

Minutes EASSW EC-Meeting Birmingham, 15 – 17 April 2005

0) Welcome

Christine Labonte welcomed everybody and introduced the working structure of the next days

1) Minutes of our meeting in Parma

Minutes accepted

2) Matters outstanding:

- next conference Cyprus: general assembly, reports of officers, elections members of the board, other...

Minutes Jan Agten:

1. Schedule 20 – 22 May Board meeting in Limassol

Wednesday 24 May 15h General meeting EASSW

Thursday 25 May 13h New Executive Committee meeting

Venue: Appolonia Beach Hotel pre-reservation made by Christine: 50£ single, confirmation should be done by the individual members

Monday 23 morning 7:30 bus to Nicosia

23 – 27 Cleopatra Hotel pre-reservations made, confirmation by individual members needed.

2. Congress fee for the EASSW members: 7 free fees

- Mirka Necasova and Anna Michalska + 5 others
- All EC-members will be registered for free. The EASSW will pay back the two members who do not have free fees.

3. General Assembly

1. Nomination Committee:

On the call for nomination 9 candidates have send in their nomination form (No, Dk, Ru, Fr, Hu, Es, Sw + Mirka Necasova Czech Republic and Anna Michalska Poland stand for re-election)

7 places are available

The secretor Nol Reverda will send to the members the information and the forms for election.

All candidates will be asked to send in half a page of presentation + a photo to the Nomination Committee. The presentations will be available at the Conference on the EASSW stand (Sören Björkman).

2. Extra agenda: OPEN SPACE

During the General Assembly an agenda point Open Space will be organised after the elections and before the A Discussion around the topic “The international dimension of Social Work Education”

This theme will be introduced and the discussion facilitated by Answin

Minutes Anna Metteri:

Cyprus conference

General Assembly minutes from Copenhagen conference were accepted without changes in content. The agenda will be sent around with the invitation.

The agenda for the General Assembly in Cyprus was accepted.

The cruise was cancelled. The accommodation for the EC-meeting will be organised at Apollonia beach hotel in Lemassol. Green buses go from the airport to Larnaca, but it is as good to take a taxi (25 pounds) for several people from the airport to Lemassol. On Monday 23 May the EC-members take a bus at 7 a.m. to the congress place. Christine will send the booking details by email.

The joint meeting for the preparations of the Cyprus conference first weekend in March was cancelled by the conference organizers, because things were not ready. On demand of the EC-members the meeting was organised four days later, and also Brian Auslander from the IFSW participated. A lot of questions were not clear and the meeting was necessary to deal with those. The conference had 50 registrations before the end of March. Preliminary requests had been 100 of Greece and 50 from Cyprus, estimated participants had been from 350 to 400 from Europe. Together 86 abstracts have been accepted, from which 56 are oral papers. Chairs are needed for oral sessions and EC-members agreed to be available for these tasks.

In the conference information section will be 25 stands for promotions. EASSW will have one stand with a space of 9 square meters. EASSW has negotiated 7 free places in the conference and will pay the participant fees for the rest of EC-members from the surplus of the Copenhagen conference.

Nominations for the EASSW committee

In the EASSW committee there are 15 places, from which 7 are to be filled this year. There were together 9 nominations (see the list of names attached), from which 7 members will be elected in the General Assembly. The nomination committee, chaired by Sören Björkman, will ask the candidates to send their written short presentation and statement for the elections. The presentation could be half a page resume of the CV and the statement half a page text about what the candidate does offer for the committee. These one page texts could be sent with the invitation 40 days before the General Assembly. These one page statements and possible longer CV:s are available on the EASSW stand and in the General Assembly for the conference participants. In the beginning of the elections there will be a short introduction explaining the procedure to the participants, referring to the constitution with the idea of regional representativeness. The nomination committee and two volunteers count the votes and control the process. If there are two even candidates, in the second round, the procedure will be that each voting person writes on the label the name of one candidate.

- ENQASP

A pilot will be conducted in Germany

3) Strategic development EASSW (consultation, services etc.)

Minutes Jan Agten:

1. Future: A discussion about the future of the EASSW has started and will be continued during our next Fall Meeting in Luzern.
2. Council of Europe: Report by Answin

We are involved in the NGO-meeting, which has a little bit more as a consultative status. The excellent cooperation with the representative of the IFSW Gabriele Stork-Angermaier is very helpful. The new president is Anneliese Oelschger presented a good plan for the future.

3. Cooperation with the IFSW

The IFSW sent a request about cooperation in organising a consultative conference in Munich in November 2005. The conference will focus on professional issues important for the protection of the profession. We will cooperate by representing ENQUASP. Answin considers taking this task.

4. Parma conference in 15-16-17 March 2007 (Annamaria Campanini)

The conference will be organized in cooperation with IFSW under the theme " Social changes and social work" . FESET and other European organization will be asked to participate.

The budget is planned on 194.360€ Suggestions to reduce the budget to 140.000€ were given in order to have an acceptable participation fee for the members.

Minutes Anna Metteri:

In the strategic development of the EASSW there is a need to start something that is important from the point of view of the schools. This could be as follows: developing a model curriculum for international social work, overviews, survey research to identify the core module of social work educations in Europe, to promote labour market recognition of the diplomas (possibly joining EASW), new points to attract members to discuss global standards and ethical document and the internationalisation of the social work curriculum to meet local, European and global level.

