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Foreword

It is my pleasure to present the IASSW Annual Report-2013, a time to reflect on our accomplishments over the past year, as well as getting a glimpse of where we are headed in the coming months. It is our hope that you will find this format attractive, useful and informative.

The purpose of this report is to share with the members of IASSW all the work and accomplishments of our association, the range of activities in different parts of the world undertaken in 2013. We would like to also share with our members our plans and ideas for 2014. We look forward to continued support of our members to promote social work education and social development worldwide.

We are making various attempts to enhance communication with our members through our website, Facebook and Twitter pages. We have also made payment online much easier since January 1, 2013. Thanks to your contributions of high quality articles, the online Social Dialogue magazine has put out six very interesting issues on contemporary themes.

We want to increase benefits for all our members and we invite innovative ideas and suggestions to make IASSW an exciting and effective world association of social work education. Do use our facilities and give us feedback.

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Introduction

The International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW), is the worldwide association of schools of social work, other tertiary level social work educational programmes, and social work educators. The IASSW promotes the development of social work education throughout the world, develops standards to enhance quality of social work education, encourages international exchange, provides forums for sharing social work research and scholarship, and promotes human rights and social development through policy and advocacy activities.

IASSW holds consultative status with the United Nations and participates as an NGO in UN activities in Geneva, Vienna and New York. Through its work at the UN and with other international organizations, IASSW represents social work education at the international level.

IASSW was founded in 1928 at the First International Conference of Social Work, held in Paris. It started with 51 schools, mostly in Europe, and was known as the International Committee. Revitalized after World War II, the organization expanded its membership to include a wider range of countries and was renamed the International Association of Schools of Social Work. The association has member schools in all parts of the world. Five regional organizations based in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and North America and the Caribbean are affiliate members and their Presidents are the Vice-Presidents on the IASSW Board of Directors. IASSW is governed by the Board of Directors under a constitution approved by the biennial General Assembly. The mission of the association emphasizes the promotion of worldwide excellence in social work education and engagement of a community of social work educators in international exchange of information and expertise.

IASSW carries out its purposes through:

1. A biennial world conference of social work educators.
2. Publication of an online Social Dialogue magazine.
3. Representation at the United Nations.
4. Co-sponsorship, with IFSW and ICSW of the journal International Social Work published by SAGE.
5. Activities of various Committees and Tasks Forces.
6. Funding of small cross-national projects in social work education.
7. Important policy documents include the Definition of Social Work, Global Standards for Social Work and Social Development and Ethics in Social Work Statement of Principles (all developed along with the International Federation of Social Workers).

International Collaborations

IASSW President and Board members are actively networking and collaborating with other international organizations. Some of the long-term collaborations where MOUs have been signed are as follows:

1. Institute on Disaster Management and Reconstruction (IDMR) in Chengdu

The IDMR was launched on May 8th, 2013 and an agreement to collaborate with IDMR in capacity building programmes in disaster management and reconstruction was signed by the IASSW President Prof. Vimla Nadkarni on behalf of the IASSW. The Institute is jointly established by The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) and Sichuan University (Sichuan U). The other partnering organizations include the International Federation of Occupational Therapy and Earthquakes Without Borders.

The Sichuan University- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Institute for Disaster Management and Reconstruction (IDMR) is the first of its kind on “disaster preparedness, disaster risk reduction and disaster reconstruction” in the Chinese mainland. Not only will it provide training in healthcare, rehabilitation and disaster management, it aspires to become a world-class disaster management research centre and educational platform serving the whole nation.

Prof. Nadkarni is a member of the Advisory Board (2014-16) of one of its associated centers -- the “National Training Base for Professional Social Worker, Ministry of Civil Affair, PRC”. To comply with the National policy in accelerating the process of vocationalization and professionalization of the social work profession, the training base has a legitimized role to support the training needs of governmental departments, community officials, non-government organizations, social work educators and front line practitioners.



Pic-1 – IDMR Institute



Pic-2- Members present at inauguration (R) Deputy President of Sichuan University, Prof. Shi Jian, Professor E Sharon Brintnell, President, World Federation of Occupational Therapists, Lena Dominelli, Professor, Durham University representing Earthquakes Without Borders, Prof. Vimla V. Nadkarni, President, IASSW, and Professor Angie Yuen, Vice-President, Hongkong Polytechnic University

2. Global Institute of Social Work (GISW)

Prof. Nadkarni is member of the International Advisory Board of the Global Institute of Social Work initiated by Professor Tan Ngoh Tiong, Dean, School of Human Development and Social Services, SIM University, Singapore. Prof. Terry Hokenstad, Distinguished University Professor, Case Western Reserve University, and one of our active US based UN representatives is the President of GISW.

The vision of the Global Institute of Social Work is to deliver quality social work training where needed; provide culturally appropriate training, in various fields of social work, for social workers from all over the world.

Global Institute of Social Work is essentially a virtual institute but there is a plan to institute number of global training centers to enhance its operations. The sites for the proposed centers are: London, Moscow, Singapore, Mumbai and San Francisco. There could also be other satellite training centers established.

Seminars organized in collaboration with Universities hosting IASSW Board meetings

IASSW creates spaces for strengthening of social work education particularly where professional social work is newly emerging and needs support from an international forum. One strategy is to organize seminars, workshops and faculty development programmes in partnership with the school or

department of social work that hosts the IASSW Board meeting.

Two programmes that were organized in 2013 are briefly described below.

A Seminar titled “Global Dialog: Advancing Social Work Research, International Knowledge Exchange and Education”, 24 January 2013 was organized by University of Southern California in collaboration with IASSW. The School of Social Work, USC, with Dr. Dan Hester, International Coordinator, Board members Mildred Joyner and Antoinette Lombard worked together on conceptualizing the programme, The enlightening presentations by faculty of the USC focused on international projects of the University. The Board members participated as discussants. Our heartfelt thanks to them and Dean Marilyn Flynn for generously providing an excellent enabling environment.



Pic-3: (L to R) Haluk Soydan, Associate Dean of Research, listens to Vimla Nadkarni, International Association of Schools of Social Work President, at an IASSW meeting at USC. *Source;* <http://news.usc.edu/#!/article/46420/gathering-spurs-lively-discussion-among-international-schools-of-social-work/>

A Symposium on “Against Social Suffering: Social Work in Alliance with the People with Disabilities in the Times of Crisis with a focus on Bodily to Civic Disability” (July 17 and 18) was organized in collaboration with IASSW, South East Europe Sub-Regional Association and European Association of Schools of Social Work. Dean Gabi Čačinovič Vogrinčič, Professor Darja Zavaršek and her School of Social Work team hosted the symposium very graciously. There were highly stimulating papers presented by faculty from schools of social work in different parts of East Europe and some of the Board members. The symposium material prepared by School of Social Work, University of Ljubljana in the form of E-book has been posted on IASSW website under ‘Publication’:

http://www.iassw-aiets.org/publication_pdf/Against_Social_Suffering.pdf



Pic-4 IASSW Board members with participants at School of Social Work, University of Ljubljana

Programmes/Activities of the Regional and Sub-regional Associations

Association of Schools of Social Work in Africa (ASSWA)

The first ASSWA conference that was held in October 2012 in South Africa was attended by 165 delegates from 25 countries. ASSWA developed a detailed proposal that was submitted to NEPAD - the implementation arm of the African Union. The proposal was to initiate Master's programmes in Social Work in six countries across Africa.

The association partnered with the University of Tampere, which through the assistance of Professor Anna Metteri, submitted a proposal for funding to the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The special edition on *Child Rights in Africa* for the journal of International Social Work was successfully completed and published.

ASSWA's election for the position of Vice President took place at the ASSWA conference in October 2012. Dr. Janestic Twikirize from Uganda was selected as the new Vice-President.

The Association is part of a consortium that has planned a social work conference in March 2014 in Kampala, Uganda with the theme "*Professional*

Social work in East Africa: Towards social development and poverty reduction". The members will actively participate in the conference by way of a key note address by the president of the association; special sessions on regional and international networking and the Global Agenda will be held.

Asian & Pacific Association of Social Work Education-(APASWE)

APASWE under the presidentship of Prof. Tatsuru Akimoto created a multi-levelled strategy of linkages with national associations, member schools, and individual faculty members of those schools. Three APASWE-cosponsored joint research projects, originally planned and financed by the Japan College of Social Work, were developed and are in progress.

APASWE co-sponsored an International Seminar on Social Welfare in Asia and the Pacific Rim: Disaster, Fukushima and Social Work, which was held at the Japan College of Social Work, Tokyo, from 3-5 November 2012. Another conference on Human Rights and Social Work Education in the context of Asian Values and Culture, Universiti Saints Malaysia, was organized on 23 March 2013.

Caribbean Sub-region

The 11th Biennial Caribbean and International Conference on Social Work and Social Development at Curacao (July 8-12, 2013), was sponsored by the Association of Caribbean Social Work Educators (ACSWE).

The theme for the 2013 Conference was: "Continuing Sustainable Social Transformation: Promoting Innovative Social Development Praxis in the Caribbean and Latin American". In her keynote video message, Vimla Nadkarni, IASSW President, congratulated the collaborating organizations and emphasized that the theme was most relevant and in consonance with the Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development. She said: "The theme reflects our major concerns regarding the role of social work in people-centered movements and development, in policy and structural change interventions. We need clarity and critiquing of our theoretical and practice frameworks to address social and developmental issues arising from globalization processes". Other keynote addresses were presented by Lena Domenelli (University of Durham, UK), Malcolm Payne (Director, Psychosocial and Spiritual Care, St. Christopher Hospice, London) and ACSWE President Letnie Rock (former Board Member of IASSW based in Barbados). There was a great deal of discussion about the Global Agenda for

Social Work and Social Development as well as the new Global Definition of Social Work.



Pic-5 (L-R) Letnie Rock, Lena Dominelli and Malcolm Payne



Pic-6 Participants of conference

Council on Social Work Education

This is the national association that works towards enhancing and maintaining the quality of social work education in North American schools of social work. The CSWE works through various committees and commissions that are active on various issues.

The Katherine Kendall Institute is supporting a project on capacity building of faculty in schools of social work in China by a selected group of partner schools of social work in the United States.

CSWE Council on Global Learning, Research and Practice (CGLRP) was involved in faculty development and successfully launched the first faculty development trip to Cuba and was planning for the second.

The Annual Programme Meeting (APM) of CSWE was held from October 31 to November 3, 2013 and the theme was 'Global Social Work'. IASSW President and Board members made presentations on the Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development in a panel discussion on *International and Regional Social Work Organizations Promoting the Global Agenda* chaired by Mark Rodgers.

European Association of Schools of Social Work (EASSW)

The ENSACT European Conference for the Social Professions (16–19 April

2013) was held in Istanbul, Turkey. It was a great success, attracting approximately 800 delegates. The conference title was "Social Action in Europe: Towards Inclusive Policies and Practices".

The organisations comprising ENSACT have agreed to hold individual conferences in 2015. ENSACT has a new President, Thea Meinema, and will be focusing on lobbying with European institutions to raise the voice of social work and social development at a policy level.

PowerUs, a service users group funded by EU Leonardo funding has recently accepted the invitation to join ENSACT. The next meeting of ENSACT will be held in May 2014.

