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Foreword

It is my pleasure to present the IASSW Annual Report-2014; time to reflect on our accomplishments over the past one year, as well as get a glimpse of where we are headed in the coming months. This report gives an insight into the range of activities undertaken by our members in different parts of the world.

2014 was a very important year for the field of social work development. IASSW along with its partners IFSW and ICSW organized the third conference on social work and social development in Melbourne during July 9-12, 2014. We worked hard to enhance communication with our members through our website, Facebook, Twitter pages and Google groups.

Your contribution of high quality articles in the online Social Dialogue magazine enabled us to put out nine very interesting issues on contemporary themes.

It is our hope that you will find this report informative and you will share pride in the achievements of YOUR association.

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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. Funding of small cross-national projects in social work education.
6. 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) and the Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development.
7. Capacity building and other activities of Committees and Tasks Forces of the association.
8. Setting up IASSW Regional Resource Centres in collaboration with social work colleges/departments.

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

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 Affairs, PRC".

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.

Collaboration with UNAIDS

IASSW signs Memorandum of Understanding with UNAIDS in Geneva, 21 October 2014

IASSW President and Luiz Loures, Deputy Executive Director of UNAIDS and Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations signed a Memorandum of Understanding on October 21, 2014 at UNAIDS Headquarters in Geneva. It was the culmination of discussions held between the President, IASSW accompanied by Sue Lawrence, then President, EASSW, and Mariangela Simao, Director, Rights, Gender and Community

Mobilization in March 2014. It was agreed that the values and mission statements of the two organisations have synergies that enable both parties to benefit from cooperation in achieving “Zero New HIV infections, Zero discrimination and Zero AIDS-related deaths. In a first joint event, World Social Work Day was celebrated at the Kofi Annan Conference Room in the UNAIDS Building in Geneva on 17th March 2015 with one hundred and fifty invited guests from the UN, IASSW, IFSW and ICSW and their regional European Associations. Susan Lawrence, Klaus Kuehne representing IFSW, and David Chipanta, Senior Advisor Social Protection of UNAIDS worked together to conceptualize the programme.



Figure 1: Luiz Loures and Vimla Nadkarni sign the joint UNAIDS-IASSW MOU

UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

Your President and EASSW President met with UNISDR Chief, Margareta Wahlstrom on 20 October 2014 in Geneva. Margareta Wahlstrom acknowledged the role of social work in disaster risk reduction globally. Representatives from IASSW and EASSW have been invited to attend future meetings and nominate social workers with expertise for a social work task force to inform the UNISDR Office in Geneva.

UNISDR’s mandate has been defined by a number of United Nations General Assembly Resolutions, the most notable of which is “to serve as the focal point in the United Nations system for the coordination of disaster reduction and to ensure synergies among the disaster reduction activities of the United Nations system and

regional organizations and activities in socio-economic and humanitarian fields” (UN General Assembly Resolution 56/195) <http://www.unisdr.org/>).

IASSW Board meetings in 2014

Hanoi Board Meeting-January 20-21, 2014

This board meeting was held in School of Social Work, Thang Long University, Hanoi. It was attended by 24 board members whereas three had joined via Skype. The meeting was very much successful. Lot of important decisions’ were taken; amendment in IASSW constitution was one of that.



Figure 2: IASSW Board meeting in Hanoi, Vietnam (January, 2014)

Melbourne Board Meeting-July 8-9 &12, 2014

This board meeting was held in Melbourne Convention Centre, Melbourne, Australia. This meeting was attended by 31 board members and two observers. The board meeting was chaired by Treasurer Julia Watkins, in the absence of the President.



Figure 3: IASSW Board Meeting in Melbourne, Australia, July 2014

The board meeting was followed by the General Assembly on July 10, 2014. The General Assembly approved several resolutions on the Constitutional (Bylaws) Amendments and Global Definition of Social Work.

