

Executive Committee EASSW

Vilnius, Thursday 25/2 until Saturday 27/2

25th of March Conference “Social work in dynamic societies: preserving identity, embracing innovations”, department of Social Work, Vilnius University

26th-27th of March Strategic Planning Workshop

Minutes: Executive Committee EASSW

27th of March Executive Committee Meeting (14.00 – 19.00)

Venue: Vilnius University, Faculty of Philosophy, Universiteto str. 9/1,

Chaired by Nino Žganec (NZ)

Participants: all (15) members of the EC

Notes taken by Aila-Leena Mathies (AM) and Sanela Basic (SB)

1. Minutes from the Paris meeting - matters arising.

The minutes officially approved, with following corrections:

Topic 4: Forms of working

Decision:

Areas of responsibilities (portfolio) of EC members will be sent until 27th March 2016 to NZ.

Topic 9: Paris Conference

Decision: TB to be added to the organising committee. The Scientific Committee to be chaired by TB.

Power Us to be added to Honorary Committee instead of Scientific Committee.

Correct the name Raymond to Rainman (page 10)

Topic 10: Task group

EASSW Membership: Robert, Sanela and Fabienne

Bylaws Group: Sanela, Ronny, Theresa, Robert

Research publish group: Marion, Andres, Marika, Hakan, Nino

Group New Standards in SW Education cancelled

Council of Europe/ international NGOs: Robert

IASSW: the EC-officers team will decide how many (2 -3) of them will participate in the IASSW meetings.

The Election Group is working permanently, Anke is chairing it, but due to the forthcoming shift new members should be nominated from the new EC members.

2. Agenda for Vilnius meeting: priorities and time schedule

Agenda was accepted, with the remark that because of the limited time for the meeting certain points might be only mentioned, and not discussed in full.

3. Update on activities since last EC meeting: reports from President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and all EC-members

See the Reports.

VI informed the EC that via IASSW our organization has a status of human rights organization within the UN. HA is participating in ENSACT in his capacity as IFSW/Europe representative. AB and RK to participate in the upcoming ENSACT meeting which should address not only the issue of selecting new president of ENSACT, but also ENSACT relevance and the form of EASSW involvement in the ENSACT will be discussed upon having clear picture of its future aim and vision.

4. Project applications and project budget

AM informed the EC that two project applications arrived until 15th of Feb (deadline):

1. *Social Entrepreneurship as Signature Social Work Practice: A Collaborative International Curriculum Development Seminar in Moldova.* Coordinated by the University of Moldova
2. *Re-examing Social Work Education with Migrants and Refugees in the Balkans: Generalist vs Specialized Social Work Curriculum?* Coordinated by the University of Zagreb.

She also informed the EC that five of the project applicants or partners were not yet members of the EASSW at the point of time of the application, but have started to register. The proposal has been discussed to consider the increase of the amount of project funding from 4000€ to 6000€, but the decision prolonged in the light of the fact that strategic planning process is not finished yet..

Decision: According to the suggestion of the Project Group two projects will be funded as far as the participants become members of the EASSW.

AM presented the proposed Thematic Call for the Projects prepared by the project group under the topic “*Towards inclusive Europe: Contribution of Schools of Social Work to the inclusion of refugees*”.

Decision: proposal was accepted. Call will be open 1st of March until 1st of September 2016.

5. EASSW Bylaws

SB reported on the draft version of the bylaws.

Decision: the current version accepted, with the suggestion that any addition or change of the bylaws should be sent to SB until 1st of April 2016. The final text of the bylaws to be adopted by the end of June 2016.

6. Preparation for the EASSW Paris conference (work of the organizing committee, important dates, format etc.)

RB reports to the EC on the past and ongoing activities related to the preparation for the Paris conference:

- Draft of the topic and themes circulated among EC, it will be finalized and presented at the webpage in March 2016 (same frame like in Milan Conference);
- Leaflet for the conference prepared and should be announced through different networks (for example, ESWRA 2016 conference in Lisbon, end of March). The time dynamic as following: First announcement and opening of the Conference Web Site will take place in March 2016, First Call of Abstract 30th June 2016; deadline for reception of abstracts 15th October; Notification of reception 20th November; Abstract review process 10th December 2016 to 15th January 2017; Abstract Acceptance 1st February 2017.
- Official contract between UNAFORIS and EASSW under preparations, it should regulate the positions of the partnering organizations with respect to anticipated (financial and other) risks. It has been agreed that each partner gives 16 300€ for the in-advance budget. It has been decided that the list of potential payments should be compiled and distributed to the EC.
- Several issues left to be discussed via email or skype meeting (key note speakers, etc.) based on the proposal of the organising and scientific committee.

7. Web site of the EASSW, communication with members, partners, public and among EC members

RT informed the EC on the continual activities of the webpage and social media task group.

See table below.

Being political	Delivering information	Providing tools (member login)	Enabeling interaction (member login)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making statements • Focused blogs with invited members • Immediate reactions with micro-blogs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • News • Updated calendar • Better presentations of member schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated compilation of links • Material from previous conferences • Pre-recorded online lectures • Publications that could be shared • Project reports 	

Decision: Officers tasked to prepare the guidelines for media publishing policies for next EC meeting. Task group Web page and Social Media to continue working on the reconstruction proposal for the EASSW webpage.

8. World Social Work Day 2016

EASSW will be presented at the official celebration of WSWD in Geneva 15th of March by NZ,RK and RB (event realized with IASSW and IFSW). The topic of the conference: Refugees and Displaced Persons: The role of SW.

NZ will also represent the EASSW on the WSWD celebration event organized jointly by IFSW/Europe + EASSW on 14th of March in Brussels.

Decision: Video to be prepared together with other organisations, clips and news about the events requested to send to RK. Also member schools and EC members should send news and reports of events to RK to be published in the EASSW Newsletter.

9. Next meeting and AOB

Time schedule for the next meeting decided: 20 – 22.10. 2016 (traveling days 19.10 and 23.10. 2016.).

Several potential options for the place of the meeting suggested: Copenhagen/Arhus (Denmark), Baku (Azerbaijan), Coimbra (Portugal), Athens (Greece).

Decision: officers to take final decision.