East European sub-regional Association of the Schools of Social Work (EEsrASSW)

The IASSW Regional seminar of the East European sub-region was held in June 2013, during the IASSW meeting, supported by the EASSW. The title of the seminar was "Against Social Suffering: Social Work in alliance with People with Disabilities". Several speakers from different schools of social work presented research papers from different countries mainly in East Europe.

During the regional seminar, the sub-regional meetings were also organized. Members discussed the issues related to the region (economic crises, social work education, research issues). There was also discussion on formalizing the association and preparing the constitution.

The EEsrASSW launched a new website and got a new domain; the work remains voluntary and no fees are charged. In spring 2014 a special issue of the Journal of Social Work will be published on disability in Eastern Europe.

Nordic Association of Schools of Social Work

The 25th Nordic Conference of Social Work Schools (August 28-30, 2013) was organized by University of Tampere. The theme of the conference was "Social Work Teaching at the Intersection between Research and Practice". The Chair of the local organizing committee was Anna Metteri, President of Nordic Association of Schools of Social Work and IASSW board member.

The IASSW president Vimla Nadkarni's video message was presented in the opening ceremony of the conference. She emphasized the benefits of joining the International Association of Schools of Social Work and helping it to promote social work education all over the world. She commented: "The

sub-themes in your conference reflect global concerns in social work education, practice and research. Are we able to envisage an educator who is skilled both in practice and research and is able to thread the two together to create a synergy which contributes to the development of social work knowledge, especially indigenous knowledge". The video message was also shown in the Annual Meeting of the Nordic Association.

IASSW board members, namely; Synnöve Karvinen-Niinikoski, Vasilios Ioakimidis and Vishanthie Sewpaul were among the key speakers in the conference.

A new network on North South relations in social work education was established in the North South workshop of the conference. Anna Metteri and Heli Valokivi have made a draft summary of the content of the conference. This Conference brought together social work educators, researchers, practitioners and students from all the Nordic countries and beyond.

The annual meeting of the Nordic Association of Schools of Social Work was held on August 29, 2013 in Tampere, Finland in the context of the 25th Nordic conference of social work schools. The association decided to promote community work in social work education in the Nordic countries in collaboration with the Nordic network of social work educators on community work. The association has opened a new home page with blog: nassw.socwork.org and a Facebook account to enhance communication and information sharing. The home page will have material also in English to communicate internationally. New board members were elected in the meeting.

North American and Caribbean Association of Schools of Social Work (NACASSW)

NACASSW encourages cross-country collaborations and sharing of educational methods and materials and promotes faculty development at the regional level. The presidency of NACASSW rotates among the three national associations of social work education in Canada (CASWE), the Caribbean (ACSWE), and the United States (CSWE). June 2012 marked the end of Canada's presidency, and the position rotated to the United States. During the Social Work and Social Development Conference in Stockholm, Sweden, Mark Rodgers was unanimously elected president of NACASSW. He is also chair of the CSWE Global Commission and dean of the College of Health and Human Services at Marywood University. His goal is strengthening the association in the region and mobilizing membership; and

develop a region specific agenda that would increase knowledge, support and involvement in NACASSW.

To increase awareness of the organization in the region, the three major area organizations are being explored for stronger support of NACASSW. The issues for focus are enhancing visibility of the organization, strengthening communication between the national associations, formalizing the structure, fund raising and involvement in regional issues.

To also increase the membership of the US schools of social work in IASSW, a motivational letter co-signed by the President of CSWE, Darla Coffee Spence, Chairperson of CSWE Prof. Barbara Shank, and President of NACASSW Prof. Mark Rodgers was circulated to all the American social work programmes. The letter also addressed the importance of NACASSW as a regional body.

Latin America region

There have been so far three meetings of the Executive Directors of Latin America region that have been working for the period 2012- 2015 to propose strategies to operationalize actions. The Argentina Federation of Social Work Academic Units (FAUATS) and other national organizations had meetings regarding training and research in social work , with representatives of the regional and country collegiate, undergraduate and graduate students and international organizations. The members agreed on a policy of communication with the various stakeholders including ALAEITS international social work organizations through the various pathways that exist today: yahoo group, web and email, ALAEITS page, as well as the Speaks ALAEITS newsletter. It was agreed to continue publishing articles from different countries in this newsletter.

The Executive Board of ALAEITS is proposing a debate with the American Association of Teaching and Research in Social Work around political ideological conceptions present in the undergraduate and postgraduate research and extension in Social Work.

Activities of IASSW Committees

The clustering of committees under broader themes and issues was an innovation that was implemented this year. This ensured that each thematic cluster was headed by a voting board member to ensure synergy across the various activities as well as follow up of the activities. The committees were thus grouped as follows:

Theme: Education

a. Capacity building

Capacity building is a sub-committee of the Education Committee

Workshops/Conferences In Los Angeles and Ljubljana

During 2013 the committee was engaged in several capacity building events. IASSW was invited in two locations for Board meetings with linked workshops. This arrangement enabled Board members, local educators and practitioners to organise a collaborative international workshop/ conference for the region or country. The Executive engaged with the university, local and government policy makers to raise the profile of social work where this was requested. The 2013 meetings and linked workshops were held in Los Angeles in January and Ljubljana in June respectively. (Details are provided in the previous section on Seminars).