IASSW election results for 2014 were announced in the General Assembly: Mark Henrickson was elected to a 4 year term as Treasurer while Hernando Muñoz Sánchez and Linda Kreitzer were elected as Members at Large, each to serve a 4 year term.

The new nominating committee for subsequent elections was announced and accepted by the General Assembly.

IASSW presented souvenirs to all the outgoing board members, who had completed their terms and appreciated their contribution to the association.



Figure 4: General Assembly in Melbourne, Australia

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.

A brief description of the international conference held in Vietnam is presented below.

International conference on "Social work capacity building: Response of Social Work Education to Social issues in Vietnam: international Perspectives and Indigenous Response; January 18 -19, 2014 – Thang Long University, Hanoi, Vietnam

This workshop was organized by International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW), Asia & Pacific Association of Social Work Education (APASWE) and Thang Long University, Vietnam Federation of Vocational Training & Social Work, University of Labour and Social Affairs, Hanoi University of Social Sciences and

Humanities, National University of Education, Hanoi, Vietnam. The workshop was supported by IASSW, UNICEF Vietnam and Thang Long University.

The participants of the workshop included 32 professors (IASSW Board members from different continents) and 250 faculty and social workers from universities, colleges, social work centres in Vietnam.



Figure 5: IASSW Board of Directors and delegates from Vietnam

Representatives of several Ministries namely of Training and Education, of Labor, Invalid and Social Affairs (MOLISA), Ministry of Culture, Sport and Tourism, also participated. The workshop consisted of two plenary sessions and four parallel sessions.

Most of the Board members made presentations along with social work faculty from Vietnam.

In the inaugural address, President IASSW Prof. Vimla Nadkarni stressed that "the training of social work is facing many challenges at the global scale. The world today is full of fluctuations in economic, political, social, climate change; conflicts within and between countries deeply affected the lives of the poor and the vulnerable people. That requires huge involvement of social workers. "

The conference highlighted that the profession of Social work in Vietnam in recent years has focused on the major issues of ensuring social security and human security that contribute to the stability and development of society. Social work

provides support and help to disadvantaged and marginalized groups, to facilitate their integration into society.

The conference created a favorable environment to share experiences on research, training and practice of social work among social work professionals in Vietnam. The workshop participants also shared experiences of training, research and social work practice, discussed coordination and cooperation between countries to support the development of social work opportunities and collaborations with Vietnam.

Programmes/Activities of the Regional and Sub-regional Associations

Association of Schools of Social Work in Africa (ASSWA)

ASSWA is currently working on obtaining status as a non-profit organization. Registration will be in South Africa. ASSWA has resuscitated the ASSWA Forum, which connects colleagues across the continent and beyond.

ASSWA participated actively in the PROSOWO conference in March 2014 in Kampala, Uganda, with the theme "Professional Social Work in East Africa: Towards social development and poverty reduction".

Professor Vishanthie Sewpaul delivered a keynote address on World Social Work day on 18 March 2014 and participated in a round table discussion on: Recruitment and Retention of Faculty in Institutions of Higher Learning in Africa. Professor Antoinette Lombard, who has been involved in PROSOWO since its inception, did the conference summary. Professor Vimla Nadkarni, President of IASSW, sent a special video message, in celebration of the World Social Work Day. Prof. Helmut Spitzer, a member of ASSWA and Dr Janestic Twikirize, Vice-President of ASSWA was the conference organisers and hosts. The organisers had to balance the safety and security of delegates, and delicately manage the possible threats of the closure of the conference on account of Uganda's anti-homosexuality legislation; they used the opportunity to confront and challenge homophobia.

The team that leads the Global Agenda in the African region include Antoinette Lombard (South Africa) and Janestic Twikirize (Uganda) for IASSW; Judith Kaulen

(Zimbabwe) for ICSW and Charles Mbugua (Kenya) for IFSW. Abye Tasse (IASSW) and Charles Abbey (IFSW) are the Global coordinators of the Africa region and represent the Global Coordinator Group of the Global Agenda. In addition to their global role, both have dedicated themselves to support and connect the African region to the Global Agenda.

