

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS



2018 Report to the General Meeting of the International Federation
of Social Workers' Archives Project

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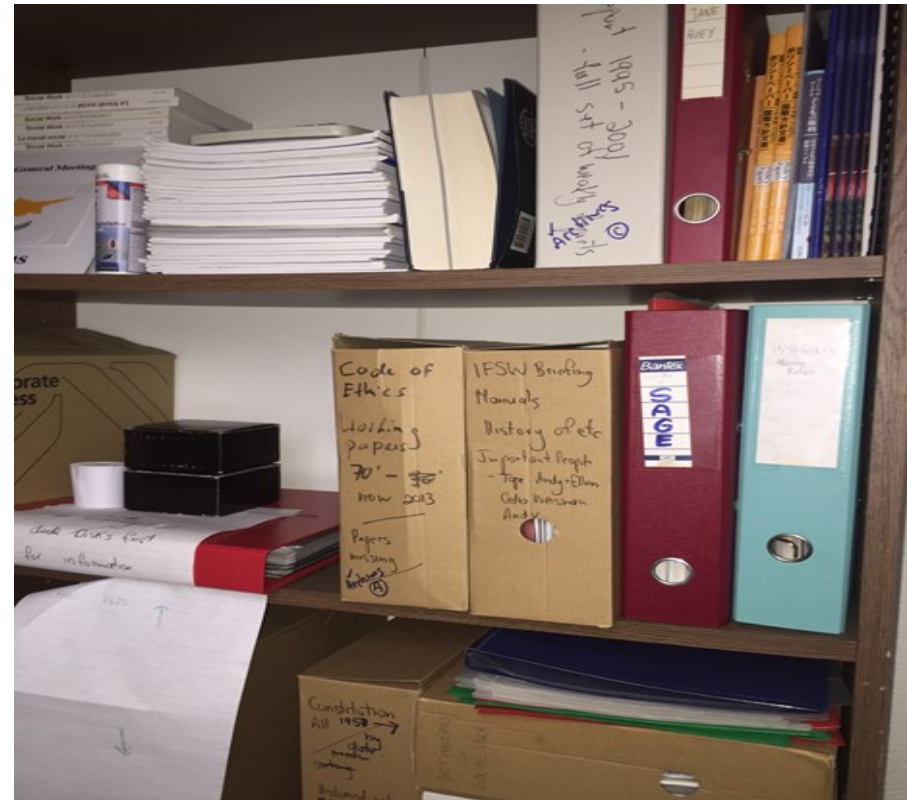
In 2013 IFSW started the Archives Project

The original aim was for all archival material being preserved for future generations and to make the IFSW archives more accessible to social workers and researchers around the world. It was expanded to include all historical records.

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- the stored material in the basement at the office of the Swiss Association of Social Workers in Bern,
- to plastic storage boxes and random shelves in the IFSW storage area in Basel

