

Minutes EC-Meeting EASSW 13-14 March 2007

Parma, Italy

Present:

Christine Labontè, Isidor Walliman, Nol Reverda, Anna Metteri, Ann Davis, Mona Fransehn, Answinn Weissenborn, Inger Hjerrild, Maria Asuncion Martinez-Roman, Jan Agten, , Annamaria Campanini

Apologies:

Gabor Hegyesi, Anna Michalska, Claude Noel

See to do list at the end

1. Welcome

Christine welcomed everybody and thanked Annamaria Campanini for the hospitality and good arrangements.

Minutes taken by Jan Agten (13/3 evening), Inger Hjerrild (14/3 morning), Mirka Necasova (14/3 afternoon). All minutes takers send the text to Jan, who will make report.

2. Minutes of our meeting in Budapest/Siofok

Minutes of Siofok are accepted.

3. Matters outstanding:

1. General Assembly preparation

- Nol goes through the procedure of the General Assembly. Christine introduces the officer's reports: A common President and Secretary and a separate Treasurer report. There are no additional comments on the reports.
- Election of new members for the Executive Committee
Not standing for election are: Christine la Bonté-Roset, Nol Reverda, Isidor Walliman, Ann Davis, Anna Metteri and Answinn G. Weissenborn.
Standing for election are: Annamaria Campanini and Jan Agten.
Continuing members are: Mona Franhsen, Gabor Hegyesi, Inger Hjerrild, Maria-Asunción Martínez-Román, Anna Michalska, Mirka Necasova and Claude Noel.
New candidates are: Günter Friesenhahn, Peter Hendriks, Susan Lawrence and Marju Medar.
- The status is - given the election of 4 new members – an EC that counts 13 members while there are 15 available seats. According to the constitution the EC may decide to co-opt 2 additional members to be presented at the General Assembly in 2011.
No decision was made on this point.
- It is crucial that members of the Committee are committed to contribute with energy and time. We may consider new Committee members representing other parts of Europe and Russia.
- Nol goes through the election procedures for the General Assembly. There is a long discussion concerning procedures for election and voting due to the fact that there are 6 available seats and only 4 candidates.
The conclusion is: A sheet of paper with all candidate names will be handed out to all delegates who tick the names they want to vote for. The voting will be secret. All new members should present themselves, their motivation and their ideas to the audience. A sheet of paper with all candidates for the president, secretary and treasurer positions will be handed out to all delegates voting following the same procedure as mentioned above.

2. Staffing of the EASSW table during the conference

Thursday morning: Nol 9 – 12

Thursday afternoon: Mona 14 – 16, Inger 16 – 18

Friday morning: Mirka and Maria 9 – 12

Friday afternoon: Ann Metteri 14 – 16, General Assembly 16 – 18 table closed

Saturday morning: Christine 9 -12

3. Parma conference

Annamaria gives latest information on conference matters and on the role of the people chairing the workshops.

Free admission to congress as agreed in the contract for 3 EC members Mirka, Jan and ?. The paid fees will be reimbursed.

4. Strategic development EASSW

1. Representing eassw in different organizations

- o ENSACT(European Network of Social Action, <http://www.ensact.eu/index.php>)

Ensact is an excellent example of good practice policy. Till the end of 2007 ENSACT has to become legal registered body. The first official activity will be organizing the next SW conference. 5 ENSACT members except International Association of Social Educators (AIEJI) have brought in 5.000€ to create a conference budget. The International Association of Social Educators (AIEJI) will not participate in this conference. The conference will probably be in April or May 2009 in Dubrovnik. Tampere withdrew as a candidate, because they are not ready yet. Only Croatia was left as a candidate. There is still long checklist to go through. The theme has not been decided yet. The next meeting will be in Dubrovnik on the 21st of September with as objective to discuss a much more clear conference concept.

The evaluation of the Parma conference with Newteam should be taken to the Croatian organizers by the ENSACT members. Nol will continue with his representation in ENSACT related to this issue.

There is a need to designate people for the steering and scientific committee for the conference. This will be done during the EC meeting on Saturday, 17th March. See the minutes.