ASSWA in partnership with IFSW, Africa and Association of South African Social Work Education Institutions will be hosting an international conference in October 2015. The theme of the conference is: "Social work and social development: Local realities and global transformations"

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

APASWE along with *Thai Association of Social Work and Social Welfare Education* planned to host 23rd APASWE Regional Conference, which would be held in 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand. The main theme of the conference will be "Growth and Crises: Social Work and Policy Discourses".

APASWE's online newsletter "Check it Out" was being published regularly.

The association Published a book titled "Social Work Education and Practice: Scholarship and Innovations in the Asia Pacific". The editors are Bala Nikku and Zulkarnain Hatta.

European Association of Schools of Social Work (EASSW)

EASSW was very active for the entire year. Activities that promote the values and objectives of EASSW (national and cross-regional are as follows:

- **ENSACT Meetings in May & September 2014** – PowerUs, a service user group funded by EU Leonardo funding has joined the ENSACT group. A mission statement has been agreed by all member organisations. All member associations are cooperating in attending and sharing information on WSWD and on all conference information.

Members of ENSACT are: EASSW – www.eassw.org, European association of training centres for socio-educational care work FESET – www.feset.org , International Federation of Educative Communities FICE Europe – www.fice-europe.org, International Council on Social Welfare ICSW Europe – www.icsw.org, International Federation of Social Workers IFSW Europe – www.ifsw.org, PowerUs, service users in social work learning partnership – www.powerus.info

- **Regional conference in Murcia, Spain:** EASSW Executive attended the conference organised by the Spanish Association of Social Work in Murcia Spain 23-25 April 2014. The conference hosted by the University of Murcia was titled 'El trabajo social ante el reto de la crisis y la educacion superior.' The conference was attended by over 500 participants: delegates were present from other Spanish speaking countries like Mexico and South Americas.
- **Social Work Action Network Conference (SWAN)**, Durham University (11-12 April): Vasilios Ioakimidis was the main conference organizer and represented EASSW. The main theme of the conference was "Social Work in a Cold Climate: Fighting for good practice in times of austerity". The conference attracted 350 delegates from 17 different countries. During the conference EASSW shared a stall with the International Social Work Journal. The conference concluded with a march "in defense of social work and social welfare" through the streets of Durham.
- **Participation in NOUSA (NASSW) EC meeting** in Nuuk, Greenland, 26 March (Anke Beuck via skype), informed about EC meeting in Tirana and subsequent electronic EC debate regarding a campaign in support of social work education as it is challenged across Europe. The NOUSA EC expressed full support for the campaign.
- **Translations of Global Definition.** Members of EASSW have supplied translations in Bosnian, Croatian, Estonian, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish. (See www.eassw.org).
- **Supporting colleagues involved in the disaster operations following flooding in Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia.** May 2014. A message was posted on the EASSW website and Vasilios Ioakimidis is coordinating the EASSW response. Lena Dominelli provided IASSW documents to assist colleagues working in the area.

- **Global Agenda** – EASSW has been active in the tripartite European Global Agenda group, following the launch of the European Observatory. The EASSW European Observatory report has been compiled and accepted. ENSACT has agreed to assist with the European Observatory in future.
- **EASSW Social Networking:** The EASSW Facebook pages are gaining ‘friends’ and the EC is working to develop both the website (www.eassw.org) and the Facebook site.
- **Next EASSW Conference:** Work is progressing on staging the next EASSW/AIDOSS (Italian Association) conference in Milan from 29 June to 2 July 2015. PowerUs are partnering with EASSW in organizing the conference and presenting a film made by service users and carers during the conference. See www.eassw.org for details. A call for expressions of interest in hosting the 2017 EASSW conference was issued on 1 June 2014. Professor Walter Lorenz will deliver the first EASSW Honorary Lecture on 2 July 2015 at the Milan conference. The European Journal of Social Work is sponsoring the lecture.
- **Symposium Athens, Greece November 2014**-Several EASSW Executive Committee members gave papers at the first national Greek social work conference held since the financial crisis in 2008. Over 700 participants attended this landmark event. A full report will shortly be available on the EASSW website (www.eassw.org).
- During the visit to Athens, EASSW President and secretary made personal representations to the Greek Ministry of Education, stating concerns regarding the threat to continuance of social work education in Greece and the importance of providing adequate resources to social work courses to maintain the standards of quality provision outlined in the Global Standards on Education and Training in Social Work (<http://www.iassw-aiets.org/global-standards-for-social-work-education-and-training>). A press release on this meeting will shortly appear on the EASSW website.

