

**International Association of Schools of Social Work  
President's Report ( July – December 2022)  
for Hybrid (Port Elizabeth, South Africa and on line) Board Meeting**

First of all we would like to report about the Joint World Conference on social work education and social development sponsored collaboratively by IASSW and ICSW held on October 26-28, 2022, in Seoul, South Korea.

The conference, in hybrid mode, was opened with remarks from Dr. Sang-Mok Suh, President of the International Council on Social Welfare and myself. A congratulatory message was delivered by Kyoo-hong Cho, Minister of Health and Welfare, Republic of Korea.

Two plenary lectures were delivered. The first by Dr. Gloria Kirwan from the Graduate School of Healthcare Management, Royal College of Medicine and the second, the Katherine Kendall Lecturer, by Dr. Julia A. Watkins, Co-director of the Southeast Europe Academic Women's Leadership Initiative. Four special lectures were also delivered by Sang-Mok Suh, Neil Gilbert, Chaime Marcuello-Servos and Darja Zavirsek, the Eileen Younghusband lecturer. During the Opening Ceremony, I presented to Dr. In-Young Han, an award from IASSW in appreciation for her long-time service and commitment to our association.

IASSW extends its heartfelt thanks to the local management committee, the global management committee (Annaline Keet, Alexandra Mustafa and Junko Wake representing IASSW) and the scientific committee for organizing and putting on this amazing world conference.

All sessions were recorded and broadcasted synchronously. Over one hundred and twenty-seven presentations, workshops, and posters were delivered on day two with several hundred presenters. The range of topics was extensive, all contributing to the consideration of social work education and social development post-pandemic.

On day two, IASSW and ICSW held a book launch featuring two books, *Remaking Social Work for the New Global Era*, edited by Tiong Ngoh Tan and P. K. Shajahan. This book was the product of work completed for the Rimini World Conference that was cancelled due to COVID. *Digital Transformation and Social Well-being: Promoting an Inclusive Society* edited by Antonio Lopez Peaez, Sang-Mok Suh and Sergei Zelenev was also launched. Two books *The Origins of Social Care and Social Work: Creating a Global Future* and *HIV, Sex and Sexuality in Later Life* were presented by Mark Henrickson.

The final day of the conference included a field site visit to the Social Welfare Corporation Angel's Haven which cares for children, people with disabilities and also provides services to the elderly in the community.

Delegates traveled to Seoul from many different countries and all indicated their appreciation of returning to in-person meeting to strengthen old relationships, build new ones and have the opportunity to collaborate and network with like-minded colleagues.

You can get more details with pictures on IASSW website : <https://www.iassw-aiets.org/swesd-2022-joint-world-conference-on-social-work-education-social-development/>

SWESD 2022 Seoul was a major success. All involved celebrated the accomplishments. We are looking forward to the next tripartite world conference to be held in Panama, April 4-7, 2023. I hope to see you all there!

As you remember, IASSW in collaboration with IFSW has launched the <https://www.iassw-aiets.org/featured/5867-announcement-of-the-updated-global-standards-for-social-work-education-and-training-the-new-chapter-in-social-work-profession/>

Since launching of the revised Global Standards, IASSW has disseminated them through workshops, webinars and conferences. IASSW has convened a Task Force of thought leaders to develop ways to support the adoption of the standards as a framework for social work education across the globe and IASSW plans to work with schools in different part of the world to implement these standards to achieve excellence in social work education, grounded in deep respect for cultural and regional contexts.

Thanks to Angie Yuen, we have in progress an agreement with Department of Applied Social Sciences (APSS) represented by prof. Eric Chui to have a three years free support in delivering an online learning platform on the IASSW Global Standards for Social Work Education and Training for international users, particularly for users in the developing countries. Our online learning programme team is chaired by Varoshini Nadesan.

During the last six months IASSW organized three webinars in conjunction with the different UN world days. Here are all videos available : [\(1079\) IASSW Communications - YouTube](#)

We need more volunteers to present and of course this material, that will be stored in our website, can be useful in teaching, so we are inviting you all to disseminate and utilize it.

Another important initiative that has been undertaken is the Letter of Understanding signed in March with the association Power Us, an international network of teachers and researchers from schools of social work and representatives from different service user organizations. We are now in the process of planning different webinar (Jenny is in contact with the organization) to spread the ideas of the importance of involving and cooperating with representatives of service users in our education and research.

