

Dear colleagues,

This is the last report of the activities done during my second term as a President 2020-2024.

The most important has been the launch of the e-learning platform that has received an incredible interest. We have had more than 1000 people that are enrolled in the platform and many offer to translate that in different languages.

Thanks to Varoshini Nadesan and all the team of PolyU Hong Kong that supported this initiatives, as well as to all the colleagues who have develop the contents.

I want also to underline another significant activity that has been initiated by Alexandra Mustafa and now undertaken by Carlotta Mozzone (attached her activity until now), PhD student, who is now IASSW Student member and also participant of the research Committee. We have had two meetings (6 and 8 of April) with Alexandra Mustafa, Barbara Shank and Carlotta Mozzana to discuss how to enhance the research on the archive.

I asked Carlotta to continue to work on this (she has presented a first results in Panama), because I think this is an important aspect that we need to develop, revitalizing the IASSW history and using our archives as a source of information and inspiration for the future.

Before the Panama conference we have organized a board meeting both in presence and on line. I would like to advise for the future to have meeting only in presence, because this hybrid mode is really not useful to develop discussion and groupwork, due to the difference of time of the participants' countries.

During the joint Panama conference (4/7) April we have had the General Assembly, where have been announced the names of new officers and members at large elected by our constituencies. We have had also a tripartite meeting in Panama to discuss about the organization of the committee for the Paris 2028 conference. Although the tripartite presidents in Lisbon decided that instead of one coordinator there should be a team of three people nominated by each association, Rory Truell communicated that he spoke with Abye Tasse to invite him to be a coordinator. The discussion continued, with the presence of Abye Tasse and there was an agreement to give him the role of coordinator, due to the knowledge he has of the French situation and the language competence. He will be the person who will maintain the contact between the local committee and the three presidents.

The 25th of April we have organised the board meeting on line to introduce the new members of the executive who will start their role the 1st of July.

Now I want to underline some different activities that I've undertaken during this period.

April

4/7 opening speech at Panama conference and presentation of the KK award and Eileen Younghusband lecture.



5 during the conference in Panama we had a meeting with Patrick O Leary and other colleagues on the project of setting up a global portal of social work professionalization processes
6 during the Panama conference, we have organized, in the IASSW room, a meeting with Cecilia Huele from Power Us and some participants to promote user's participation in our curricula.
16 I presented a welcome on line for V Congreso Internacional de Trabajo Social (CIFETS 2024) y XIV Congreso de Facultades y Escuelas de Trabajo Social that took place in Valencia

May

7 Roma I participated at the conference on "Welfare routes. The first international social work conference (Paris1928)" offering an IASSW perspective on the importance of this event



8/25 CASWE Project, I participated to the meeting for a second peer review round at Nanjing University in China with Prof Shen Li as CASWE representative and the three other members from IASSW : Darla Coffey, Juha Hämäläinen and Eric Wing Chui .



I conducted together with Erich Chui, the peer review in Guizhou and Xiamen university. After that I visited Fujian Zhihe social Organization incubation and innovation center project Denghui and gave a lecture on Global Standard at Xi'an University.
29 I participated at the on line launch of the e-learning platform on global standard.

June

4 Online meeting with UNAFORIS (now finally Affiliated member of IASSW) to discuss about the involvement in IASSW of the French social work schools, also in relation to the 2028 international conference. It has been an important meeting where also a couple of colleagues who participated in the Panama conference, highlighted with a structured intervention the importance to be involved in the international arena.

6-8 I gave a welcome speech presenting the update IASSW Statement on Social Work Research at the 4th Italian Conference on Social Work Research held in Lecce

17-19 I gave a welcome speech at the opening of the : International conference Social Work as Emancipatory Practice: Creating Pathways towards Social Justice, organized by FORSA and NASWE in Goteborg. During the conference I conducted a workshop on Global Standards of social work education, together with Cecilia Huele from Power Us, presenting also the different activities organised by IASSW, as the e learning platform, the CASWE social work master's peer review conducted in China. Cecilia presented the cooperation that we established to develop the users participation in social work programs.



27th I introduced the Global Standard for Social Education and Training to a group of scholars and master's students in Lanzhou University

28-30 I gave a welcome speech and presented a keynote speech on “Social Work’s Contribution to the Development of an Intercultural Society” during the conference on Multiculturalism and Social Work: Dialogue and Exchange in the Age of Globalization, which was held, at Lanzhou University, China.



July

Although my term as a President was finished the 30 of June, in agreement with Prof. Lombard, I participated to the conference in Belem organized by ABEPSS (the Brazilian association of researchers and educators in social work). This was an important result of many years of talk and meeting, so I presented a key note on Geopolítica del Trabajo Social global y desafíos dela AIETS. Internacionalización y producción de conocimiento, construcción deredes de investigadores desde

la perspectiva de la AIETS y sus regionales, during the session “Servicio Social, internacionalización y producción de conocimiento: desafíos contemporáneos” . In the same session was also presented Marilda Iamamoto, IASSW KK awardee in 2018.

After each of my travel, Rashmi Pandey post all updates with photos on IASSW social media platforms. This gives visibility to IASSW activities. I hope you all are following IASSW Social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and X (formerly known as Twitter).

I would like to close my term with some reflections on the eight years of presidency. These have been difficult years, marked by the pandemic and wars, but they have also been years full of initiatives aimed at involving as many schools and colleagues as possible in the activities of our association.

Some processes, such as developing significant relationships with colleagues who speak French, Spanish, and Portuguese, certainly require time and patience and not have been so successful as I was expected. I have concluded my presidency with participation in a conference of the Brazilian association, which comes after years of contacts, exchanges, and building mutual trust. I hope this opens a new path of collaboration, just as the openings with the association of French schools in preparation for the Paris conference in 2028.

I have strived to give my best over these years. We have accomplished some important goals: together with the IFSW, we approved the principles of ethics in 2018 and the global standards for social work training in 2020. We have proposed and approved in our association a document on clinical social work and updated the one on social work research.

During COVID, we organized various activities to collect information and maintain active communication during this period of isolation.

IASSW signed an agreement with Springer for the production of an international series of books. Additionally, a letter of understanding was signed with the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) and Power Us to develop a series of webinars on involving service users in our courses.

Our recent activities have focused on disseminating global standards through the e-learning platform, and also through an agreement with the association of Chinese schools for the peer review of their master's programs.

Of course all these achievement have been possible thanks to the strong cooperation with the executive officers and the members of the board, but also with the tireless commitment of Rashmi Pandey, Executive Officer of IASSW

I want to welcome Antoinette Lombard, the new president, as well as the new secretary, Janestic Twikirize, the two members at large Aushala Chalayonnavin and Sabine Baherer Koler. I'm sure that with your leadership IASSW will reach new important milestones.