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

- 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 from different countries, from East and West presented papers. In spring 2014 a special issue of the Journal of Social Work was published on disability in Eastern Europe. During the regional seminar EEsrASSW organised sub-regional meetings and discussed the issues related to the region (economic crises, social work education, research issues).
- The EEsrASSW contributed towards the Definition of Social Work; the proposal was sent to Vishanthie and the committee colleagues. Darja Zaviršek president of EEsrASSW visited schools of social work in the Czech Republic in September; a conference on Crippling Development was organised in Prague.
- The EEsrASSW created a new web site and got a new domain. The work remains voluntary and no fees are charged. Members sent interesting articles, either in English or in local language, for the website. The web site intends to serve as many people as possible from the region.

Nordic Association of Schools of Social Work

- The Executive Committee had its meeting in Nuuk, Greenland in March 2014 and a skype meeting in June 2014. A one day seminar was organised together with local teachers and practitioners on child welfare issues.
- **Contributing to Nordic and European conferences-** NASSW organized together with the South Sweden Association for Social Work Research a joint conference in Malmö, Sweden 8-10 October 2014.
- Next general meeting of NASSW will be held in 2016 in connection with the following joint Nordic conference and correspondingly a new chair and working committee will be elected in this general meeting.
- The theme of the joint FORSA and NASSW symposium in Malmö was culture in social work. NASSW organized a seminar on "Away from the culture of silence in social work: challenges for social work education." It is worth mentioning that

social workers and social work academics in Finland have opened a national blog <https://sosiaalinentekija.wordpress.com/in-english/> and also many regional blogs to discuss social work and societal issues. It has got a lot of attention and followers. Nordic teacher award was delivered in the symposium to Frank Ebsen from Denmark for his pioneering, committed work in promoting practice research, research together with practitioners and practice organisations.

- Nordic schools are contributing to the European social work research conference in Ljubljana in April 2015 and in the EASSW conference in Milan in July 2015.

- **Preparing the strategic plan together with the member schools**

NASSW executive committee continued discussion on the updating of the strategic plan of NASSW in Malmö meeting. The member schools in each country will be involved in the discussions in the period before the following executive board meeting in Copenhagen March 5–6, 2015.

- **Keeping NASSW active in social media**

Materials from NASSW meetings and discussions have been published on NASSW Facebook site and in twitter, and documents and information have been published on the website.

- **Contacts with and support to Nordic social work schools**

The executive committee will maintain and develop contacts with and support to social work schools in the Nordic countries via emails to contact persons, Facebook and website activities.

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

- The North America and Caribbean Association of Schools of Social Work (NACASSW) held two meetings during 2014. The first meeting was held in conjunction with the Joint World Conference in Melbourne, Australia in July and the second meeting was held during the 2014 Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting (APM) in Tampa, Florida (USA).
- A more recent attempt was made to initiate a joint initiative with colleagues in the US and Caribbean through the NACASSW Executive Committee. The aim of the initiative was to develop a searchable inventory of international (teaching, research/scholarship and practice) activities of colleagues in the region. The initiative will help to foster sharing, networking and collaboration among colleagues, as well as revealing activities aimed at promotion of social and economic qualities. The work was conducted within Canada alone through the

International Affairs Committee of the CASWE. In the first year (2013-2014) there was peer response to the effort in the region. This year (2014-2015) a committee was made for the USA.