Programme Consultation in Colombo, Sri Lanka

One Programme Consultation took place in Sri Lanka. IASSW provided a small cross regional/international team for National Institute of Social Development (NISD), Colombo. The team members included President of IASSW, Mark Henrickson, IASSW Board member representing APASWE and Prof. K. Tudor Kalinga, Department of Sociology, University of Peradeniya, representing the Quality Assurance and Accreditation Council of Sri Lanka. The nodal faculty from NISD School of Social Work Ms. Varathagowry Vasudeva coordinated the programme. This was designed as a participatory event comprising many stakeholders. The consultation which included the Ministry of Social Services has resulted in staff being released to complete doctorates and a formal collaboration between Higher Education social work providers. A summary of the Consultation was provided by local educators for Social Dialogue in order to publicize their progress and this IASSW service



Pic.7 (L to R) Professor Tudor Silva, Dr. Mark Henrickson and Professor Vimla Nadkarni.

Support to National Social Work Educators' Meeting in Mumbai, India

IASSW agreed to a request to finance a meeting in India designed to formalise the body of social work educational institutions and improve engagement with international social work and the Global Agenda. The outcome, as planned, was the launch of "Indian Association of Social Work Education" (IASWE) and it replaces the former Association of Schools of Social Work in India (ASSWI) which had become dormant for more than a decade. IASWE will be registered before the end of June, 2014. The process of forming a National Coordination Committee of national social worker organizations is in process and it will be headed by senior social workers of the country.



Pic-8 Participants of Indian Consortium (Indian Association of Social Work Education) held at Tata Institute of Social Science, Mumbai.

As activities are extended so policies follow, thus ensuring IASSW remains true to its mission, the IASSW/IFSW value statement and full collaboration with national and regional associations. To this end the policies and guidance for applicants, for Programme Consultations and Regional Centres were completed for the web site, after a two year period of consultation.

b. International projects

IASSW provides grants of up to US \$4000 for international projects, which is contribute to the implementation of the IASSW Mission Statement, and to the enhancement of cooperation among schools of social work world-wide. In 2013, the committee received 10 proposals and selected five proposals after a thorough review. The IASSW Board of Directors approved four projects for 2013.

The list of completed projects in 2012-2013 is presented below.

1. Developing the Capacity for Teaching Excellence in Social Work and Social Development in Ethiopia (2009–2012).
2. WAFE: Working with adults who are vulnerable – a comparison of curricula, policies and constructions (–2012).
3. Translating global perspectives on health inequalities research into social work education – a Pacific Rim perspective (2011–2012).
4. An Exploration of International Innovation in Service User Involvement Across three Countries, Coordinator Joe Duffy, Queen’s University, Belfast, Northern Ireland. (2011–2012, Northern Ireland, Spain, Slovenia).What and How Do We Teach, and How Do We Learn? A Mutual Project of Social Work Faculty from Asia, Middle East & European Countries (Israel, India, Ethiopia, Germany, USA)

c. Research

The research committee has developed “IASSW statement on Research”, which is in the process of review and the final statement will be presented in the Board meeting at Melbourne, Australia.

Theme: Advocacy and Policy

a. Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development

The three organizations (IASSW, ICSW and IFSW) have implemented one of the four pillars of the Global Agenda a flagship theme for their activities over a period of two years. The first theme selected for the period 2012-2014 within this understanding was “Promoting Social and Economic Equalities”

which would continue until the joint conference of Melbourne. The theme was being promoted globally and addressed through various innovative activities.

A Special Issue on the same theme of the International Social Work journal published by SAGE was in the process of development by a team of social work educators from IASSW and IFSW and would be launched at the Melbourne Joint World Conference, along with a consolidated report of the implementation of the Global Agenda.

b. IASSW representation at the UN

Several members of IASSW have developed expertise on UN based themes and issues and work closely with the NGO committee in New York and Geneva, Some of the areas of intervention by the respective committees and task forces are described below.

c. Human rights

The focus of the Human Rights Committee of IASSW is human rights education and also represents IASSW on relevant human rights policy issues.

In spring, 2013, a human rights page was developed for the IASSW website. Materials on the website include PowerPoint presentations delivered by the IASSW Committee in a workshop at the 2012 International Conference, brief teaching vignettes, and a bibliography. The website also includes several human rights policy updates and campaigns, with a call for support of the petition for the Global Social Protection Floor Initiative. The webpage will be updated periodically with relevant materials for human rights education. Members are invited to contribute.

In July 2013, the Committee sponsored a workshop on Teaching Human Rights at the Biennial Conference of Caribbean and International Social Work Educators in Curacao.

The members of the IASSW team at the United Nations in New York are engaged in many human rights related activities through the NGO Committees. The Committee for Social Development has been working on the Social Protection Floor Initiative and on the now adopted Guiding Principles on Human Rights and Extreme Poverty. Our student interns are active on the Working Group on Girls, a committee that is addressing issues such as honor killings, equal right to education, and child marriage. Another

member of the team represents us on children's rights matters through UNICEF. IASSW also presented a statement on human rights and extreme poverty in Geneva in fall, 2013, calling for a convention with more government accountability for addressing poverty.

d. Sustainability, Climate Change, Disaster Intervention

Professor Lena Dominelli, chairperson of the committee participated in the UN Climate change conference (COP18) held in Doha on 30/11/12. She gave a talk on Environmental Justice and Climate Change at a side event, and an interview for the UN climate change website, which is also available on YouTube.

Additionally, based on research projects, she has produced a Handbook on Disaster Interventions and Humanitarian Aid. This has been circulated in a number of trouble spots including in China to professionals who went to the assistance of victim-survivors of the Lushan Earthquake.

The IASSW along with Hongkong University Polytechnic and IASSW's Immediate Past President have been collaborating with Sichuan University and launched a joint disaster management centre in Chengdu in May 2013, which also marked the fifth anniversary of the Wenchuan Earthquake of 2008 and the 2013 Lushan Earthquake.

e. IASSW Representation at the United Nations, New York

The US based UN representatives for 2012 - 2013 included Janice Wood Wetzel (Main Representative), Evelina Pangalangan, Moira Curtain, Rebecca Davis, and M.C "Terry" Hokenstad. Rosa Perla Resnick also served as an IASSW representative. Lynne Healy continued to represent as the IASSW Board's Chief Operating Officer. Moira Curtain was nominated as Co-Chair of the Social Work Day at the UN in New York which is celebrated in collaboration with IFSW.

