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On behalf of the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW), we extend our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, colleagues, and the entire social work community in Azerbaijan on the passing of **Mr. Khanbala Ahmadli**.

We were deeply saddened to learn of the loss of Mr. Ahmadli, whose dedication, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to social justice made a lasting contribution to the development of the social work profession in Azerbaijan. His leadership and tireless efforts played a significant role in strengthening social work practice, promoting professional values, and advancing modern approaches to social work in his country.

Mr. Ahmadli's commitment extended beyond national boundaries. He was instrumental in organizing **The Fourth Conference on the Advancement of Social Work in Post-Soviet Countries: *Achievements and Challenges of Social Work Education***, held in **Baku, Azerbaijan, on 26–27 April 2018**. This important conference brought together social work educators and practitioners from across the region and strengthened international collaboration in social work education. His efforts in promoting Azerbaijan's social work experience on international platforms and fostering international partnerships helped strengthen the global social work community. IASSW is especially grateful for his support in building connections between the Azerbaijani social work community and our international network.

Those who had the privilege of knowing and working with Mr. Ahmadli remember him not only for his professional excellence but also for his kindness, generosity, integrity, and willingness to support others. His legacy will continue to inspire social workers, educators, and students for generations to come.

During this difficult time, our thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones and with all members of the Azerbaijani social work community. May they find strength, comfort, and peace in the cherished memories of his remarkable life and enduring contributions.

With our deepest sympathy,



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