- NACASSW gave a partnership presentation at the 2014 APM addressing the Global Agenda and the construction of social work with the following representatives: Mark Rodgers (USA), Dixon Sookraj (Canada), and Akilah Riley (Trinidad and Tobago)

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

Capacity building

Capacity building is a sub-committee of the Education Committee

Workshops/Conference in Hanoi, Vietnam

During 2014 the committee was engaged in several capacity building events. IASSW was invited in one location 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 2014 meetings and linked workshops were held in Hanoi, Vietnam in January and Ljubljana in June respectively. (Details are provided in the previous section on Seminars).

International projects

IASSW provides grants of up to US \$4000 for international projects, which contribute to the implementation of the IASSW Mission Statement, and to the

enhancement of cooperation among schools of social work world-wide. In 2014 the committee received 10 proposals and selected five proposals after a thorough review. The IASSW Board of Directors approved four projects for 2014.

The list of completed projects in 2014 is presented below.

1. Strangers At Home And Abroad: Teaching About Migration In Social Work. Coordinator Mimi V. Chapman, University of North Carolina, USA (2011–2014, USA, China two schools)
2. A comparative study on perspectives on non-suicidal self-injurious behaviors of social work students in USA, Cyprus, & Jordan. Implications for social work practice and curriculum, Efrosine Kokaliari, School of Social Work, Springfield College, USA (2011–2014, USA, Cyprus, Jordan)
3. Rights practice in the biosphere, Susan Bailey, School of Population Health, University of Western Australia (2011–2014, Australia, Hong Kong, Qatar)
4. Building Social Work Education Capacity in Ethiopia through an International Travel and Study, Alice K. Butterfield, University of Illinois at Chicago, Jane Addams College of Social Work, USA (2011–2014, USA, Ethiopia)
5. Social work development through North/South dialogue in teaching and practice research, Aina Lian Flem, Sør Trøndelag University college, Faculty of Health Education and Social Work, Norway (2013–2014, Zambia, Sweden, Norway)

Research

The research committee has developed “IASSW statement on Research”, which was accepted by the IASSW Board of directors and General Assembly meeting at Melbourne, Australia in July, 2014.

The IASSW Statement on social work research is “In accordance with its core mandate of promoting and enhancing social work education and training on a global level, IASSW is committed to strengthening social work research (SWR). This research statement is aligned with the social development aims highlighted in the new 2014 IASSW/IFSW Global Definition of Social Work”.

Theme: Advocacy and Policy

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 of International Social Work journal on the theme of “Promoting Social and Economic Equalities” was prepared by a team of social work educators from IASSW and IFSW and was launched at the Melbourne Joint World Conference, along with a consolidated report of the implementation of the Global Agenda.

IASSW representation at the United Nations

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.

Human rights

IASSW sponsored a workshop in Curacao at the Caribbean Regional Conference (The Conference of Caribbean and International Social Work Educators). The workshop was led by Letnie Rock, President of the Caribbean Subregion, and Lynne Healy, Chair, IASSW Human Rights Committee. In preparation for the workshop, additional teaching materials and discussion vignettes were prepared and shared. These are posted on the IASSW website. The workshop was well received.

Sustainability, Climate Change, Disaster Intervention

IASSW provided assistance to the victim-survivors of Hurricane Haiyan in the Philippines by the Chair of the Committee through the good offices of the Institute of Hazards, Risk and Resilience Research at Durham University.

The Committee had submitted a proposal to UNFCCC for the COP19 Meeting in Warsaw, aiming to have an exhibition stall and a side event.