All the representatives continued to remain active participants on UN Committees. They included the Committee on Migration (Resnick, Immediate Past Chair), Ageing, Human Rights; UNICEF (Davis and Curtain); Social Development (Lynne Healy); and Mental Health (Janice Wood Wetzel, Immediate Past Chair). Rio Comoduran and Khaliyl Lane, student interns through April 2013, were active participants as well, serving on the Social Development Outreach subcommittees, as well as the Committee on the Status of Women's Working Group on Girls subcommittee. They organized and participated on panels on a monthly basis during the year.

The representatives were engaged in the following activities during 2012-

2013:

Moira Curtain Director of Field Department, Columbia University School of Social Work, New York was active with UNICEF's Working Group on Children without Parental Care.

Rebecca Davis Director, Center of International Research Rutgers University School of Social Work, New Brunswick, New Jersey served on the Social Work Day at the UN planning committee and took responsibility for registration of the event with the backing of Rutgers University.

Lynne Healy Professor and Director of Center for International Social Work Studies University of Connecticut School of Social Work, West Hartford, Connecticut represented IASSW as a productive member of the Committee on Social Development and its subcommittee on the Eradication of Poverty.

Terry M.C. Hokenstad Distinguished University Professor Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western University, Cincinnati, Ohio, in addition to writing the chapter on Global Ageing, he participated in the International Day of Older People Day and attended the NGO Program on Social Development.

Evelina Pangalangan Professor Emerita and Former Dean University of the Philippines, College of Social Work and Community Development, Adjunct Lecturer, Silberman School of Social Work, Hunter College of the City University of New York (CUNY) served on Social Work Day in the UN planning committee and participated in UNICEF's committee.

Rosa Perla Resnick, Professor Emerita Columbia University, New York has been an active advocate for Latin American involvement at the UN for many years, with particular attention to Argentina.

Janice Wood Wetzel Former Dean and Professor Emerita Adelphi University, Garden City, New York chaired the International Search Committee for the new President and Board of CoNGO (The Conference of NGOs). She served as Co-Chair of Social Work Day at the UN in 2012, and as the Main Representative of IASSW in New York. She represented on the NGO Committee on Mental Health Executive Committee as immediate past chair and developed proposals for the Commission on the Status of Women's international conferences. She moderated the panels that included Rebecca Davis and interns at UN.

f. Review of Strategies with UN globally (Task Force)

The Task Force was formed in 2012 so initially members worked on Restructuring Representation and Strengthening Activities at the UN. The

suggestions were that any review of IASSW's activities should be wider than the US/New York office, to include other locations of UN activity undertaken by IASSW members, e.g., Geneva, Vienna, Nairobi and Addis Ababa. Some countries have country links through individual academics having access to particular parts of the UN. It would be worth getting some information on this to see whether or not such activities can contribute to raising IASSW's profile at the UN and how this might be done.

During these conversations, it was clear that IASSW does not have the information it needs to restructure its representation or re-examine the activities it currently undertakes. Obtaining this information is urgently needed to make progress.

Suggestions for the Board to consider:

- a) collecting information to strengthen IASSW's influence at the UN and reconsider its representation structures;
- b) carrying out an audit of current activities at the UN by both individuals and Schools, regional or country associations linked to IASSW; and
- c) Checking out the representation of IASSW at the key regional offices of the UN.

It was recommended that a questionnaire be sent electronically to individual members and Schools, enquiring about their involvement in the UN and its activities. The questionnaire should be simple and focus on the points raised above. The Task Force can compile the questionnaire and circulate it electronically to the Executive Committee for consideration and approval before it is sent out electronically to all Schools and individual members. It may be worth having the questionnaire on the website for those who are not members to complete because it seems that a number of individual social work academics and some networks are involved in UN activities, but IASSW is not even aware that these individuals are there, although at some points, they are given the mandate of representing educators.

Celebration of World Social Work Days

Social Work Day at the UN

The mission of Social Work Day at the UN is two-fold: 1) to educate social workers and social work educators about what the UN is doing and how social work can participate, and 2) to educate the UN - its agencies,

governments and missions – about the relevance of social work to achieving its shared goals. The two entities have similar human rights and social justice ethos and objectives.

The Annual Program has always been based on the focal point of the UN in any given year and the stated interests of participants based upon their program evaluations. Our themes have run the gamut from poverty and human rights concerns that include, inter alia, children's issues from Child Soldiers to Trafficking and The Girl Child, to Women-at-Risk, Global Health and Mental Health, including HIV-AIDS and Non-Communicable Diseases, the Family, Intergenerational Issues, Trauma and Natural and Man-Made Disasters, and the UN Millennium Development Goals. These issues are consistent with those of the Global Agenda.

30th Annual Social Work Day at the UN 2013

30th Annual Social Work Day at the United Nations was celebrated on March 25, 2013 from 9:00AM-12:30PM. The theme for the program was "Social Work Partnering with the UN on the post 2015 Development Agenda."

