

## Report of the Women's Interest Group (WIG) of the IASSW, September 2016

- 1.) The WIG has organized *the lunch-time meeting of the IASSW Women's Interest Group*, at the SWSD conference in Seoul, on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2016. Before the meeting the chair and co-chair prepared a questionnaire for all participants about the most pressing women's issues in their regions; their own research and teaching interest and the suggestions for the future activities. 17 women attended the meeting.
- 2.) *The evaluation of the questionnaires.*

The following are the most pressing women's issues, listed by the 13 of women and men who completed the questionnaire.

- Violence against women (individual and systemic): refugee women, domestic violence, sexual abuse, economic abuse, sex trafficking (sexual grooming of girls), femicide
- Poverty: sustainable livelihoods, unemployment, low income,
- Education opportunities
- Health concerns, in particular mental health
- Disabilities
- Ageing
- Diversity
- Minority groups: persecution
- Gender inequalities: society, work, in disaster situations
- Gender bias in employment, sexual harassment
- Multiple roles: conflict, balancing life-work demands
- Lack of opportunity for community participation
- Media representations of women.
- The intersection of gender, poverty, age, ability, ethnicity, availability and access to social protection.

### 3.) *Future activities.*

During the 2018 SWSD conference in Dublin the Women's Interest Group will organize the celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the IASSW Women's Interest group. All participants were asked to give their input about ways of marking this special occasion.

- The chair and the co-chair contacted the local organizing committee chair John Brennan to start working on the women's stream during the congress and a time for the celebration in order to capture the highlights over the past 30 years.

- One of the suggestion for the future activities is to capture how women's human rights are covered in the social work curriculum and research around the globe, in promoting a socially just society.

4.) *The list of the participants of the WIG meeting :*

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