Bala Raju Nikku, Lena Dominelli and Vimla Nadkarni were also involved in supporting the Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garwal University during the Uttarakhand floods in India during June-July 2013. Lena Dominelli and Vimla Nadkarni also presented at training seminars in Yingxiu and Chengdu during the formal opening of the Sichuan University's Institute for Disaster Management and Reconstruction, an ambitious project led by Prof Angie Yuen. Lena's Humanitarian Aid Toolkit and Ethical Guidelines were also distributed in both the Uttarakhand floods and the Lushan 2013 Earthquake in China.

IASSW Representation at the United Nations, New York

Janice Wood Wetzel has been the main representative at UN NY office for many years. Janice retired in December 2014, and the Board of Directors thanks her for her sterling work over several decades.

Dr. Janice Wood Wetzel, represented IASSW, which is one of two New York based NGOs engaged in the work of the International Nominating Committee for the Conference of NGOs (CoNGO). The former chair and continuing member of the NGO Committee on Mental Health, Dr. Wetzel is now focusing her main efforts on the NGO Committee on the Status of Women. She is on the Planning Committee of the 58th International Commission on the Status of Women, one of the two most well attended conferences at the United Nations in New York. More than 6000 people have registered to date. Held under the aegis of UN Women, the theme this year is "Challenges and Achievements in the Implementation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for Women and Girls." Janice is organizing Conversation Circles on Health and Mental Health, a component of the CSW agenda. She will moderate the gathering, with facilitators coordinating subgroups on selected topics.

President appointed Lynne Healy as main representative at UN NY. She will be

active by January, 2015. Dr. Lynne Healy has been actively engaged in the work of the NGO Social Development Committee, including their Survey Report on Strategies for Empowerment: Lessons from the Grassroots. She collaborated with another member to analyze the data and wrote the report. Lynne also served on a panel focusing on the same topic at the 52nd Session of the Commission on Social Development (CSocD), an annual international conference held at the UN. A second event that she and Sergei Zelenev of ICSW organized was Addressing Inequalities, Promoting Empowerment, sponsored by IASSW and IC SW. Additional speakers were from the ILO and the government of Finland. A representative of UN Women moderated the session. Both events were well attended. The theme of the CSocD conference was "Promoting Empowerment of People in Achieving Poverty Eradication, Social Integration and Full Employment and Decent Work for All." Lynne Healy was awarded IASSW's Katherine A. Kendall Memorial Award for 2014. Her commitment and contributions to international social work education makes her a most deserved recipient.

Other IASSW members active in UN work in New York include:

Ms. Moira Curtain has attended selected UNICEF (Children's Rights & Emergency Relief Organization) meetings and is focusing her efforts as co-chair of Social Work Day at the UN.

Dr. Rebecca Davis has worked for both UNICEF and AID (the U.S. Agency for International Development), on women and girls in Nigeria.

Dr. Rosita (Rosa) Resnick is an active member of the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the chair of the NGO Committee on Aging's Subcommittee on Intergenerational Relationships. She is the former chair and a continuing member of the NGO Committee on Migration.

Theme: Member Services

Communications and Publications (Website, Social Dialogue magazine)

IASSW launched the book "Global Social Work Education: Crossing borders and blurring boundaries" at Melbourne World Conference in July 2014. Editors of the book are Carolyn Noble, Helle Strauss and Brian Littlechild.

The next publication of IASSW planned is “Social work education across the world: evidence from the Katherine Kendall awardees”.

IASSW Publications committee had published nine issues of Social Dialogue online magazine by end of 2014. Issue 8 was launched in September. The focus for this edition was Gender and Social Work. In this issue there is a mixture of articles, poems, projects concerning women and social work. Jude Irwin worked with Carolyn Noble as guest editor. Issue 9 was launched in November with Darja Zaviresk as guest editor and its focus was Disability and Social Work. Again this issue has articles and research into disability from across the globe. This issue also included reports from IASSW committees.

Language Committee

There are 5 official languages: English, French, Japanese, Spanish and simple Chinese. These are the languages of the majority of IASSW members.