The title of the 30th Annual Social Work Day at the UN was *Partnering with the United Nations, Social Work and Social Development*. The event, traditionally sponsored by the International Association of Schools of Social Work and the International Federation of Social Workers, was joined by the International Council of Social Welfare for the collaborative presentation of the *Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development: Commitment to Action*. Helen Clark, Chair of the United Nations Development Group, and former head of the United Nations Development Program and former Prime Minister of New Zealand, accepted the *Global Agenda* on behalf of the United Nations



Pic-9 (L to R) Dr. Robin Mama, Ms Lilli Schindler, Mr. Phillipe Latriche, Dr. Gary Bailey, Prof. Vimla Nadkarni, Mr. Stanislav Staling, Dr. Elizabeth Clark and Dr. Moira Curtain

World Social Work Day in Sarajevo (March 15 2013)

For the second time, World Social Work Day was celebrated in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Prof. Suada Buljubašić, Chief of the Social Work Department (University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Political Sciences) welcomed the participants and stressed the importance of efforts to contribute to celebration of World Social Work Day and wished fruitful and vivid discussions. The staff members of the Social Work Department together with Cantonal Social Work Center and Association of Social Workers organized the event keynoted by the president of East European Sub- regional International Association of the Schools of Social Work, Prof. Darja Zaviršek on the topic "*Social Work Between Structural Inequalities And Human Rights Principles In Eastern Europe*". Prof. Zaviršek addressed key challenges posed by neoliberals to both contemporary societies and the social work profession..

The event was attended by more than 60 students and professionals along with the staff members. Dr. Julia Watkins, Treasurer IASSW, who is also engaged as an international consultant to the Social Work Department in the area of doctoral studies development through the Open Society Foundation Academic Fellowship Program, reviewed briefly the history and development of the Global Agenda as a consensus document of the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW), the International Federation of Social Workers (IASW) and the International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW).

The event ended with a very insightful discussion about social issues, professional frustration and the importance of international communication/gatherings.



Pic-10 Professor Darja Zaviršek addressing the participants

Theme: Member Services

a. Membership Recruitment and Retention

By the end of April, 2014 IASSW had 389 Institutional members, 215 Individual members and 5 affiliated members from 62 countries. The highest numbers of member schools are from Japan, China and the United States. The membership across the regions is as in Figure 1, although this is subject to fluctuations.

b. Communications and Publications (Website, Social Dialogue magazine)

IASSW publishes Social Dialogue online quarterly magazine. This has completed six publications. In November 2013, a Social Dialogue working team was set up in HongKong to further expand and develop the fledgling IASSW magazine. Other than the Chief Editor Carolyn Noble, the Managing Director Mr. Hillming LI, and the Publisher Professor Angelina Yuen, the new team added 4 new members:

Dr. Timothy SIM, Executive Editor

Miss Mavis Chan, Chief Operating Officer

Miss Maurice Kwan, Chief Development Officer

Miss Faustina Wong, Accountant

The Editorial board has recruited 6 interns from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University to help with editorial work, fund raising and marketing and to provide ideas to attract young readers.

This quarterly magazine has received a lot of attention, thanks to the quality maintained by the Chief Editor Carolyn Noble, the Publisher Angie Yuen, Website manager Hillming Li, and the editorial team based in Hong Kong.



c. **Language Committee**

IASSW continued to have four official languages: English, French, Spanish, and Japanese. These are the languages to which the majority of IASSW member schools belong. The Language committee coordinated with the members for the upgradation of the IASSW website to get the materials translated in the four languages.

d. **Standing Committee on World Census**

The 2010 Census of Social Work Schools around the world was completed in 2012 and the Directory published for access only to the members. The overview of the Project, the logistics and strategies that led to the completion of the project over the six year span, would be presented at the 2014 World Conference in Melbourne. The publication of the articles and the final presentation would bring the 2010 Census Project to a closure. The committee invited additions/edits such as change of university names, faculty affiliation, etc. to update the content in the directory. It was envisaged that the directory would be updated intermittently online.

Based on the project, the chapter titled, "The State of Social Work Education Worldwide: Findings from the International Association of Schools of Social Work 2010 World Census Project" was contributed in the edited book by Anupam Hazra titled: "Social Work Education and Profession in Contemporary World: Emerging Issues and Challenges" which would be completed by mid-2014. The second manuscript titled, "The Changing Status and Growth of Social Work Education World Wide: Process, Findings, and Implications of the IASSW 2010 Census" was revised and resubmitted for review by International Social Work journal published by SAGE.

Theme: Budget and Finance

Budget and Finance

The committee prepared few documents namely Whistleblower Policy, Code of Ethics, the Investment Policy Statement. which were approved and accepted by the Board of Directors. These documents are available on the IASSW website.

Solidarity Fund: The B&F committee has streamlined the guidelines for the Solidarity Fund to encourage increased participation of Board members in the board meetings of IASSW.

Theme: Administrative

a. Nominating Committee

There were three vacancies on the IASSW Board of Directors from July 2014, namely for treasurer and two members at large. Two calls for nominations were made in order to get sufficient nominations for the slate. The announcement on the call for nominations was widely shared, including IASSW web-site (+Facebook) and via presidents of regional associations. The first call was posted on 21 May 2013 with a closing date for nominations on 30 June 2013. The second call was followed on 23 July with the closing date for nominations on 31 August 2013. One nomination was received for the position of treasurer and 10 nominations for the two member-at-large positions. The criteria for the slate included geographical balance; previous relevant experience; leadership potential and expected attendance of Board meetings.

b. Katherine Kendall Awards

The Katherine A. Kendall Award was introduced in 1992 to honor the IASSW Honorary President, Dr. Katherine A. Kendall. She served as voluntary secretary from 1954 to 1971 and Secretary-General of IASSW from 1971 to 1978. Dr. Kendall remained an active board member for more than five decades until her demise in 2010. The intention of the award, which is made biennially, is to acknowledge significant contributions to the development of social work education at the international level.

