

International Association of Schools of Social Work President's Report (January-June 2022) for Recife and on line Board Meeting

Dear Colleagues,
Greetings!!

First of all, I would like to thank Alexandra Mustafà for organizing this hybrid Board meeting. Unfortunately, not so many members can attend it in presence, but I thought that was very important to have a representative of the Board in Brazil, to recreate a positive link with the ABEPS (the Brazilian association of educator and researchers in SW).

The time we are living, is very difficult. The COVID 19 pandemic is not totally eradicated and we have had another terrible event that took place in Ukraine with the Russian military invasion that has produced deaths and destruction. I'm absolutely aware that this is not the only war as different agencies underline, according to the most recent data on forgotten conflicts in 2021 there were 22 high-intensity conflicts. With Ukraine it has now reached 23. If, on the other hand, chronic crises and violent escalations are also taken into account, there were 359 conflicts in 2020.... So, it is very difficult to follow all these situations, to express statements in time and to not forget anyone.

The most important objective for us, as association of schools, is to secure that in our education, social justice, human rights, proactive engagement at local level to build dialogue and peace, but also to relief people affected by all this trauma, are present in social work programmes.

January Board meeting

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we had again an online board meeting during January 10-12, 2022. Although, it was difficult for some of due to different time zones across the world. In spite of that we had 32 participants' (voting and non-voting board members) in attendance.



Tripartite Committee

IASSW, ICSW and IFSW have continued their cooperation both for the Global Summit (where Barbara is representing IASSW in the committee and will report) and the Global Agenda (Antoinette will report).

WSWD 2022 has been celebrated in the UN agency in New York, in Geneva and in Bangkok and in many others places around the world, where I've been asked to give welcome or speeches.

Katherine Kendall

The activity is going on with a lot of initiatives. I couldn't attend the meeting in May in USA but Barbara was there.



SWESD 2022 The conference in Seoul October 26/28 has been launched. It will be a hybrid conference. The call for abstracts was open till the 30th of June. More details are available at : <http://www.swesd2022.com/>



Concerning the past on line ISWED 2021 conference the publication of book containing some interesting chapters is almost ready. Tiong will be updating more on it.

Communication Officer

Jenny Joy, as worked as communication officer and we have started to organize webinar on specific topics linked to the UN days.

The response to our request by the board has been really poor and this has created problems in the realization. The same problems was on providing information and contents for the Newsletter.

So, I want to invite all of you to be more responsive.

It is still on the way the realization of some changes in the website, to follow some input received via survey and also to make it more attractive and useful. It is foreseen to open a space for students that we would like to involve in our organization.

Jenny is also working with the Global Summit Communication group. and will update for this in her report.

Italian Ministry of Health will host the fourth Global Mental Health Summit

Italian Ministry of health along with several other partners will be organizing 4th global Mental Health Summit kills, rights, care: time to act. Lessons learned from the emergency" that'll be held in Rome, on 13 and 14 October 2022. IASSW is one of the steering committee partners. They had two steering committee meeting on May 13th and June 22nd. I was busy in other commitment, Rashmi attended both meeting. Darja accepted to represent IASSW in the steering committee but we need volunteers to organise a workshop during the seminar.

Reports from the Committee

You have received the reports and I've been in contact with the chairs of the committees all the time that was needed

Palestine/Israel SW task force

After June Board meeting, a task force was formed, chair of task force is Tiong and he will update on it.

Other activities

I am sharing highlight of my participation to many different initiatives during the past six months: I have prepared the endorsement for the Mark Henrickson book: The origin of social care and social work and a Foreword to the Eduardo Marques book on "Serviço Social nos países de língua portuguesa: interculturalidade e desafios" . I've also recorded a video for launching a book on : Asian experience. Community development case studies in Asia

February

23 I was invited to speak at the Iran conference on Social Work and social inclusion organized in Teheran. My on line contribution was on The inclusion of service users in social work education
22 Presentation and welcome for International Seminar on Disaster Preparedness and Sustainable Development International organized by Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) along with other International Organizations

March

I prepared a video for the WSWD in English, French, Spanish and Italian

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqVd63Hsc_E&t=11s

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TiKKqAlpXS4&t=14s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FuOFkT87pLg&t=15s>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ff3_6q82_LE

8- I recorded a short video for the Women's day . I also invited the students to join IASSW and to participate in our activities

<https://www.facebook.com/IASSW.AIETS/videos/1405556146553352>

15 - I presented a welcome speech at the Johannesburg World Social Work Day :
Co-building a New Eco-Social World: Leaving No One Behind

