

## EASSW Report

Period: December 2021 to June 2022

### **Introduction**

EASSW new board after GA 2021 concluded a year. Members are working together in order to achieve the Strategic Plan that was approved in November 2019. Main priorities of the groups are to consolidate its activities and in particular to upgrade the website, approach more members through our funding activities and expand our contacts.

The next ECSWE 2023 was decided to be held in Porto/Matosinhos titled **Diversity and Social Work Education: Building Bridges for sustainable futures**. Within June the conference website will be up and running and a call for abstracts has been announced until the end of October 2022. Dates that the conference will be held are 20-23 June 2023.

The hosting organisation is ISSSP (Instituto Superior de Serviço Social do Porto).

### **Representing and promoting EASSW**

EASSW was represented by its President on the ESWRA 2023 conference held in Amsterdam in April 2021. EA also was represented by two members on the initiative taken by Darja Zavirsek to support virtually our Ukrainian colleagues during war times. Within this framework Prof. Christos Panagiotopoulos gave a lecture to Ukrainian students and colleagues on ‘empathy and active listening in conflict times’ on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of June.

### **Activities sponsored by EASSW**

Two webinars funded under the section Regional Events were organised and well attended since last meeting. In particular, the University of Greenwich organised the following events:

- Event One: Thursday 24 March from 16:00-19:00 (UK time): Messages from the International Community. Key invited speakers provided an overview and/or perspective on international social work, and international social work in the curricula.
- Event Two: Tuesday 25 May from 16:00-19:00 (UK time): Lessons for Social Work education, training and practice. Participants will be invited to highlight, reflect on and discuss the significance of International Social work and how it can be integrated in social work education, teaching and practice. The aim is to develop ideas of future issues and action plans, and the potential for cooperation, particularly in sharing resources and ideas.

## **Conclusion**

EA is working on organizing the first face to face conference after 2019 and we expect to have a high quality conference. We, executive committee members, also work to improve our activities and get closer to our members. Towards this direction we aim a) to improve our website, b) upgrade quality in our upcoming conferences and be involved in European and International projects as individuals and organization.

EA contributed to the Ukrainian crisis by stating its support and by offering free registration to ten (10) Ukrainian colleagues and access to our funded activities for 2022.

Christos Panagiotopoulos, EASSW President

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