Katherine Kendall Memorial Award Committee received eight nominations in 2013. A selection grid was prepared by the chairperson of the committee on the basis of which the nominees were scored and graded. Prof. Lynne Healy was declared the KK Awardee and she would be presented the award in the Melbourne World conference.

c. Eileen Younghusband Lecture

In 1984, to commemorate Eileen Younghusband (UK) who was an IASSW President from 1961 to 1968, the biennial Eileen Younghusband Memorial Lecture Series was inaugurated. The Eileen Younghusband speaker must be a distinguished social work educator, who has an international reputation and recognition. The Younghusband lecturer is selected by vote of the Board of Directors in the year preceding the Congress.

d. **Preparation for the World Conference 2014**

IASSW in collaboration with its sister organizations, the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) and the International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW) worked actively together to prepare for the Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development from 09-12 July 2014 in Melbourne, Australia, along with the host organisations.

This Conference would bring together practitioners, researchers and educators from around the world who were engaged in Social Work and Social Development. The Conference would continue the work of the Global Agenda, first set in Hong Kong in 2010 and then continued in Stockholm in 2012.

The theme is '**Promoting Social and Economic Equality: Responses from Social Work and Social Development**'. The focus is on the intersection of the many factors that promote equality for all people within diverse contexts around the world.

The Conference sub-themes are:

- Strengthening the social and cultural well-being of individuals, families and communities – promoting resilience, empowerment, safety and respect
- Addressing health inequalities and disadvantage for individuals and communities
- Fostering social and economic initiatives that promote security and protection
- Creating sustainable and safe physical environments
- Educating for change, human rights and equality
- Ensuring the sustainable and ethical use of technology in human services

e. **Task Force on Definition of Social Work**

IASSW Board of directors and the Executive Committee of IFSW agreed that the review of Global Definition of Social Work was completed and a new proposed definition would be presented to members of both organisations at the General Meeting/Assembly in Melbourne July, 2014.

f. **Task Force on IASSW Constitution**

The Task Force on IASSW Constitution set up during the board meeting in Los Angeles worked on suggesting amendments in several of the byelaws.

g. **Task Force on Manual of Procedures**

Based on the amendments in IASSW Constitution, the Manual of Procedures of IASSW was being revised.

Social Networking

IASSW provides updates and networks with its members through various Social Networking sites.

IASSW is very active on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/IASSW.AIETS>). The membership of the Facebook site is growing with more than 900 followers/members using that site. This has enabled us to continuously upload and share information on our activities, pictures and links of IASSW members, events with our followers.

IASSW is also present at Twitter: @IASSW_AIETS (having around 400 followers) and at LinkedIn as 'International Association of Schools of Social Work' (group)'.

Communicating within the Association among IASSW members

Two Google groups were created for facilitating and enhancing communication amongst IASSW members as follows:

- Individual members
- Institutional members

1. Annex-1 ; IASSW Board of Directors

IASSW Board of Directors and Executive Committee (February, 2014)				
Sl. No.	Position	Name	Details	Email ID
Executive Committee				
1	President	Vimla Nadkarni	Former Professor and Founder Dean, School of Social Work, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India	vimla@iassw.net
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3	Secretary	Tetyana Semigina	Professor, School of Social Work, National University, 'Kyiv-Mohyla Academy' Ukraine	iassw.secretary@gmail.com
4	Treasurer	Julia Watkins	Retired, Former Executive Director, Council on Social Work Education (USA)	jwatkins0924@gmail.com
5	Vice President, President of Association of Schools of Social Work in Africa (ASSWA),	Vishanthie Sewpaul	Professor, School of Applied Human Sciences , College of Humanities, University of KwaZulu Natal (South Africa)	Sewpaul@ukzn.ac.za
6	Vice-President, President, Asociación Latino Americana de Escuelas de Trabajo Social	Patricia Acevedo	Profesora, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba (Argentina)	pacevedo@coop5.com.ar
7	Vice-President, President of Asian & Pacific Association for Social Work Education	Fentiny Nugroho	Chair of Expert Board, Indonesian Association of Social Work Education (Indonesia)	fentiny@yahoo.com

8	Vice-President, President of European Association of Schools of Social Work	Susan Lawrence	President European Association of Schools of Social Work, Former Head of Social Work, Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities, London Metropolitan University (UK)	president@eassw.org
9	Vice-President, President of North, American/Caribbean Association of Schools of Social Work	Mark Rodgers	Dean and Professor, College of Health & Human Services, Marywood University in PA (Pennsylvania), USA	mrodgers@marywood. edu
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12	Member At Large	Bala Raju Nikku	Director, Nepal School of Social Work, Kathmandu (Nepal), Sr. Visiting Lecturer , Social Work section, Universiti Sains Malaysia	nikku21@yahoo.com, balarajunikku@yahoo.c om
13	Member At Large	Barbara Shank	Dean and Professor School of Social Work, University of St. Thomas and St. Catherine University (USA)	bwshank@stthomas.ed u
Regional, Sub regional & National Representatives				
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15	Regional Representative (President of East European Regional Association)	Darja Zavirsek	Chair of the Department of Social Justice and Inclusion, Faculty of Social Work, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)	darja.zavirsek@fsd.uni- lj.si

16	Representative of European Association of Schools of Social Work	Vasilios Ioakimidis	Lecturer- Masters in Social Work, Durham University (UK)	vas.ioakimidis@dur.ac.uk
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25	National Representative (Japan)	Hisanori Ishikawa	Chair of International Relations Committee, Japanese Association of Schools of Social Work, Japan	bbm11661@kwansei.ac.jp