- o ENQASP (European Network for Quality Assurance in Study Programmes in Social Professions) The last accreditation dossier was in Iceland. The next will be EUSW (European Platform for worldwide Social Work).

- o Representation overview:

- ENSACT – untill now Nol, Isidor, Christine, acc. to the minutes from Siofok. The EC decided that Nol will represent the EASSW in ENSACT for another two years after Parma in close connection with Jan Agten, who will take over. The EC meeting of 17th March has to confirm this decision.
- ENQASP – untill now Christine, Isidor. The EC meeting of 17th March should decide about the follow up.
- Council of Europe – untill now Answin. The EC meeting of 17th March should decide about the follow up.
- IASSW – till now Christine, Isidor, Darja Završek. The EC meeting of 17th March should decide about the follow up.

Suggestion: the best way for continuation is to have period of transition in which one or more old members do the representation together with a new member.

2. IASSW issues: EASSW proposal to restructure the IASSW

The discussion about restructuring is still ongoing with no real change since the last meeting. The main idea of restructuring was to empower the regional parts and to have the budget under control. The meeting Barbados was difficult with a lot of confrontation. No result about the proposal for restructuring the IASSW. IASSW has a very mixed board with 50 members, representatives of the regions, representatives of the nations + nominated (members at large)

Yearly income 100.000 \$, reserves: 300.000\$. Most of the IASSW money goes to travel cost of the officers.

Difficulty: Europe is the strongest region but stands almost alone in defending a new structure. The work to be done at the global level needs a smaller board and a good secretary. Stimulating regional developments is very important.

Christine established a new section of worldwide SW history under IASSW

Isidor recommend just maintaining the link between EASSW and IASSW but financially not to invest more into IASSW than was foreseen in the previous budget.

The importance and the significance for EASSW of being present in IASSW and in the other above mentioned organizations have to be clarified during the coming year by the new EC in order to be able developing a strategy of representation.

5. EASSW bulletin and PR

- o The Siofok bulletin is still under construction. Jan received the text of Inger, Christine and Istvan Budai. Mona has sent her text to Gabor, who should have drawn up a bulletin. Ann Davis will take over this task by putting the texts together in a bulletin.
- o We plan to write a new bulletin/newsletter for the members about important European developments. We also would like to inform our members about specific developments in different countries. EC members are asked to send copy for this new bulletin.
- o Member service: The new EC should develop a PR strategy and inform the members about the new board, new and future developments.

6. Budget questions / issues

1. Membership: from 130 to 186

A question from Lena Dominelli:

Christine has been asked to explain membership fee policy according to which all organizations pay equally. LD represents a small school and suggest a lower fee according to the size of the School. **The suggestion is rejected** by the Committee in agreement since this issue has already been discussed. The new secretary should write an answer to LD.

2. Finances: Profit and Loss Account, provided by Isidor

Isidor has provided all EC members with the treasurers' report and the financial statements 2005 and 2006 before the meeting. Isidor goes through the report and the statements. **All is approved.**

Some points for future recognition:

- a) Banking fees are raising. This is an issue that the new EC should be aware of, also when the bank will be switched to another location than Berlin.
- b) Isidor will go through the report a.o. with Mirka after the meeting since she probably becomes the new treasurer.
- c) The report shows a reserve. The question is how to spend the money in a meaningful way.
- d) Nol notes that the simplification of the membership fee structure is recommended to stay in the model it has been changed into recently. It is a fashion to keep in control.
- e) Christine suggests not changing the bank until the end of the year in order to avoid chaos.

Budget:

a) Isidor recommends to estimate the income from membership fee to 20.000 € in 2008 although the income from membership fees was 23.000 € in 2006. This argument is due to frictional expenses when changing the administration from Berlin to somewhere else.

b) It must be taken into account in the future that estimated travel costs of EC officers may be unrealistic. This argument is due to the fact that the present president has been able to finance all her travels by her organization.

3. Guidelines for EASSW Project Programme

Isidor has designed a proposal for the EASSW Project Programme. He goes through the document and members are putting clarifying questions.