15 - I gave a speech at the Florence University celebration of the WSWD on Specialisation in social work and a model of crisis intervention, to not to leave anyone behind

16 - I welcome participants at the WSWD in Geneva

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24- I spoke for the Regional council of social workers in Naples, about "Field placement and the global standard for social work education and training"

24- I recorded a speech for the " EASSW Funded Regional Event: International Social Work in education, training and practice", on Internationalising social work curricula

March 28 and 29th I was invited by Pablo Olavide university Sevilla Spain and I. She gave lecture on "The challenges of social work in International arena" and discussed about the book on CONSTRUYENDO CONOCIMIENTO PARA UNA TRANSFORMACIÓN SOCIAL INCLUSIVA: Aportes a la agenda de investigación del Trabajo Social



April

1-2 participation to a panel on Challenges, innovation and quality of social work education on the conference in occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Schools of social work of the Catholic University in Lisboa



4 April I spoke on "Internationalising social work curricula" in the seminar on "Perspective in Social work practice" organised by the department of Social work of Charles University and the Professional Chamber of Social Workers in Prague Czech Republic.



6/9 April Closing speech at ESWRA conference in Amsterdam. My presence was active in Special interest group as on Research on Social work and policy engagement, in transnational social work, in Users participation, in Social Work Through History. Also participated in the General Assembly and in the launch of the new Journal European Social Work Research that will be published by Policy Press, where I am in the advisory Board and gave the closing remarks, underlining the role of IASSW, the IASSW statement on research, the opportunities offered by International projects and Resource Centres, as well as the Global Standard. I invited schools and individual to become members and to cooperate with IASSW



19 Participation on line to the launch of the Brazilian journal "Quadernos Gepe" where is also published my article on IASSW

22 participation on line to the launch of Eduardo Marques book "Serviço Social nos países de língua portuguesa: interculturalidade e desafios" |

May

6 preparation of a short video for the 75 years of Lund University and a video interview on the importance and the challenges of international collaboration

May 12th, I gave welcome speech via video message in IASSW's capacity building programme for Vietnam, which was organized online. Darla will be updating more about it in her report.



17 WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY 2022 Co-building a New Eco-Social World: Leaving No One Behind organized by University of Pisa on May 17th on theme of "Inequalities and humanitarian crisis. Social work challenges between global and local ". I participated and spoken on "World social work day between Academy and profession and Social work challenges between global and local: leaving no One behind". I was also was in the panel where Valentina Shkuro of Taras Shevchenko university of Kyiv presented the "Social Work at the stake of the war in Ukraine".



27 I presented a speech on *The Institutional Processes of Social Work and their Organizations: an International Look* at the conference organized by Pisa University on Social Work Professional Organizations in Europe and Beyond. An Opportunity for Social Work and Social Policy in Complex Societies?

The future

We have three important projects, strictly related to our mission, to develop:

- the first is to create a task force with representatives of all the regions that will develop a strategic plan to implement Global standards for education and training in different part of the world

- the second is to involve students in our organization. They are a fundamental part of the schools, the future professionals that we have to prepare in the best way, so their voice need to be considered. They have to become active members in IASSW.

-The third is the organization of different activities, in cooperation with Power Us. We have subscribed a letter of intent and we would like to develop a strong synergy to introduce the service users perspective in our education.

I think we need a strong commitment of everyone to spread information about IASSW and our activities and to involve schools and individual academic to become members.

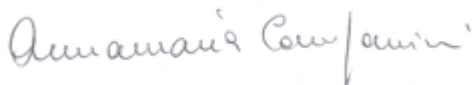
It is important to enhance our educators community. We can share ideas, learn from each other's, and offer a mutual support in contrast with the competitive individualistic attitude that is present in the culture of our society. I would like to have a more engaged discussion in the future on key issue for our association. I'm looking forward to having also your ideas on how to organize our next board meeting, that I hope will be for everybody in presence, choosing one core topic that can be of general interest to debate and that can attract schools and individual members to join IASSW and to refresh the image of our association.

We need an engagement of board and non-board members in the committees to fulfill our mission.

I think that the publication series, the students involvement as an important stakeholders of our organization, as well as the idea I've proposed to create a task force to implement the global standards around the world can boost our organization.

I look forward to your feedback on my report and I hope that next time we can have a full face-to-face meeting in Makerere University.

Respectfully submitted



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