IASSW Language Policy was circulated to all partner organizations and local organizers for Melbourne world conference. The committee also looks after the translations which are done by translators on a professional or voluntary-base, for the documents such as election materials, and definition of social work. The language committee coordinates with website committee for translation of website in IASSW official languages.

The Committee is highly appreciative and most thankful to colleagues who responded positively and voluntarily helped with translations of the Global definition of Social Work on request. It was thus possible to have the definition translated into many languages including: Afrikaans, Arabic, Bosnian, Croatian, French, German, Greek, Indonesian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian, Chinese and Hindi.

World Census

The first IASSW census was completed by Alice Saloman in 1937. She identified 179 schools in 29 countries. In the mid-1990s, Dr. Ralph Garber assumed responsibility for the 2000 Census and in 2006. The role of Principal Investigator

for the 2010 Census Project was to update the directory and conduct a survey of social work programs. The four members of the 2010 Census Project included Brian Littlechild, Patrick Leung, Henry Parada and Gidraph Wairire. The directory of degree granting institutions included 2110 in 125 countries. The survey, distributed on the web and in print in seven languages, elicited 473 responses providing descriptive data on social work programs.

Theme: Budget and Finance

Budget and Finance

The committee is responsible to manage and monitor the financial control of the organization.

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

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee was constituted in May 2013. There were three vacancies on the IASSW Board of Directors from July 2014

- Treasurer
- Two members at large of the Board of Directors

The IASSW Election was held in between April and July 2014. Results were announced at the General Assembly in Melbourne, Australia in July 2014.

The Nominating Committee was committed to prepare a quality slate and has made all efforts possible in achieving that. The Committee ensured that the process takes place according to the bylaws and procedures and has done so by keeping the process highly confidential.

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 received the award in the Melbourne World conference in July 2014.

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.

Prof. Vishanthie Sewpaul delivered Eileen Younghusband lecture in the Melbourne World conference in July 2014

Task Force on Definition of Social Work

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

Task Force on IASSW Constitution

The Task Force on IASSW Constitution was set up during the board meeting in Los Angeles in 2013 and the amendments were approved by General Assembly in Melbourne World Conference in July 2014

Task Force on Manual of Policies and Procedures

Based on the amendments in IASSW Constitution, the Manual of Policy and Procedures of IASSW was revised in 2014 and accepted by the Board in Melbourne Board meeting in July 2014.

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 1000 followers/ members using that site. This has enabled us to continuously upload and share information on our activities, events, pictures and links of IASSW members with our followers. IASSW also welcomes and uploads information from its members on its Facebook page.

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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6	Vice-President, President, Asociación Latino Americana de Escuelas de Trabajo Social	Patricia Acevedo	Profesora, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba (Argentina)	pacevedo@coop5.com.ar
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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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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
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Committees				
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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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Annex. 2: List of Committees and Task Forces

Committee	Chair/Co-chair	Members
Theme: Education (Chairperson: Angelina Yuen)		
Capacity building	Chair: Janet Williams Co-chair : Darla Spence Coffey	Wassie Kebede, In Young Han, Janestic Mwende Twikirize, Linda Kreitzer
International projects	Chair: Anna Metteri Co-chair: Darja Zavirsek	Letnie Rock , Linda Kreitzer, Janestic Mwende Twikirize, David McNabb
Research	Chair: Anna Metteri Co-chair: Dixon Sookraj	Darja Zavirsek, Faisal Azaiza, Brian Littlechild, Linda De Chenu, Soni A. Nulhaqim, Surinder Guru, Synnöve Karvinen-Niinikoski
Theme: Advocacy and Policy (Chairperson – Vimla Nadkarni)		
Global Agenda	Chair: Antoinette Lombard Co-chair: Lena Dominelli	Regional observatories Prof Zulkarnain Hatta (APASWE)
Human rights	Chair: Vasilios Ioakimidis Co-chair: Hernando Muñoz Sanchez	Letnie Rock , Antoinette Lombard, Surinder Guru, Mark Henrickson

