

President Report (June- December, 2023)

For January 2024 -Online Board Meeting

Dear colleagues,

It has been a semester with many important achievements for IASSW, but also terrible events in the world. Many natural disasters in different areas, but also wars and conflicts that are continuing in different regions, the horrific Hamas attack to Israel and the tragic situations of hostages and Palestinian people that are living a catastrophic condition.

IASSW had June Board Meeting on 18th, 19th June at Instituto Superior de Serviço Social do Porto (ISSSP). The decision was made to organize the board meeting in conjunction with the EASSW conference. It was an important opportunity to strengthen the partnership between the international association and the European region and to discuss potential future initiatives. The two organizations jointly organized the Capacity Building/Pre-Conference on 20th June on “Disasters: Human and Natural-How is social work education preparing our students to address these issues?” that took place the day before the start of the European conference.

Board Meeting was in Hybrid mode and board members joined both in presence and online.



In relation to the achievement of our association, we have continued our cooperation with Power Us that resulted in 12 webinars that you can find in our website.

The brief series of Springer is enhancing in its realization.

With a task force led by Dixon Sookraj we have produced a document on Clinical social work, that can be seen in the website (<https://www.iassw-aiets.org/iassw-definition-on-clinical-social-work/>).

The agreement with CASWE (Chinese Association of Social Work Educators) has resulted in 10 recorded lectures on Global Standards and in the peer review of the first 4 Social Work Masters in Beijing, Shanghai, Changchun and Lanzhou. We are looking forward to continue the process.

The task force on Global Standard is working, with the support of PolyU, on the preparation of the e-learning platform to disseminate this important document.

We are planning together with IASSW and IFSW the conference in Panama, and I hope to see you there!

As President I've participated in the following activities:

June

10/12 International Seminar at Catholic University of America in Rome: presenting two lectures: "International dimension of social work" and "IASSW: mission and activities"

20 Opening remarks at EASSW conference in Porto.

28 Key note on Respetando la diversidad a través de la acción social conjunta. Lema del Día Internacional del Trabajo Social, 2023 at the conference Diversidad, investigación, análisis de datos e intervención, Universiade Complutense de Madrid

30 Meeting with the deans and faculties of Spanish social work schools. Presentation on "La Asociación Internacional de Escuelas de Trabajo Social y los Estándares globales para la educación y la capacitación en trabajo social"

July

3 Visit to the school of Alicante meeting the faculties to discuss the importance of an active participation in the IASSW activities.

Alicante University : seminar with teachers, students and professionals speaking on the "Contribution of social work education to the SDGs"

20 Video for the interuniversity East African region (Alexis) on Global Standards at the initiative WORKSHOP TO DEVELOP BENCHMARKS FOR BACHELOR IN SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMME ENTEBBE 20 – 22 JULY 2023, where Janestic has been represented IASSW

August

1-2 Opening remarks at the conference of the ASEAN Social Work Education and Social Development 2023 "Make a difference- Social Work without Barriers: In Response to Sustainable Development and Public Emergency" held in University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Vietnam National University Hanoi. At the same conference, together with past president Angie Yuen, I conducted a workshop on "Global Standards of social work education: a guide to regional and local application". The 2nd of August I chaired the session on Regional Development and Collaboration with the participation of Angie Yuen on "Fostering the development of social work education through International Collaboration".



10/16 Brazil

A very productive week at the University of Juiz de Fora.

I participated in a meeting with the group of research "Pesquisa em red sobre O Serviço Social na História: questão social e movimentos sociais - América Latina e Europa" that includes 38 academic institutions of 8 countries: Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Uruguay, Portugal, Spain and UK. It was also an important occasion of presenting IASSW and its activities and discussing with the international group about the importance of research and the role of IASSW.

With Marilda Iamamoto (IASSW 2018 Katherine Kendall awardee) and the group of researchers of the Brazilian schools it was discussed how to involve ABEPS (the Brazilian association of educators and researchers) and others Brazilian universities to become IASSW members.

I had the opportunity to give some lectures to a group of Master and Doctoral students about the international dimension of social work, with a specific focus on policy engagement of social workers in Europe.



