the book “Politica social, desigualdades, Mundialização no contexto da pandemia. Uma perspectiva intercontinental” edited by Reginaldo Ghiraldeli e Silvia Cristina Yannoulas

October

International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) in collaboration with China and Global Development Network, Department of Applied Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong and Department of Sociology and Social Work, Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Almaty, Kazakhstan organized an online capacity building on social work practice research Central-Asian workshop on 7th October 2021.

I gave an opening speech underlying the role of IASSW in strengthening social work research as a fundamental aspect in building theory, informing education and practice.



Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous), India organized a Virtual International Workshop on 18th October, 2021. It was supported by IASSW under International projects. I gave an opening welcome speech and stressed on the implementation and execution of Global Standard by Social Work schools, educators across the world.



I participated the 29th to the conference organized by ACOFIS on “Où va le travail social? Contrôle, activation, émancipation” presenting, in the closing panel, a speech on « Le rôle de l’association internationale des écoles de travail social ». Lena Dominelli was also part of this panel with a speech on Transforming social work education, policy and practice through green social work research.

I was interviewed on IASSW-BRASIL Channel, within the scope of the Research "Internationalization of Brazilian Social Service and the Role of IASSW", developed by the GEPE (Study and Research Group on Ethics) of UFPE, coordinated by Professor Alexandra Mustafá, on October 26
Access link: <https://youtu.be/yaC6Wt2ioHs>



November FORSA 2021

I gave keynote lecture on “The contribution of social work education to the SDGs” on Thursday, November 11th, 2021 at the FORSA conference organized by The Nordic Association of Schools of Social Work



On 19th November I've organized, together with Barbara and Rashmi, an on line meeting with Cecilia Heule from PowerUs to discuss about the future collaboration.

I gave welcome speech on November 27 during the webinar, organized by JASWE Social Work association in their 50th anniversary. The topic of this International Symposium on Social Work Education (On-line) was focused on Social Work Education in Times of Crisis :From a Glocal Perspective

The 30th I've organized a meeting with representatives of UNAFORIS, French association of schools of social work, to discuss the possibility to become associated member but also to have more French schools represented in IASSW

I prepared an introduction to Eduardo Marques book on "DIVERSIDADE, INTERCULTURALIDADE E PLURALISMO NO SERVIÇO SOCIAL na Comunidade dos Países de Língua Portuguesa"

December

The 4th I participated with the speech on " Eco social work a new approach for the future" to the 2nd International Symposium on integrated Urban-Rural development and innovation of Social Governance in a new era, organized by the Huazhong Agriculture of Wuhan

The 7th I had a meeting with Dr. Tatiana Matulayová, the president of Czech association of schools of social work to invite them to be part of IASSW.

The 10th I gave a welcome speech to the webinar on I pledge to take a stand- Ending violence against women and promote women's human rights, organized by Women Group of IASSW.

The 17th I presented a speech on "Importancia du Direitos Humanos no mundo" in I Seminario Desigualdades e Direitos Humanos, organised by Alexandra Mustafã- Brazil

The 19th I participated to a memorial of Vimla Nadkarni.

Once again, I invite all of you, the Vice Presidents and all the Board members, but also the one who have served in the past, to enhance their engagement in the committees, and more in general in our association, to attract more schools, to actively participate in our initiatives.

I look forward to your feedback on my report and I hope that next time we can have a face-to-face meeting

Respectfully submitted

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