IASSW Membership Committee has launched Student's membership in March 2022. Student's membership fee is 20 USD for all students across the world. We are very excited about welcoming students, particularly doctoral students, into our global network. Student member will get all the benefits of membership. <https://www.iassw-aiets.org/membership/>

Please inform your students about this opportunity.

### **Other activities**

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

#### **July**

5 - I did a capacity building initiative (Capacitacion profesional en trabajo social ) at the "Facultade de Educacion y Trabajo Social" in Ourense

7 - I gave the speech on Digital tools and e- learning after the COVID19 in a conference, organised by UNED in Ourense

#### **September**

18 - The India Rajajiri college, organised a workshop on international internship as a result of a project funded by IASSW and I gave an opening welcome speech.

5/9 - I participated in the Summer School in Prishtina and gave a lecture on Gender and leadership in social work. Along with me Barbara Shank and Darja Zaviršek also participated and presented speech. More detail report is available on IASSW website:

<https://www.iassw-aiets.org/news/10311-international-summer-school-gender-and-leadership-social-work-education-in-southeast-europe/>



24 - Welcome to the New Action, New Era and New Journey: International Symposium on Quality Development of MSW Education in China.

22 - Welcome for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Zagreb social work school

In September I also recorded a Panama conference welcome as a contribution to create the conference spot and prepared a written interview about IASSW to be published on the Czech social work journal

### **October**

18 - Siena Opening lecture of the academic year on international social work

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26/28 - SWESD2022 Seoul conference with opening, closing speeches and discussion during the books presentation.

### **November**

9/16 - Together with Barbara Shank, I participated to CSWE conference. We were at the IASSW booth to encourage academic and schools to become members.

I had meeting with Commission on Global Education meeting with IASSW Secretary Barbara Shank, Dr. Cudore Snell, Dr. Rebecca Thomas & Dr. Lynne Healy. We discussed about low representation of US schools in IASSW. We had IASSW booth at the CSWE APM, displayed marketing and communication materials (poster and flyers of IASSW). We motivated visitors to join and renew their IASSW membership with IASSW. We hope to have more members from the USA in 2023.





Dr Darla Spence Coffee, President and CEO of CSWE completed her 10 years term at the IASSW Board of Directors. IASSW President - Prof. Annamaria Campanini presented her recognition plaque for her contribution towards IASSW and global social work education. Dr Coffee was Chair of the Capacity building committee of IASSW and will be continuing as a member of the committee. IASSW board of directors, members and all social workers across the world are thankful for her contribution for global social work education.



18 – I recorded the inaugural speech for Segundo seminario internacional de trabajo social digital: nuevos desafios y tematica de frontera en la era actual, organised by UNAM

21 - I did the inaugural speech at the conference <<SEGURIDAD Y DERECHO INTERNACIONAL: EL PAPEL DE LOS TRABAJADORES SOCIALES EN ZONAS DE CONFLICTO>> organized by UNED

21 - I recorded the inaugural speech for the Alaeits conference

22 - I participated to the meeting with the editorial board of the new journal European Social Work Research (ESWR) discussing possible link with this Journal and our association

22 - I had a meeting with the Head of the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico prof. Carmen Casas for discussing the request of beeing partner in the international conference they will organize in Ciudad de Mexico in October 2023.

27/ 2 December - Orit Nutmman organized a visit to Israel to meet the deans and the faculties of the different schools. I presented the IASSW activities and give some lectures to the students in Haifa, Sapir and BariLan.

Orit Nutmman and Alex Altshuler have submitted Israeli National Representatives Board Members Summary which include all activities.

30 – I recorder a speech on “International Social Work Organizations and Global Trends” for the International Congress on Social Policies 2022: The Challenge of Social Inclusion in Future Europe

Hosted by University of Malaga, organized jointly with ICSW and UNED.

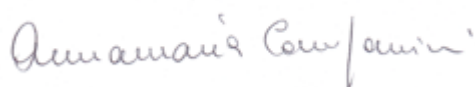
### **December**

20 Speech on international dimension of social work at Florence social /health services organization

I would like to finish my report with the best wishes to you all and your families. With the hope that the new year will bring peace around the world. As Albert Einstein said “Peace cannot be kept by force, it can only be achieved by understanding”, and I also would like to remember a quote from the Nobel Price Jane Addams “True peace is not merely the absence of war, it is the presence of justice.” I hope that our association can contribute to that.

I look forward to your feedback on my report and I hope that in January Board Meeting we will have fruitful discussion while meeting face-to-face with some of you.

Respectfully submitted



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