Sustainability, Climate Change, Disaster Intervention	Chair: Lena Dominelli Co-chair: Bala Raju Nikku	Letnie Rock , Mark Rodgers, Antoinette Lombard, Surinder Guru
Theme: Member Services (Chairperson - Tetyana Semigina)		
Membership Recruitment and Retention	Chair: Tetyana Semigina Co-chair: Darla Spence Coffey	Mark Rodgers, Vishanthie Sewpaul, Fentiny Nugroho, Vasilios Ioakimidis, Hernando Muñoz Sanchez, Mark Henrickson
Communications and Publications (Social Dialogue magazine and book publications)	Chair: Carolyn Noble, Co-chair: Linda K.	Angelina Yuen , Helle Strauss, Vimla Nadkarni, Janet Williams, Anna Metteri, Vasilios Ioakimidis, Brian Littlechild
Website Committee	Chair: Susan Lawrence (by July Dixon) Co-chair: Dixon Sookra	Angelina Yuen, Vimla Nadkarni
Language Committee	Chair: : Janestic Mwende Twikirize Co-chair: David	Anna Metteri, Angelina Yuen , Tetyana Semigina, Mie Ohwa (Mimi)
Review of World Census committee	Chair: Bala Raju Nikku Co-chair: Linda Kreitzer	Brian Littlechild, Tetyana Semigina , Angelina BH, Vasilios Ioakimidis

Theme: Budget and Finance (Chairperson - Mark Henrickson)		
Budget and Finance	Chair: Mark Henrickson	Faisal Azaiza, Yongxiang Xu, Dixon Sookraj, Darla Spence Coffey
Solidarity Fund	Chair: Mark Henrickson	Dixon Sookraj, Mark Rodgers, Janet Williams
Theme: Administrative (Chairperson - Vimla Nadkarni)		
Nominating Committee	Chair: Helle Strauss	Abye Tasse, Angelina Yuen , Hernando Muñoz Sanchez, Linda De Chenu, Lynne Healy, Synnove Karvinen-Niinikoski
Tripartite Committee		Vimla Nadkarni, Tetyana, Mark Henrickson
Katherine Kendall Awards	Chair: Wassie Kebede Co-chair: Mark Rodgers	Vishanthie Sewpaul, Patricia Acevedo, Vasilios Ioakimidis
Eileen Younghusband Lecture	Chair: Tetyana Semigina Co-chair: Vishanthie Sewpaul	Mark Rodgers, Patricia Acevedo , Vasilios Ioakimidis
Definition of Social	Chair: Vishanthie	Dixon Sookraj, Bala Raju

Work Monitoring Committee	Sewpaul	Nikku, Mark Henrickson, Vasilios Ioakimidis
International Collaboration Committee	Chair: Vimla Nadkarni	Dixon Sookraj, Angelina Yuen, Mark Henrickson, Hernando Muñoz Sanchez, Vasilios Ioakimidis
Task force on Archive of IASSW	Chair: Lynne Healy Co-chair: Vasilios Ioakimidis	Abye Tasse, Angelina Yuen
Task force on World Social Work Day	Chair: Vishanthie Sewpaul Co-chair: Linda de Chenu	Wassie Kebede , Vasilios Ioakimidis
IASSW-UN International Committee (UNAIDS MOU)	Chair: Lena Dominelli Co-chair: Sungkawan Decha United Nations, New York; Main representative- Lynne Healy	Surinder Guru, Bala Raju Nikku, Antoinette Lombard, Mark Henrickson, Vasilios Ioakimidis, Lynne, Tetyana Semigina, Vimla Nadkarni
Task group on financial management	Mark Henrickson	Darla Spence Coffey, Dixon Sookraj, Vasilios Ioakimidis
Task force on Strategic Planning	Mark Rodgers	Surinder Guru, Hernando Muñoz Sanchez, Janestic Mwende Twikirize, Tatsuru Akimoto, Sungkawan Decha



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