26	National Representative (UK) & Assistant Secretary	Linda De Chenu	Senior Lecturer Social Work, University of Hertfordshire	L.De-Chenu@herts.ac.uk,
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28	National Representative (China)	Prof. Zhang Li-Xi	China Association for Social Work Education (CASWE)	mxx100@263.net
Committees				
29	Chairperson of Women's Interest Group	Jude Irwin,	Professor, Social Work and Policy Studies, Faculty of Education and Social Work, University of Sydney (Australia)	jude.irwin@sydney.edu.au
30	Chairperson of Global Agenda Committee	Abye Tasse	Advisor to the President and Chief of Project, University of Nouakchott (Mauritania)	abyetasse@yahoo.fr
31	Chairperson of Climate Change Committee and Disaster Management	Lena Dominelli	Professor and Head of Subject, School of Applied Social Sciences, Durham University (UK)	lena.dominelli@durham.ac.uk
32	Standing Committee on World Census	Angeline Barretta-Herman	Professor Emerita, School of Social Work, University of St. Thomas (USA)	a9barrettahe@stthomas.edu
33	Co-chair Publications Committee	Brian Littlechild	Professor, University of Hertfordshire (UK)	b.littlechild@herts.ac.uk
34	Co-chair Publications Committee	Carolyn Noble	Chief Editor Social Dialogue, Editor IASSW Newsletter, Inaugural Professor of Social Work (ACAP, Sydney), Professor Emerita, Victoria University Melbourne, (Australia)	Carolyn.Noble@vu.edu.au
35	Chairperson of Human Rights	Lynne Healy	Professor of Social Work, University of Connecticut (USA)	lynne.healy@uconn.edu

36	Main UN Representative for IASSW	Janice Wood Wetzel	Main UN Representative at International Association of Schools of Social Work, Former Dean and Professor Emerita, Adelphi University School of Social Work (USA)	janicewetzel@gmail.com
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38	Chairperson of Task Force on IASSW Constitution	Tatsuru Akimoto	Director & Professor, Asian Center for Welfare in Society in Japan College of Social Work (Japan)	tatsru.akimoto@nifty.com
39	Chairperson Capacity Building (Education)	Janet Williams	Faculty Health and Wellbeing - Sheffield Hallam University	j.e.williams@shu.ac.uk

Annex. 2: List of Committees and Task Forces

Committee	Chair/Coordinator	Members
Theme: Education (Chairperson: Angelina Yuen)		
Capacity building	Janet Williams Vice-chair Bala Raju Nikku	Fentiny Nugroho, Wassie Kebede, Antoinette Lombard, Barbara Shank, In Young Han, Janestic Mwende Twikirize
International projects	Anna Metteri	Darja Zavirsek, Fentiny Nugroho, Letnie Rock, Barbara Shank, Hisanori Ishikawa
Research	Synnöve Karvinen-Niinikoski	Darja Zavirsek, Faisal Azaiza, Brian Littlechild, Vasilios Ioakimidis, Linda De Chenu, Dixon Sookraj, Anna Metteri
Theme: Advocacy and Policy (Chairperson – Vimla Nadkarni)		
Global Agenda	Abye Tasse	Antoinette Lombard, Dixon Sookraj, Tatsuru Akimoto, Susan Lawrence, Anna Metteri, Lena Dominelli,
Human rights	Lynne Healy	Letnie Rock, Janestic Mwende Twikirize
Sustainability, Climate Change, Disaster Intervention	Lena Dominelli	Mark Rodgers, Antoinette Lombard, Bala Raju Nikku, Letnie Rock
United Nations, New York	Main Rep. Janice Wetzel UN Social Work day Co-Chair: Moira Curtain	Lena Dominelli, Lynne Healy, Mildred Joyner
Review of strategies with UN globally (Task Force)	Lena Dominelli	Lynne Healy, Mildred Joyner, Janice Wetzel, Moira Curtain, Vasilios Ioakimidis, Linda De Chenu, Susan Lawrence
Theme: Member Services (Chairperson - Tetyana Semigina)		
Membership Recruitment and Retention	Vice-Presidents of all the regions	Mark Rodgers, Darla Spence Coffey

Communications and Publications (Website, Social Dialogue magazine)	Carolyn Noble, Brian Littlechild	Angelina Yuen, Helle Strauss, Dixon Sookraj, Vimla Nadkarni
Language Committee	Fentiny Nugroho	Tatsuru Akimoto, Anna Metteri, Janestic Mwendé Twikirize
Standing Committee on World Census	Angelina BH	Brian Littlechild, Tatsuru Akimoto
Theme: Budget and Finance (Chairperson - Julia Watkins)		
Budget and Finance	Julia Watkins	Mark Henrickson , Faisal Azaiza, Yongxiang Xu
Solidarity Fund	Julia Watkins	Jude Irwin, Janet Williams
Theme: Administrative (Chairperson - Vimla Nadkarni)		
Nominating Committee	Antoinette Lombard	Shimon Spiro, Bala Raju Nikku, Vasilios Ioakimidis, Lynne Healy
Tripartite Committee		Vimla Nadkarni and Julia Watkins
Katherine Kendall Awards	Susan Lawrence	Vice-Presidents of all the Regions, Janestic represents South African region
Eileen Younghusband Lecture	Tetyana Semigina	
World Conference 2014	Abye Tasse	Vimla Nadkarni, Tatsuru Akimoto, Barbara Shank,
Task Force on Definition of Social Work	Vishanthie Sewpaul	Dixon Sookraj, Bala Raju Nikku, Mark Henrickson
Task Force on Constitution	Tatsuru Akimoto	Lynne Healy, Mildred Joyner, Janet, Vishanthie, Dixon Sookraj,



		Susan Lawrence
Task Force on Manual of Procedures	Tetyana Semigina	Janet Williams,
Task Force on International Collaboration	Vimla Nadkarni	Dixon Sookraj, Barbara Shank, Angelina Yuen, Susan Lawrence