

EASSW – Secretary and President’s Report, including the Executive Committee’s Work

Our *Executive Committee* met between Cyprus 2005 and now Parma 2007 5 times:

Nicosia – May 2005

Luzern – September 2005

Ankara – March 2006

Siofok/Hungary – September 2006

Parma – March 2007

In relation to these meetings we organised 3 *Regional Seminars* in Luzern, Ankara und Siofok.

The topic in Luzern was social work research, in Ankara with more than 100 participants the Bologna process and the foundation of new schools for social work in Turkey and neighbourhood countries and in Siofok the translation of standards of social work education in the different European countries.

Besides these regional seminars we did consultations for different member schools in the first line concerning the bologna process. The president was also invited to different national conferences, where she presented papers about the social work education in Europe and social work research, as i. e. on the 6. congress of the Spanish schools of social work in Zaragoza in May 2006.

The cooperation with other important European organisations in the field of social professions was in the last 2 years reinforced.

In the *European Network for Quality Assurance in Social Professions (ENQASP)* we worked together with FESET (Formation d’Educateurs Sociaux Européens/European Social Educators Training), FICE (Federation internationale des Communautés Educatives), AIEJI (International Association of Social Educators) and conducted 2

pilot projects, one in Germany and one in Iceland. For this year the evaluation of EUSW (European Platform for Worldwide Social Work) is foreseen.

A very important step forward in the promotion of the cooperation between the already mentioned European associations and including also ICSW-Europe (International Council of Social Welfare) and IFSW-Europe (International Federation of Social Workers) was the creation of ENSACT (European Social Action Network). ENSACT was established in order to combine the activities of our organisations at the European level. We want with this roof organisation strengthen our voice for a Social Europe. Basic statements and objectives were agreed and objectives were agreed and documented. A website was launched (www.ensact.eu). The next European congress in 2009 will be a common ENSACT-congress.

The president participated also regularly on the *Executive Committee* and Board meetings of IASSW in her function as IASSW-Vicepresident, together with the 2 EASSW-representatives Darja Zaviršek and Isidor Wallimann. The EASSW-proposal to restructure IASSW in a more federal organisation (see EASSW-bulletin April 2003 on www.eassw.org) was in the last 2 years several times discussed and opened a broad and ongoing discussion about restructuring IASSW, but the EASSW-proposal itself was not accepted.

EASSW Office: the Berlin office operated satisfactory during this period. The yearly visit of the secretary was appreciated and helpful for monitoring the administration. Financial administration, membership administration and secretarial activities are well and transparent structured at this moment.

Membership: The fee structure for members was dramatically simplified: only a division between A countries and B countries remained. 'A' countries are EU 15 and EFTA countries with a fee of €200, 'B' countries all others with a fee of €100. Furthermore we updated the address list, including the contact persons, and re-contacted those schools that were no member yet. The more transparent fee structure and the other actions resulted in a growth of the number of member schools: from 130 in the last report to 186 currently.

The *EASSW-Website* was rebuilt under the guidance of Jan Agten and we invite our members to use this website for all informations, which may be interesting other members.

Answin Weissenborn represented EASSW in the NGO's-Committee of the *Council of Europe* and was in this function working together with the other representatives of the European organisations present in ENSACT.

The different Regional Seminars were prepared from Isidor Wallimann and Answin Weissenborn, Jan Agten and Gabor Hegyesi.

Annamaria Campanini repared the European congress 2007 in Parma also chairing the Steering Committee, the International Scientific Committee and the National Scientific Committee. The great success of this conference with 700 participants you are still experiencing in these days. Besides this work and her work at the universities of Cosenza and Parma, she is also organizing EUSW (www.eusw.unipr.it).

Other EC members were involved in the membership campaign and/or presented papers in the different regional seminars.

I want to thank all Executive Committee members for their high engagement and our fruitful cooperation.

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