

MINUTES OF EASSW EXECUTIVE-SEPTEMBER 9-11th September 2005 Weggis

Present

Jan Agten; Annamaria Campanini; Ann Davis, Gabor Hegyesi, Anna Metteri; Mirka Necasova; Claude Noel, Inger Norbye, Nol Reverda; Christine Labonte- Roset; Isodor Wallimann; Answin Weissenborn.

Apologies

Mona Franséhn; M.Asuncion Martinez-Roman;

1.Welcome and Opening

CLR welcomed everybody and introduced the working structure of the next days. The following items were added to the agenda- -Budget, Curriculum Development and Results of the Open Space discussion during the General Assembly

A list of minute takers was agreed.

2.Minutes of the EC MEETING Limassol

These were accepted

3.Minutes of the General Assembly Nicosia

The TO DO list generated at this meeting was discussed

- All members collect for the Lucerne meeting evaluation items in order to evaluate the finished Cyprus conference and suggest requirements and conditions for the next Parma conference-this to be discussed under item 9 on the agenda
- Arrangements have been made for CLR and AD free registration
- All (new) members have sent information for the website to JA
- IW sending the new fee structure for the website to JA is in progress
- All EC-members should prepare themselves for a self-presentation and discussion during the Lucerne Meeting- this to be shared under item 5
- JA to send out the date for the Spring Seminar/EASSW executive meeting in Ankara-this will be discussed under item 11
- All EC members should provide CLR and JA with a complete country address list plus contact person email and website contact by September 1 this will be discussed under item 7
- GH will come up with a proposal for an autumn 2006 regional seminar during the next meeting in Lucerne- this will be discussed under item 11

The minutes of the meeting were accepted.

4. Minutes of the EC meeting Nicosia

The minutes were accepted. It was agreed that details of EC members for the website would include the heading specialist teaching subject.

5. Getting acquainted

a. Personal ambitions- All members shared information about their current positions and interests and their aspirations as members of the EASSW executive committee. In addition the three officers- CLR; NR; IW outlined their current activities for EASSW and provided estimates of the time that was needed to fulfil these roles (excluding EC meetings)

President- 1-2 days a week, with administrative support.

Secretary- 1 day a month

Treasurer- 1 day a month.

It was decided that discussions about the future management of EASSW would continue at the next EC meeting.

b. proposed frame for profile of EC members already decided see above

c division of tasks were discussed and it was confirmed that JA continues with the website, that the next Bulletin is produced based on the Luzern regional conference- IW to edit based on summaries provided by participants. That further tasks were likely to be identified in discussions about the ideas emerging from membership at the General Assembly.

d Strategic developments under this item ideas emerging at the General Assembly were considered. It was decided that EASSW should offer to hold working conferences for members that could be used to discuss issues relating to Bologna and modularisation. Members of the EC could offer a place where such a conference could be hosted. EASSW members would have to meet the costs of attending. Working conferences could be open to non members on payment of a fee. JA offered to host a working conference in Spring 2006 at his School. Invitations to be issued via a letter from NR and posted on the website. AD proposed that at least 2 EC members should attend these events to provide support for the host member..

The idea was discussed of establishing an EASSW working group to develop guidance to assist members working on curriculum development and modularisation. It was agreed that this should be discussed with members of the thematic network. AW will represent EASSW on this at the next meeting in Parma. In subsequent meetings GH will represent EASSW

6. Matters outstanding

a. ENQASP-CLR and IW reported that an Erasmus-Mundus application had been put in to enhance the development of this project and the outcome is awaited. The ENQASP meeting in Frankfurt had not taken place but another meeting had been organised in Barcelona in October.

b. IASSW-CLR and IW reported on the last IASSW meeting in Washington. There was evidence of a move to restructure the association and plan strategically. Issues raised in the past by EASSW re the relationship of IASSW and the regions were under consideration as well as the composition of the Board. The next meeting is in January 2006 in Hertfordshire. The IASSW Conference takes place in Santiago in August 2006, November 2005 is now the cut of date for papers. UNICEF has requested through the IASSW contacts with schools of social work interested in their work concerning setting up social services in countries where parents are separated from their children.

7. Report on respective tasks

a. EASSW Bulletin-IW has agreed edit this based on the summaries of papers and the discussions at the Luzern regional seminar. IW has only received one summary (AD) others need to be sent to him. AD agreed to provide summaries in English of the papers without abstracts based on the presentations given.

JA suggested that this edition of the Bulletin should start with the announcement of working conferences base on ideas from the Open Space at the General Assembly. It was agreed that a paper version of the Bulletin should be sent out to all members with requests for membership fees.