4) IASSW issues:

- conference Adelaide
- elections board
- any other business

Minutes Jan Agten:

1. Adelaide-conference:

Elections: There were 2 candidates. Abye Tasse was elected.

Some European Schools and some Australian members had not received the ballot papers. The responsibility was for the secretary,. The task was given to Lena Dominelli's assistant and supervised by the Nomination Committee. All protest was worked out and classified as not relevant enough for organising a re-election round.

Proposal of a new body for the IASSW: An International Federation of the Regions (continents) A Strategic Committee will prepare the change.

2. Addis Abbeba

Report about the difficulties: Tasks and responsibilities should become clearer. A reconstruction is needed. Next to the European the Japanese are also asking for changes.

5) Report of EC members of their respective tasks

6) Budget questions/issues

- survey paying/non paying members: how to increase
- travel support for EC members from Eastern/Middle European countries

Minutes Jan Agten:

1. Survey paying/non paying members: how to increase

Membership fees: rationalisation of the secretarial work by using a pc-programme in order to gain transparency

Actual difficulties: merges, changes in the schools and complicated fee structure

Nol Reverda and Isidor Walliman suggest the following fee structure

- The ongoing collective membership will be kept as long as the members pay without any interruption. Collective membership will not be promoted any more for the future
- Category A 200€
Category B 100€

Sending invoices in stead of reminders and transfer forms

1. List with non-payers was checked. Work is divided by the members
2. Travel support for EC members from Eastern/Middle European countries is already decided during the last EC meeting
3. Financial situation will be clarified during the Cyprus meeting
4. Control of the EASSW accounting will be organised asap by an official accounted.

Minutes Anna Metteri:

20 schools have not paid their membership fees for 2004. The list of the schools paid/not paid in each country will be copied and sent to the respective EC members to control the situation.

Several schools have merged and the previous criteria for fees are no more clear. The current complexity of the fee structure needs simplification. The treasurer presented the proposal of a new fee structure that would start in 2006. In principle every school would pay 200 euros per year, but former Soviet or Eastern European countries would pay 100 euros. The proposal from the treasurer was accepted.

The Committee has reserved in the budget 5000 euros for the meeting expenses of the eastern participants and this money was not yet used this year.

7) Recent developments in social work education:

- seminar on Turkey (Jan Agten)

Turkey – Ankara Spring 2006

EC meeting + Regional Seminar

Date proposals: meeting:17-19 March 2006 regional seminar: 20 March
 meeting:31-2 April 2006 regional seminar: 3 April

Topic: to discuss by Jan Agten with the 2 Social Work Departments: Hacettepe University and Baskent University

- exchange of experiences

8) EASSW bulletin

Minutes Jan Agten:

New Format presented by Ann Davis

Ann will edit a new bulletin with Seminar Content of Birmingham

Minutes Anna Metteri:

The Bulletin reborn was discussed along the idea that regional seminars would produce abstracts and material catching the developments in our countries that would be published in the bulletin. Ann Davis will work with the texts of the Birmingham seminar. Every EC-meeting will in future be connected with a regional seminar.

9) Webpage

Minutes Jan Agten:

The proposal to redesign the website was accepted. The existing logo will be kept, but designed in a more modern way. The programme for the web design will be Dreamweaver, through which Jan Agten easily can update the site.

The actual cost of the website is 1200€/year. Parts of these costs are salary for Holger Nielsen and will be recuperated by Jan Agten's work.

A budget of 4.000€ is foreseen for the redesign.

10) Any other business

EASSW-Stand on the Cyprus Conference

1. The time schedule for permanency at the stand will be decided during the Cyprus meeting

2. material to be presented:

- a. Monitor + Laptop (Annamaria Campanini) showing the EASSW-website
- b. Flyers about EASSW + banner
- c. EUSS Thematic Network: books for sale

information of individual members or SW-schools

11. Next meeting

Minutes Jan Agten:

Luzern: Autumn 2005

Thursday 9 Sept 18h Executive Committee meeting

Friday 10 – 11 Sept Executive Committee meeting

Monday 12 Sept Regional Seminar about Research

organisation: Isidor Walliman

- Topics:
- Research with Service Users involved
 - How to do Social Research in practical setting?
 - Academic improvement through Research
 - Research Networks in Europe

Travel: from Zürich by train to Luzern and then by boat to the Hotel

Costs: 65€ single (full pension: 100€) 100€ double (Full pension: 135€)

Minutes Anna Metteri:

Future meetings:

The General Assembly will be held in Cyprus 24 May from 3 to 5.30 p.m.

Next EC-meeting will be held in Cyprus 25 May after the closing ceremony of the conference from 2 to 6 p.m.

Jan Agten welcomes country information to be published on the web page.

The EC-meeting in Luzern will be held 9-11 September 2005 and the regional seminar on social work research will be held 12 September in the same place. EC-members will have

presentations in the seminar. Answin Weissenborn will ask the schools. Train from the airport to Luzern will take one hour. Accommodation will cost 65 euros single room and 100 euros double room including breakfast. Isidor Wallimann will send detailed information by email and EC-members make their reservations themselves.

All ex-EC-members are welcome to the meetings.

The meeting 17-19 March 2006 or 31 March-2 April will be held in Ankara. The regional seminar will be organised on the following Monday, 20 March or 3 April.