

## 10. Cooperation with European Journal of Social Work

Suzy Braye, Editor (University of Sussex, UK) and Aimee Wood and Caroline Blake from the Publisher, Routledge, joined the meeting to discuss further cooperation between EJSW and EASSW.

The journal is published four times a year. The Editorial Board is listed in the front cover of the journal (copies were distributed). Content is varied with submissions from a range of countries. The journal aims to reflect the diversity of social work in Europe and to reflect a diversity of writing styles and content. There are peer reviewed articles (5000-7000 words), Country Perspectives (1500-2000 words), Research Notes (1500-2000 words), Brussels Bulletin and book reviews. Some of these (such as Country Perspectives) offer an opportunity for people new to writing about social work to have the experience of publishing.

The journal would like EASSW to help increase the diversity of submissions to the journal and to bring the journal to the notice of potential subscribers, such as educational institutions' libraries. The journal would be glad to support the work of EASSW through publicising its activities and news, and publishing material arising from EASSW activities.

The following proposals were suggested:

1. EASSW news and bulletins could be submitted for publication in the journal – a couple of pages in each issue of the journal. Material can be sent to Suzy regularly. Suzy will let Jan have the copy deadlines for the coming year.
2. The EASSW website can carry information about the journal and also carry links to the publisher's web site, where abstracts of articles can be searched. Suzy and Aimee will send information to Jan by the end of May.
3. The EJSW website can carry a link to the EASSW site. The weblink can be sent to Aimee by the end of May.
4. Selected papers from the journal can periodically be made available (on a time limited basis) to members of EASSW. Suzy and Aimee will by the end of May provide details of the first of these offerings..
5. Final reports of EASSW funded special projects can be submitted for publication in the journal in the research notes or country perspectives sections (up to 2000 words). Material can be sent to Suzy at any point.
6. Reports on other activities can also be submitted (up to 2000 words). Where longer reports are submitted they can be considered as articles. Material can be sent to Suzy at any point.
7. The Board occasionally reviews the Journal's aims and scope – feedback from EASSW on amendments to broaden the journal's inclusivity would be helpful. Suggestions can be sent to Suzy at any point.
8. Special Issues: Guest Editors need a broad call for papers – EASSW can include calls for papers and other information about the journal in the twice-yearly email to members. Suzy will send information to Jan as and when special issue calls are produced by the journal.
9. The journal responds to proposals for special issues – EASSW can suggest topics for special issues. Suggestions can be sent to Suzy at any time.
10. Writing workshops can be organised jointly for regional seminars to help people build skills in writing for publication. Suzy is happy to discuss at any time how the journal can participate.
11. The Journal will provide access to selected time limited materials for the European-China Forum website prior to the July visit to China. Suzy and Aimee will provide detail of what might be possible by the end of May.
12. There was some detailed discussion of what strategies EJSW has for supporting non-English-speaking contributors to what is an English language journal. Currently authors can receive support for English language expression from a member of the editorial board if support is not available to them within their own institution. Minor language editing is carried out on all papers (with any substantial changes sent to authors for confirmation) and also the publisher's copy editor makes minor linguistic corrections during production.

The journal has occasionally in the past made it possible for authors to submit a draft in their first language if this is a language represented within the board; the board member would provide initial feedback on the value of the author continuing with the paper and producing an English version for formal submission. Suzy will check which languages could be made available within this arrangement.

Other ideas include:

- Could articles be funded for translation recommended by EASSW? Suzy and Aimee will follow this up.
- Students could be encouraged to submit material – maybe as part of a student prize, for example. Again, Suzy will explore this.
- Claude will send to Suzy a paper for Country Perspectives in French on the French ministerial initiative on social work research.

The publishers have some philanthropic activities and journal content is made available to developing countries at a reduced cost via EBSCO databases and the International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP).