

Executive Committee Meeting 29 April 2009, Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Present: Annamaria, Mona, Anke, Gunter, Masun, Marju, Violetta, Ewa, , Peter, Claude and Sue. Also Maria from Greece (as observer).

1 Presentation of new members and their competences and expertise, to develop the EASSW.

Annamaria welcomed the new members to the Executive Committee. The new members had been presented at the General Assembly and Annamaria invited them to add anything that they had been unable to present at that time.

2 Strategic plan of the EC of the EASSW

Annamaria spoke about the strategic plan of the EC that we have been working on for the past two years and invited new members to look at the plan in the minutes on the EASSW website. This plan gives a good overview of the work and will be helpful in giving everyone a good overview of the work of the EC.

3 Report from ENSACT meeting – Annamaria, Peter and Jan

Annamaria reported back on the meeting of ENSACT prior to the EC meeting. There had been an evaluation of the Dubrovnik conference and things that could be taken into consideration for the Brussels conference in April 2011. The final finances of the conference will be ready shortly to gauge whether the conference had balanced its finances.

The Travel costs and expenses of the President of ENSACT need to be agreed in ENSACT. Nol Reverda was appointed in March 2008 for two years. EASSW will pay Nol's costs for the first 6 months, when he was representing EASSW, but expenses for the President of ENSACT for the future need to be agreed.

The EC needs to appoint someone for the Steering Committee and for the Scientific Committee. Jan will represent the National Committee for Belgium, Annamaria as President of EASSW will be on the Steering Committee with Peter. Sue was appointed for the Scientific Committee.

ENSACT has expressed that they want the Presidents of the member organisations as representative members. Social sustainable development and the economic crisis is the working title of the Brussels conference.

ENQUASP has been asked to evaluate two programmes in Lithuania. EASSW were asked if they can support this work. The relationship between EASSW and ENQUASP needs to be clarified and decided. It is on the next agenda of ENSACT and Annamaria, Jan and Peter will report back.

4 Date and place of meetings for Autumn 2009 and Spring 2010

Mona has offered that the next EC meeting will be in University of Gothenburg, Sweden to begin at 6pm on 14th October then to continue on 15 and 16 October, 17 October will be day to travel home. A seminar is proposed on Service User involvement in Social Work Education. Mona asked Sue to give a presentation and asked others to contribute and volunteer – Peter offered to contribute.

Gunther reminded EC members that costs of attending meetings has to be met by members and their institutions. Mona will find accommodation for the EC.

5 Possible venues and topics for future meetings

Spring 2010 will be in Estonia or Lithuania. 24 6pm to 27 March 2010, are suggested dates.

Mid October 2010 is suggested for London – to coincide with a conference on Ethics and Social Work, organised by Sarah banks. Sue will feed back details to the next meeting.

6 Gunter has contact with the Council of Europe. Jean-Marie HEYDT, Présidente de la conférence des OING du Conseil de l'Europe, a member of FESET, is head of the NGO committee and lives in Strasbourg. Gunther requested ideas about content of his mission on behalf of EASSW. Peter suggested the involvement of Council of Europe in the Brussels conference. Also how to have a voice for social work on the concerns of social workers about the rise of right-wing political groups in Europe. Also how to contact people in key positions about the role of social work to inform research and policy. Gunter could also invite someone from Council of Europe to a seminar on social cohesion. EASSW can offer research competence and expertise to the Council of Europe.

Jan asked new EC members to be the contact point for membership in their country to increase membership for EASSW.