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**NEWSLETTER APRIL 2019**

## Dear EASSW Member,

With this newsletter we want to update you about the main developments of our association and other events that may be of your interest.

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### **Letter from the President,**

Dear EASSW members,

at the beginning of the year 2019 I wish to all of you a successful year for which I hope will bring us new possibilities for the collaboration. European Association of Schools of Social Work continues with the implementation of its strategic goals written in our Strategic plan and here I would like to mention about some of them. First and most important activity that we prepare is the next European social work education conference which will be held this year in June in the city of Madrid, Spain at prestigious Complutense University. The conference is scheduled for the period from June 4-7th and I know many of you, our members, already submitted your abstracts and registered for the participation. We expect around one thousand participants from all around Europe and hope this will



be another great gathering of European social work educators, but also students, practitioners and service users.

During the conference General assembly of the EASSW will be held on Thursday June 6th and all of you who will represent your schools as well as our individual members are cordially invited to attend it. One of the most important reason to attend this year General assembly for sure is the election of new EASSW president, vice-president, and new executive committee members. I want to remind you that the call for candidates is open until May 15th, so all of you who might be entitled to be elected are invited to stand for the election.

The Executive Committee of the EASSW held its last meeting in November in the city of Bucharest, Romania. During this meeting the Executive Committee discussed, among other things, about the way of forming of special interest groups, about introducing of the EASSW awards for accomplishment in the area of social work education, about organization of regional and thematic meetings as well as about establishment of the advisory council. We will inform you about final decisions regarding these items very soon at our web sites.

The Executive Committee discussed also about the new call for proposals of small projects which can be financially supported by the EASSW. This call is open and you can find it also at our web site.

Another important discussion was about the continuation of the partnership at European level among former ENSACT partners. Namely, EASSW as well as other partners decided to stop with working in the frame of the ENSACT due to inefficiency of this network. In a meeting held in March in the city of

Utrecht representatives of six European associations (EASSW, ESWRA, IFSW Europe, ICSW Europe, FESET and Power Us) discussed about a new way of cooperation at European level as a European Social Work Alliance.

During the meeting in Bucharest international conference titled „The challenges of glocal social work education, practice and research“ was held with active participation of the EASSW officers.

One of the very important activity of the EASSW is the preparation of the book titled „Faces of Social Work Education in Europe“. The book will be published by publishing house Springer and will contain contributions from different European countries aiming to provide an insight into the important elements of social work education throughout Europe. The book is planned to be published during the year 2020.

The collaboration with the publishing house Springer in the frame of the above-mentioned book resulted with further possibilities that are open in the frame of the long-term cooperation. The Springer sent to the EASSW the offer for the long-time cooperation and we prepare our proposal which was made upon the call we sent to all our members inviting them to propose book titles that could be published during the next years. We received more proposals and made a short list of eight titles which we will suggest to be published during the next couple of years. After finalizing of the negotiations with the Springer we will inform our members more in details about this process at our web sites.

I also want to emphasize that the EASSW actively participated at this year celebration of the World Social Work Day event titled „Social Work, Gender and Sexuality: Towards Empowerment, Equality and

Inclusion“ held on March 20th in the International conference center in Geneva. Also the EASSW will be present at the ESWRA's European conference for social work research that will be held in the period of April 10-12 in the city of Leuven, Belgium as well as at the Regional Forum for Good Educational and Professional Practices titled “The Social Worker Profession in the 21st Century – Challenges and Opportunities for Development” organized by the “Angel Kanchev” University of Ruse, Bulgaria in the period from March 28-29.

Representatives of the EASSW Executive Committee participated in January this year at the IASSW board meeting held in Tokyo, Japan, and the EASSW president gave there the lecture at the international capacity building seminar for social work education titled „Current Issues and Future Developments of “Glocal” Social Work Education: Challenges for Constructing Inclusive Society by “Glocal” Social Work“.

The EASSW opened the call for the expression of interests to host the next European social work education conference scheduled for the year 2021, so kindly ask you, our members to consider the possibility to host this conference and send us your offers before May 15th.

I truly hope the EASSW will continue to grow and strengthen during the next period but to accomplish this goal active contribution of all our members is needed so I invite you to send us your suggestions and ideas how to improve our work and make social work education in Europe better.

Best regards,  
Nino Zganec  
EASSW president

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## Activities of EASSW

### Executive Committee meeting in Bucharest,

Between 7 and 8 of November 2019 the meeting of EASSW Executive Committee (EC) was held in Bucharest, Romania, at University of Bucharest, in conjunction with an international conference ([www.swicub.com](http://www.swicub.com)) organized by the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest and the National Association of Schools of Social Work from Romania. Nino Zganec, EASSW president, addressed a keynote speech at the conference on “Social Work Practice and Education Under Pressure - Neoliberal Traps and Professional Solutions”. Lars Uggerhøj, Professor of Social Work at Aalborg University, Denmark and Visiting Professor at University of Lincoln, UK delivered a keynote speech titled: “Participatory Practice Research. A Joint Basis to Meet Challenges in Social Work Practice, Education and Research?”. Karen Lyons, Emeritus Professor at London Metropolitan University (UK), addressed the third keynote speech on: “Transnational social work: connecting global and local issues”. The conference gathered participants from more than 10 countries (e.g. Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Italy, Philippines, Poland, South Africa, Turkey, UK, US and Romania).