It is decided that EASSW funding is limited to 4.000 €. The EASSW reserve 2007 is 8.000 €. To limit funding to 4.000 € allows approval and funding of two projects in 2007.

It is discussed if it is necessary to elaborate a formal application form. This is not approved. But **it is decided** that the paper should state that the proposal should be "clearly communicated and should exceed no more than 1000 – 1500 words".

Another suggestion is to elaborate a form with strict data. A clear decision on this point was not taken!

All information concerning the Project Programme should be posted on the website.

Mona and Inger volunteer to be responsible for the project applications.

Jan will rework the EASSW Project Program (developed by Isidor) and make the cover page as a form.

4. How to transfer the administration

It is recommended and **decided** that the bank account will stay in Berlin until the end of 2007 and then the transfer will take place.

Annamaria wants the administration to be somewhere else than Parma/Italy due to insecurity about her work location.

There is salary of 18 – 20 € per hour for a secretary. This may be a problem since secretary's salary in most countries is higher.

The suggestion and the **decision** is: Jan will ask at his University if the SW department and his secretary may take over the job. He will have to address the issue of the salary since the salary in Belgium is much higher. According to the budget hours for the secretary are estimated to 100 hours a year. (See budget).

7. Webpage

15 page views/day, mostly by people from Europe and 5% from the United States.

Task for all members:

Updating the contacts under Schools of SW on the web (checking whether the link is working)

Providing information about social work and social work education in the respective countries to fill up the heading SW in Europe..

Providing national and European information relevant for the EASSW members.

Send all information to Jan

8. Other business

1. Next meeting:

Faculty of Social Studies Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic, accommodation reserved in hotel Continental, www.continentalbrno.cz

Traveling days 19th and 22nd September 2007, EC meeting: 19th from 6 PM, 20th whole day or as needed

21st Sept. regional conference “Identity of Social Work and Supervision”

2. Programme

There will be three main speeches:

Oldrich Chytil: The changes of society and social work,

Mona Fransehn: Importance of supervision in social work using the example of Sweden,

Jan Agten: Competence based learning and supervision within the frame of Bologna process.

In the afternoon six workshops:

1. Bologna process and supervision,
2. The consequences of modernization for social work,
3. Projects concerning supervision,
4. Supervision of the fieldwork of social work students,
5. Supervision of management and the implementation of supervision in the organization,
6. Relationship between research and supervision in social work.

Members of EC are invited to be present also in the workshops to contribute to the discussions

3. Invitation

Antonina Dashkina, The President of Union of Social Workers and Pedagogues in Russia asked Mirka to pass the EC members information and invitation for the conference in

To do:

1. All **minutes takers** send the text to Jan, who will make report.
2. **The Parma Conference budget team** fee should be reimbursed to Mirka, Jan and ?
3. **Nol** will continue with his representation in ENSACT related to organizing the Dubrovnik conference.
4. There is a need to **designate people** for the steering and scientific committee for the conference. This will decide during the EC meeting on Saturday, 17th March. See the minutes.
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6. The EC meeting of 17th March should decide about the **follow up of the representation** of EASSW in IASSW, ENQASP, Council of Europe
7. **Ann Davis** will take over the Siofok bulletin by putting the available texts together in a bulletin.
8. **All EC members** are asked to send copy for the new bulletin about specific developments in different countries
9. **The new EC** should develop a **PR strategy** and inform **the members** about the new board, new and future developments.
10. **The new secretary** should write an answer to Lena Dominelli about the membership fee.
11. **Jan** will rework the **EASSW Project Program** (developed by Isidor) and make the cover page as a form. The new form will be available on the eassw website.

12. **Mona and Inger** volunteer to be responsible for the **project applications**.

13. **Jan** will ask at his University if the SW department and his secretary may take over the job of **administration** of eassw.

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Participation of all members in the next **Regional conference** “Identity of Social Work and Supervision” in BRNO. See programme on the website:

<http://docweb.khk.be/Jan%20Agten/eassw/html/regionalSeminars/regionalseminars.htm>

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