

EASSW Bulletin

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We wish to take this opportunity to keep you abreast of what has happened since spring.

EASSW Conference in Lodz

Measured by the **number of participants**, this has been the most successful EASSW conference so far. Almost double the attendance compared to both Dublin and Helsinki. Almost all European countries had sent participants. Particularly numerous participants came from Eastern Europe, mainly Poland. Thus, we reached our goal to be an attractive forum also for this region of Europe.

The conference had a good balance between **workshops and plenary sessions** featuring well known scholars. Participation at plenary sessions and workshops was good throughout and the focus on social problems, social work theory and questions of curriculum development in Europe generated much fruitful and stimulating discussion which – due to time constraints - could not always be sufficiently extended.

For the first time, we organized a **joint session with the governing board of the IASSW** on trends in curriculum development outside the boundaries of Europe. This practice of joint sessions shall be continued since it does enrich the EASSW conference and also allows the IASSW to be in contact with a significant portion of its membership while simultaneously attending to its organisational business.

EASSW Copenhagen Conference in 2003

The pre-announcement was distributed in Lodz. For the first time, the conference will be **organized jointly by FESET and IFSW** during the last week in May. Space will be provided also for the activities of network organizations such as ECCE and MACCESS. Thus, the synergy for all participants will be significantly enhanced. About 1000 participants are to be expected in total.

IASSW Montpellier Conference (July 15-18, 2002)

Call for papers is out.

Regional Seminars with the EASSW Executive Committee

If you would like the Executive Committee to have a seminar in your region, please let us know. Lately, the Executive Committee has combined its business meetings with seminars in Barcelona and Vienna. These seminars were held with Spanish, respectively with Hungarian, Slovakian and Austrian schools of social work. The most recent regional seminar took place in September in Bregenz, for which Austrian, Swiss, German, South Tirolian and Alsatian schools of social work were invited to attend. Central to this seminar were the Bologna/Prague agreements and their consequences for professional training in social work. The discussion focussed on

- the basic premises of the Bologna/Prague agreements,
- the institutional similarities and differences among countries pertaining to social work training (including access to doctoral studies),
- the balance between theoretical and practical training in relation to issues of mutual recognition of diplomas and degrees for educational mobility,
- the difference between (Bologna) credit points and achievement points given by school for the various segments of work done in a particular curriculum,
- the state and development of BA and MA study programs,
- the future and nature of continuing education in the face of the numerously emerging MA programs.

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Start an EASSW discussion group

- Tell us about your theme and get financial support for running it

Participate in discussion groups

- Tell others what you have to say about migration, discrimination or racism