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Next EC meeting will be held in Madrid, before and after the EASSW conference (on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup>). The detailed minutes of the Bucharest EC meeting are to be found in the dedicated section of EASSW website for member schools.

### **Call for expressions of interest for hosting the EASSW 2021 Conference**

The European Association of Schools of Social Work (EASSW) is calling for expressions of interest from Schools of Social Work and Universities for organising and hosting the 2021 EASSW conference for social work educators, practitioners, service users and students.

The overall focus of the conference will be on social work education. More specific themes will be developed together with the host. The conference is planned to take place in May or June 2021. Specific dates will be discussed with the organizer. The conference is expected to attract 500–900 participants and would preferably take place in a university setting keeping the cost down and thereby making it possible for more people to attend.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE DOCUMENT: CALL HOSTING EASSW CONF 2021**

## **Call for candidates for the EASSW Executive Committee**

### **The deadline for sending candidacy is 15<sup>th</sup> of May, 2019**

The Election Committee of the EASSW invites you to present candidates for the Executive Committee.

We kindly invite candidates who wish to participate actively in the activities of the EASSW Executive Committee. EC Members are expected to:

- contribute to the realization of the EASSW objectives and strategic developments of EASSW (see reports of the EC and the strategic plan on [www.eassw.org](http://www.eassw.org))
- perform concrete tasks and report regularly on these activities to the EC, in particular with task groups and as country reference
- attend the meetings of the Executive Committee (at least two times per year for a total of at least six days per year)
- provide own resources to attend the Executive Committee meetings.

MORE INFORMATION: <https://www.eassw.org/call-for-candidates-for-the-eassw-ex.../>

### **Call for Special Interest Groups (SIGs)**

EASSW supports actively the building of networks and collaboration between relevant actors of Social Work Education in Europe. EASSW is now starting to establish Special Interest Groups (SIGs) in order to provide members opportunities to get to know other members which are involved in similar activities or which share similar interests. If you are interested to get connected with other members regarding a specific topic please let us know.

Please send an e-mail to: [membership.eassw@gmail.com](mailto:membership.eassw@gmail.com)

We are looking forward to hearing from you!!

## **EASSW Project Funding for Promoting Social Work Education**

CALL FOR PROJECTS. EASSW invites proposals for Projects designed to promote the quality of European Social Work Education. Deadlines: April 15 2019 and September 1<sup>st</sup> 2019.

<https://www.eassw.org/project/eassw-project-funding-for-promoting-social-work-education/>

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## **Special events about Social Work Education at international level**

### **IASSW Board Meeting in Tokyo - January 2019**

EASSW officers strengthening the collaboration with Global Social Work Education at IASSW board meeting in Tokyo. EASSW was represented by Nino Žganec, Teresa Bertotti and Raymond Kloppenburg.

Details about the meeting and presentations are to be found here: <https://www.iassw-aiets.org/iassw-capacity-building-seminar-for-social-work-education-tokyo-2019/>



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### **Utrecht Meeting - European Social Work Alliance**

Presidents of 6 European associations - EASSW, ESWRA, IFSW Europe, ICSW Europe, FESET and Power Us met on March 11 in the city of Utrecht to discuss about the needs and possibilities to form new European social work alliance with the aim to advocate and support further development of social work in Europe. During the next months this coalition should be fully defined.



### **World Social Work Day 2019**

In occasion of the World Social Work Day this year on March 20th the event was organised in the UN International Conference Center Geneva. The title of 2019 event was

"Social Work, Gender and Sexuality: Towards Empowerment, Equality and Inclusion". Welcome and opening statement in the name of the EASSW and IASSW was given by Prof.Dr. Nino Zganec, EASSW president, and IASSW Vice-President.

<https://www.facebook.com/theEASSW/photos/a.310389325675706/2063970620317559/?type=3&theater>

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## World Census of Social Work Programs - 2020

EASSW supports the World Census of social work - 2020 directory organised by IASSW. We therefore invite our members to participate to the survey and to disseminate to other schools and colleagues.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IASSW-Census>

The average completion time is 9 minutes.



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## Crossing boundaries for the future of Social Work Education

The special issue of *Social Work Education. An international Journal* of the 2017 Paris conference is published!

Guest Editors: Prof. Teresa Bertotti, Dr. John Ward & Prof. Nino Zganec

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cswe20/38/1>



## Crossing boundaries for the future of social work education

This thematic issue of the Social Work Education Journal offers a collection of articles resulting from presentations given at the second European Association of Schools of Social Work Conference, held in Paris, in 2017, in partnership with UNAFORIS (Union National des Acteurs de Formation et de Recherche en Intervention Social—the French national federation of social work teaching organisations). Following the first conference held in Milan in 2015, dedicated to designing perspectives for future developments, this conference addressed the issue of boundaries and the need to overcome them as a way forward to face the multiple challenges we now see and to promote a sustainable and inclusive future for social work education.

