

SOCIAL WORK DAY at the UN 2008
FIRST GLOBAL SOCIAL WORK STUDENT CONFERENCE
Fordham University, New York
30th March 2008

Sunday March 30th marked an historic day for IFSW; the first Global Social Work Student Conference was received with great energy and excitement.

The conference was created by the IFSW and IASSW New York teams with the intent to engage social work students in dialogue about global social work. The two teams gave the task of implementing the conference to the student interns aiming to ensure that the content met student needs. The interest in the conference was overwhelming and demonstrates the passion for global social work issues which exists among students.

The conference was attended by the Presidents of IASSW and IFSW and was made up of discussions on the reality of global social work and its many facets. The need for and role of social workers at the United Nations was briefly discussed in order to prepare students for participation in International Social Work Day at the United Nations the following day.

Students were able to choose from 14 breakout sessions to participate in an in-depth discussion of a topic of their choice.

The conference ended with an upbeat presentation on celebrating global social work and its' many faces. A student poster session was displayed in the reception area after the conference ended to celebrate the projects that students are involved in.

The great success and interest in this conferences ensures that there will be many more student conferences in the future linked to the annual UN social work day.