

<b>Women Interest group Report</b>	Chair: Darja Zavirsek Co-chair: Fran Waugh	Carolyn Noble Davis McNabb Janet Walker Nilsa Burgos Helle Strauss
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Dear colleagues,

The WIG made a successful symposium during the Dublin conference 2018 on IASSW women leadership issues: *Women global leadership: women in the IASSW reflecting on their leadership experiences. A critical women's perspective from within* (6<sup>th</sup> July 2018). The symposium was a celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Women's Caucus in the IASSW. The symposium was recorded and the film is available at the IASSW website. It can be used for educational purposes, to present the history of the IASSW and the personal narratives of the women social work leaders. The film can be find in the IASSW Archive.

Link to the film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oaqUIXbHV3I>; published 29. Sept. 2018.

During the Dublin conference the co-chairs presented a brief analysis of the findings of the on-going survey based on an open ended questionnaires which were sent to the IASSW members in 2016, 2017 and 2018 (Dublin 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018). The questionnaires focused on teaching gender and women's human rights issues across the member schools. In 2019 we plan to finish with the research and publish the results.

So far there is an unequal geographical distribution of the returned answers of the questionnaires; therefore we plan to further analyse the gaps and to specifically target regions from where we received little or no answers. After this part of research we plan to distribute the questionnaire again and to make about 10 more rounds of the redistribution. We expect to get about 400 returned answers all together (we have now about 40% of them). The analysis of the gathered material which will follow will look at:

- global picture in regard of education in the area of gender and women's issues in social work programmes and women's human rights issues
- regional specificities and comparisons among the regions.

So far we already got help from postgraduate students who, thanks to Fran, made the collection of the answers from the questionnaires. Fran and myself presented the preliminary analysis at the Dublin meeting (6<sup>th</sup> July 2018). In order to complete out task, and to do all of the planned activities regarding the global questionnaire and to make a global, publishable analysis for the IASSW purposes, we would like to ask the IASSW board for \$2.500 USD support money. The money will be used for: two students who will make the analysis of the geographical regions who have not yet took part in answering the

questionnaire and a systematic collection of the answers before the analysis. If the money will be left it will be spend for other activities related to the publishing the results of the IASSW survey and other activities of the WIG in agreement of the IASSW board.

Sincerely,

Darja Zaviršek (chair); Fran Waugh (co-chair)

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