I prepare a welcome speech for the ASASWEI held between 26 and 29 September 2023 at the Durban International Conference Centre focusing on the theme: Advancing Social Work Praxis through Strengthened Multi-Sectoral Responses to Adversity, Vulnerability and Trauma.

September

4-7 I participated to the summer school in Sarajevo University on: “Innovative Social Work Research in Southeast Europe: Integrating Justice, Human Rights, and Civic Engagement” presenting a speech on “Social work research and the role of IASSW”



19 - 22 I presented a Key note speech on “SW education contribution to the SDGs in the context of multiple crises”, during the INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL POLICY IN TIMES OF GLOBAL CRISES- organized in Ohrid by Ss. Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje

23 September on line speech on Global Standard for social Work education for the National workshop on social work education at tertiary level in Viet Nam.

October

4-6 at UNAM in Mexico, IASSW has given the partnership in the organisation for the 50th anniversary of the schools. I’ve presented a speech at the opening and closing session, I participated to Entrega do reconocimiento al proyecto de investigación IASSW and at Conversatorio on *Desafíos del Trabajo Social en el Mundo*.

13 I presented a video welcome to the Digital Social Work Conference: Changing Practices & Delivering Innovation

20-21 In the context of the I Simposio de Trabajo Social Clínico Internacional: Análisis y Reflexiones desde Contextos Globales organised by El Colegio Oficial de Trabajo Social de Granada, el Grupo de Investigación SEPISE– Grupo de investigación en Trabajo Social de la Universidad de Granada y la Excm. Diputación de Granada y la colaboración del Consejo General de Trabajo Social, I participated the 19 October at 'Conversatorio sobre Trabajo Social Internacional: Propuestas y desafíos de la profesión' and the 20th I presented a speech on “Trabajo social clinico- una mirada desde la perspectiva de la IASSW” at the I simposio Trabajo Social clinico Internacional Analisis y reflexiones desde contextos gloale

31 I was interviewed by a consultant of the social work school Suzanne Dworak-Peck at the University of South California on the emerging trends that might influence the future of social work practice and education, to design cutting-edge educational programs, trainings, and resources that pave the way for groundbreaking advancements in the field.

November

7 I was interviewed by Open Innovation / Children's Social Care team within the Department for Education of UK government gather evidence and information on the current initial education routes to becoming a children and family's social worker.

9-10 I presented a speech on role of IASSW in developing good practice and innovation in social work education at the II Congreso de Inclusión Social, en Tomelloso, Spain

13/17 I presented a speech on "*Social Emergency; Social Work and Humanitarian Action. How can IASSW contribute?*", at winter school on Social Emergency, Social work and Humanitarian Action in ISCTE Lisbon- We took the opportunity to meet as Presidents of the three international organisations the day 14 and we had together a round table on the role of our organizations the 16th.



17 "Aprirsi al mondo la dimensione internazionale del servizio sociale", video speech at the conference organised by Council International fellowship Italia, Milano on "Assistenti sociali e scambi professionali internazionali: un apprendimento che supera i confini".

24-25 at Peking University, Beijing, China took place a Conference on "Social Work Innovation: Theory and Practice in the New Development Stage".

I presented a welcome speech and chaired one Plenary Session on Social Work and Innovation in Social Development and Technology and one parallel session on Innovation and social work education.

At the end of the successful conference very well attended, I had a productive meeting with Prof. Ma Fengzhi and Prof. Shen Li, representing CASWE (Chinese Association of Social Work Educators) and Keswick foundation represented by Angie Yuen, IASSW past-president and some staff members of the organisation. Future projects to enhance the cooperation were discussed.



December

2 On line speech on “Social Innovation and social design” at the IV the “Symposium on Urban-Rural Integration and Social Governance Modernization in the New Era

5 On line Welcome speech to the 4th Central Asian (Astana) Forum of National Associations of Schools of Social Work on the theme: "Development of national and regional policies in the field of social work in Central Asia: professional standards, educational programs on professional social work. Where we are now and where we need to move"

I look forward to your feedback on my report and I hope that we will have fruitful discussion in our board meeting

Respectfully submitted

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