The year 2018 is the ninetieth anniversary of the first international social work conference held in Paris 1928. The memory of 2,500 delegates from 42 countries, social workers, educators, and policymakers gathering 10 years after the First World War, in the imminence of dictatorships and winds of the coming war, reminds us of the long-standing effort of the social work community to build a common reference point for a peaceful and democratic world (Healy, 2008). As Lorenz pointed out (2009), this drive to find common ground while respecting diversity constitutes the embedded dilemma of international social work. Looking at its history, which goes back almost a century, shows how social work is grounded in complex, paradoxical, and contradictory processes. Over the decades, conferences have been the means by which the professional community met, nationally and internationally, to discuss the main challenges and to find ways of dealing with emerging problems. Conferences often served as landmarks for social work and EASSW conferences aim to contribute to this open and ongoing debate.

Current challenges are commonly recognized as related to the radical changes that occurred in welfare policies since the 1990s which saw the spread of the ideology of neoliberalism and the introduction of the logic of the market. These changes affected the fundamental notion of public welfare seen as the best system to ensure rights and effective democracy, that constituted the basis for the establishment of social work as a profession and a discipline, during the 1970s and 1980s (Weiss & Welbourne, 2008). Neoliberalism, with its key notions that the free market, privatization, and individualization are the best ways to deal with complexities of changing societies, led to a progressive erosion of solidarity. With the economic crisis of 2008, Europe faced the most severe crisis since its constitution. Policies of austerity increased social inequality and diffused a growing sense of insecurity. Moreover, the response to migration and asylum seekers since 2011 has contributed to corroding the idea of an inclusive Europe, aggravated by the spread of populism and rising expression of racism.

Entrapped in the growing gap between increasing needs for social protection and diminishing resources, social workers experience feelings of disarray and moral distress.

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## Publication Opportunities

### UPCOMING CONFERENCES

**Conference: *THE BREAKTHROUGH OF THE SOCIAL Practical Utopias, Wisdom and Radical Transformations***  
– **Social Work** @Dubrovnik 2nd-6th September 2019.



The conference will also celebrate the 30 years of Social Work Courses at IUC Dubrovnik!

More information bellow!

<https://www.eassw.org/conference-dubrovnik-2nd-6th-september-19-the-breakthrough-of-the-social/>

***International Ethnography-Conference 'Going public'? – Ethnography in Education and Social Work and its Publics*** October 31 st – November 2nd , 2019 Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany.

More details here:

<https://www.eassw.org/international-ethnography-conference-going-public-ethnography-in-education-and-social-work-and-its-publics-october-31-st-november-2nd-2019-martin-luther-uni/>

***Professions and Society. Facing the challenges of marketization, globalization and digitalization*** - University of Florence (Italy), 4-6 July 2019 Deadline for abstract submission: : April 11th, 2019.

Details here: <https://www.dsps.unifi.it/vp-437-call-for-papers-new.html>

***"The role and place of social work in the 2020s and beyond"***, Bucharest, Romania, November 7 – 8, 2019

The Social Work Department of the University of Bucharest is pleased to invite submissions for the 4<sup>th</sup> Social Work International Conference (SWIC) "The role and place of social work in the 2020s and beyond" to be held in Bucharest on November 7th-8th, 2019.

Deadline for abstract submission: June 20, 2019.

Details here: <https://swicub.com>

***SUMMER SCHOOL 'Refugee children and families in Europe: social work and counselling'***

Odisee, the university college in Brussels, will organize a summer school on the topic 'Refugee children and families in Europe: social work and counselling' from 24

June 2019 until 5 July 2019.

The summer school approved for 3 ECTS. The programme is also open to professionals.

Details

here: <http://www.kcgezinswetenschappen.be/nl/node/726>

## ACTIVE CALL FOR PAPERS

### ***Mainstreaming Gender: An Intersectional Feminist Perspective on Social Work's Grand Challenges***

Guest Editor: Jill Theresa Messing, PhD, MSW

The deadline for submission is July 15, 2019. The journal encourages submission of full-length articles (no more than 20 double-spaced pages), practice updates, and commentary. To prepare your manuscript in proper format for submission, see Information for Authors: Social Work on our Web site at <http://naswpress.org/publications/journals/sw-info.html>. Please submit manuscripts through the online submission portal at <http://swj.msubmit.net> (initial, onetime registration is required) and indicate that your submission is intended for the Mainstreaming Gender special issue.

### ***"Universalism" or "Universalisms" in Social Policies?***

Edited by Monica Budowski and Daniel Künzler

Deadline for Abstracts: 15 June 2019 | Deadline for Articles: 30 September 2019

Social Inclusion, peer-reviewed journal indexed in the Social Sciences Citation Index (Web of Science) and Scopus (2017 CiteScore: 0.97), is preparing an issue on social policies and universal basic services.

Authors interested in submitting a paper for this issue are asked to read the full call for papers here.

Send your abstract (about 200-250 words, with a tentative title) to the journal's editorial office ([si@cogitatiopress.com](mailto:si@cogitatiopress.com)) by 15 June 2019.



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