

International Association of Schools of Social Work President Report (July to December 2017)

Dear Colleagues,

It's a pleasure for me to present my third President report for the period of July-December, 2017. This period was very difficult for our association and for myself as President, for many reasons and challenges we had to face. You have been updated and consulted in different moments and I am really thankful to each and every board members and past board members for their kind support and guidance.

As discussed and approved by the Board in Nairobi- January 2017, IASSW will have 3 meetings in 2 years. For this reason, there was NO board meeting in June/July 2017 but Treasurer, Secretary, Chairs of the committees and myself have sent reports for the period January-June, to Rashmi Pandey
Rashmi circulated all reports to Board Members that have received and accepted them virtually.

We will review and accept Nairobi Board Meeting minutes during Zagreb Board Meeting in January 2018.

The last six months were marked by several significant activities of IASSW. I would like to highlight the following:

Updates on the work done by Committees: I have had Skype meetings with the committees' chairs, sometimes alone and most of the time organized by Rashmi who provide minutes. It has been very important to follow the activities and discuss criticisms when present. All the committees will submit their reports for the board meeting

Membership Invoice

Invoices were sent on November 1, 2017 to all members of IASSW. It is huge work and we are thankful to our team involved in the process.

Publication Committee

The Committee has worked hard and now the book with the Eileen Younghusband lectures is ready to be published and to be sold at the Dublin conference.

Social Dialogue-online magazine

IASSW Publication committee launched 17th volume of Social Dialogue Online Magazine on October 10, 2017. The theme of this volume is "Populism and Social Work". Guest editor is Janet Anand from Finland and Editor in chief is our Carolyn Noble. SD Volume 17 was uploaded on its website. Please click here: <http://www.socialdialogue.online/> and IASSW website and on social media (Twitter and Facebook)

This has been one of the most popular issues so far:
4,635 People Reached and **131** Reactions, comments &





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Capacity Building

The committee was busy in planning and develop the capacity building programme in Vietnam which was held in November 2017. It was the third workshop of the project supported by the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia and it was very successful.

Task Force on Governance of IASSW

The task force had Skype meetings and discussion on RFP/EOI which will be presented at January 2018 Board Meeting.

Language Committee

The committee is in process of translation of second sets of documents for the website. We need to understand that this is a slow process as it involves various people.

International projects

Call for the nomination was sent and the last date was November 30, 2017. The committee will present the report with proposals received. Every year members approach Rashmi for their membership number once call for proposal goes out.

Nominating Committee

2018 is an election year for IASSW. IASSW will be having elections for Treasurer and two posts of member-at-large positions. The first call was sent with August 30 as the deadline and the later date was extended until September 15, 2017.

Tripartite Committee Meeting

The meeting was held in Paris in September 2017 and attended by me and Barbara. Discussion on some important topics related to the cooperation with IFSW will be organized during the Board Meeting in January 2018.

Honors and Award (KK Award+EYHL)

Gidraph with the help of Rashmi and committee members was able to send call for nominations and prepare the results for the Board meeting

Task force on review of ethical principles

Vishanthie has done excellent work for moving forward the process within IASSW Board and colleagues from IFSW. Although it was difficult to reach an agreement now the first draft, after several revisions, has been circulated among our members. Vishanthie will update about the process through her report.

Task Force on Global Standard

Dixon and colleagues are working on this and IFSW in October gave finally the name of their representatives. Dixon will update about the initiatives and the process in his report.

IASSW Website

As there is NO website committee at present, I worked closely with Rashmi to improve it. We have done several changes, updated with new information that can be observed by regular visitors. In brief :

1. Language committee identified few key documents to be translated into the official languages of IASSW. Those documents have been translated and proofreading has been done by our colleagues before uploading them to the website.
2. Profile of new Board members (who have provided it) has been uploaded to the website but we still waiting for few profiles, reminders have been sent.
3. Rashmi regularly changes homepage by removing old news, videos, and pictures and replaces it with NEW one.
4. Regular updates provided by various committees have been posted on IASSW website, Facebook, and Twitter.
5. There is much more to be done on the website, that is as our presentation card. We need contributions from each and every board member for that.

IASSW Membership number is issued to verify the membership status of members. These numbers are required by members for the election process, voting, International projects and also for ISWI access list.

We would like to take permission from the Board to publish membership numbers of all IASSW members on the IASSW website.

Skype Meetings

A. Office bearer's Skype

We had Office bearer Skype meeting regularly. We had a discussion about activities, progress, and difficulties etc.

B. Skype with Chair of Committees

With the support of Rashmi Pandey, we organised Skype meetings with Chairs of the different committees and we were able to manage with most of the Chairs. During these meetings progress & development, difficulties & crisis etc. were discussed. Minutes of most of the Skype meetings has been prepared by Rashmi and shared with the Chair and President.

Social Media

Facebook

By November 13, 2017, IASSW had 2252 followers on IASSW Facebook page.

Twitter

By November 13, 2017, IASSW had 1497 followers on Twitter.

Rashmi posts on both social media sites. We need more volunteers for this activity.

Interested please contact Rashmi at rashmi@iassw-aiets.org

My participation in Conferences/ Workshops

September 2017

During the 32 international Conference of CIF (The Council of International Fellowship- <http://synthesispco.com/cif2017/ScientificProgram> at Kalamata Greece) I gave a

presentation about International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW), its activities and international cooperation. We discussed possible synergies between our



association, and CIF and CIPUSA (Council of International Programs USA
<https://www.cipusa.org/>)

During the Asia-Pacific Joint Regional Social Work Conference held from 26 to 29 September 2017 at Shenzhen (China) , I chaired the panel on Social Work Education:



Exploring a Better Way of Collaboration and Integration of Education, Research and Practice

In the role of IASSW President I also participated to the meeting with the Chinese Minister of Civil Affairs, discussing the opportunities to improve social work education and profession in

China.



October, 2018

I participated to the 13 Congreso Estatal y Primero Latin Americano in Merida 19/11 October Costruyendo sociedades sostenibles: <https://www.cgtrabajosocial.es/congreso2017>

My intervention was in the panel on “Situacion Actual v tendencias en los estudios de Trabajo Social en el ambito internacional”. It has been also an important occasion to meet the President of the Association of the Spanish Social Work Schools and invited them to become members.



I was invited to the International Social Work Conference on Human Security and Sustainable Development, organized by the University of Botswana in Gaborone, 25th -27th October 2017

As a President of IASSW, I was guest of honor of the conference and also participated in the preparation for conference resolution.



November 2017

The theme of the SWIC 2017 edition (Bucharest 2/3 November 2017) organized by the Department of Social Work, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, the University of Bucharest in collaboration with the Association of Schools of Social Work in Romania (ASSWR) was **“Social Work Responses to the New Realities of a Turbulent World”** and I was the keynote at the conference with a speech on "The role of social workers in a changing world".



Please send your feedback, comments on the report.

With best wishes,



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