A letter had been received by AD from Suzy Braye joint editor of the European Journal of Social Work. The journal would be pleased to commission occasional contributions from EASSW colleagues involved in regional seminars. These would appear in a new section of the journal called Country Perspectives. They would be 1500 words long. It was agreed that CLR would prepare a piece for this journal based on the Luzern regional seminar Bulletin.

JA was asked to provide a Bulletin based on the Ankara Regional Seminar. He agreed but requested assistance with this task.

b. Website JA requested that EC member's details on the website are checked for accuracy. He has received information from several countries listing Schools of Social Work some include contact people. This needs to be completed as soon as possible by all EC members i.e. Hungary, Spain and Sweden to inform the membership drive.

JA reported spending a great deal of time communicating with Denmark on website matters. He is working on a new design and time would be saved on this if JA was webmaster.

c. Other tasks

EASSW budget IW introduced a summary table of budget information for 2001-2005. This was discussed and adjusted. It was confirmed that 1000 euros should be allocated this year to subsidise the travelling costs of Eastern European EC members. This money to be used when members find they are unable to continue with their EC work without financial assistance. It was confirmed that 4000 euros was allocated for the website development. IW thought that depending on the amount of subscription income EASSW reserves might have to be drawn on to meet outgoings over the next year.

EASSW scheme- Strengthening social work education in Europe. JA and AD presented their proposed form for applicants to the scheme. It was discussed and adjustments suggested. AD agreed to amend the form as suggested and email it to EC members.

8. EFSA Mission statement

NR led a discussion on a draft statement for the formation of an umbrella group for European organisations involved in social work. After amendments were agreed it was decided that it should be shared with those organisations attending the ENQASP meeting in Barcelona in October 2005.

9. Criteria for EASSW Conferences

NR led a discussion based on his ideas and feedback from the Nicosia Conference about what needs to be in place for the Parma Conference in 2007. Parma It was agreed that:

There should be spaces organised for all of the contributing associations to have their meetings before the Conference

the scientific academic committee should represent the local as well as the international associations

Paper selection should be made to ensure there is a clear, topic and sub topic structure to the Conference

Round table opportunities should be organised to provide venues for participants with shared special interests.

Consideration should be given to providing special, accredited programmes for students who wish to participate.

Consideration should be given to the provision of crèche facilities to ensure a family friendly Conference environment.

Parma Conference. March 2007

AMC presented further details and a proposed budget, prepared by the newteam for this event. It was noted that the Conference fee included a meal and a musical event on the first evening. A solidarity fund to assist participants is being established through contributing organisations. Arrangements will be made to allow local associations to organise members to attend on a daily basis. The adjusted budget was agreed and note was taken that the local organisations cannot meet any shortfall arising from the Conference. An organisers meeting will take place on September 30th 2005 and the dates of the paper call

will be decided. AMC was thanked for her all her hard work re this event.

It was agreed that CLR would send a letter of invitation to Hans van Ewijk from the International Council of Social Welfare to participate in the Parme Conference.

10. Membership: recruitment and strategy

IW confirmed that membership letters would be sent out before the end of the year, using the lists of Schools of Social Work provided by EC members. It was confirmed that EASSW working conferences are free to members but open to paying non members.

11. Regional seminars

Arrangements for the **Luzern regional seminar** on 12th September 2005 were confirmed.

The date of the **Ankara regional seminar** was agreed as March 17th, 2006. EC members will arrive in Ankara on March 16th and the EC meeting will be held after the seminar on 18th-19th of March. JA will inform EC members about accommodation. The theme of the seminar was discussed and it was agreed that it should address Theory and Practice in Social Work Education. The format will be:

An official opening

Short presentations on the theme from Turkish colleagues and EASSW- AM and MN

Lunch

Discussion groups to be led on the themes raised.

This format would allow for a large audience in the morning and intensive work with members of schools of social work in the afternoon.

GH proposed that the EASSW EC meeting should take place from 9-11th September 2006 in Budapest. This was discussed and it was agreed that the meeting would be combined with a **regional seminar for Hungarian social work** teachers, practitioners and students on the topic of setting the standards and criteria for professional social work education. AD, NR and AW to make presentations and CLR and IW to present on ENQASP.

MN proposed that the EASSW EC meeting in September 2007 should take place in the Czech republic. A regional conference could be offered then, alternatively a working conference could be offered in 2006. IW asked MN to explore the possibility of combining with social work associations in the Slovak republic for these events. MN agreed and will report back at the next EC meeting.