IFSW Basel

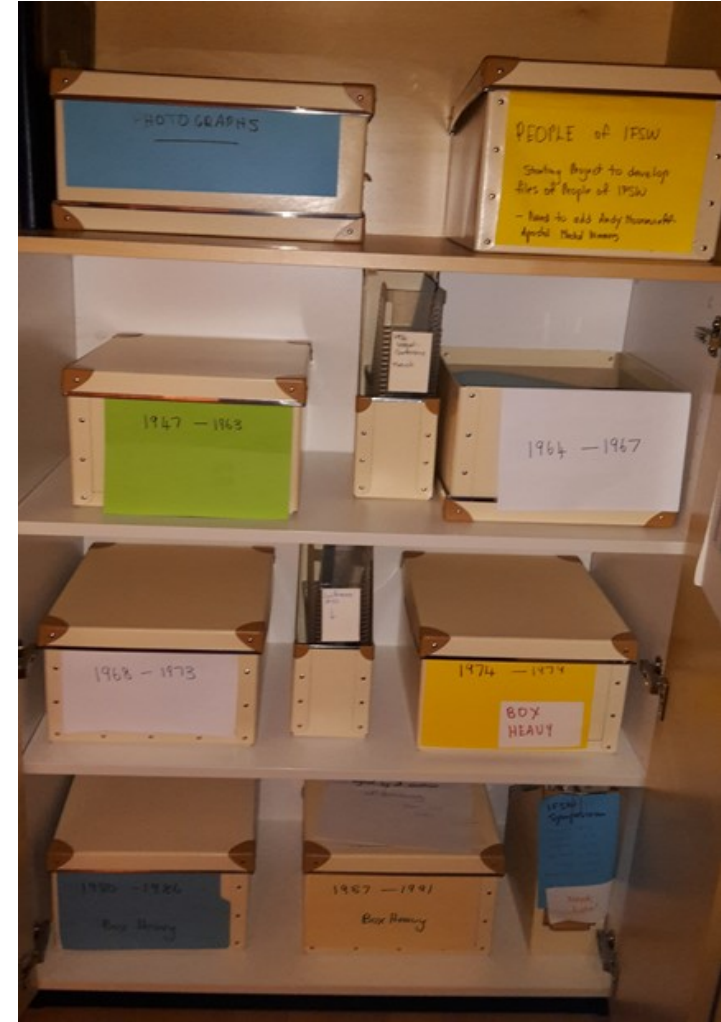


From Basel



to

IFSW Office Rheinfelden



IFSW Office in Rheinfelden 2017



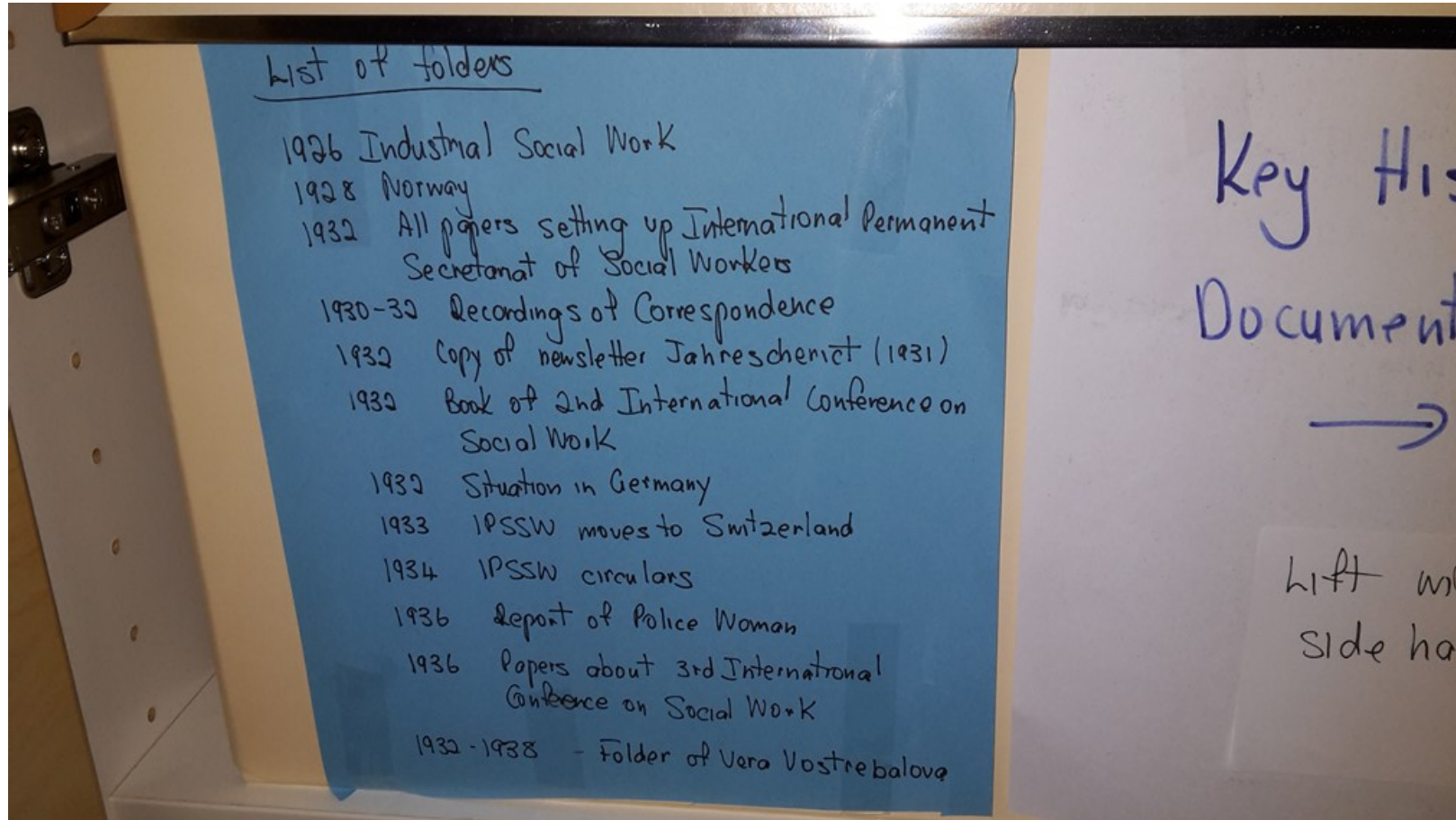
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2018



Key Historical documents

— list of folders 1926 – 1938



Phases of work 2016 to 2018

- Continued making archives and documents more accessible and available
- Building up the Archives electronic stored resources
- Moving to IFSW Office Rheinfelden
- Sorting and reviewing of documents
 - Country folders
 - Regional folders
 - Industrial Social Work Folders
 - Other folders
 - Filing contents of folders into date order
- Co-operation and networking
- Researching missing information
- Preparing information to be placed on IFSW Website
- To celebrate 90 years

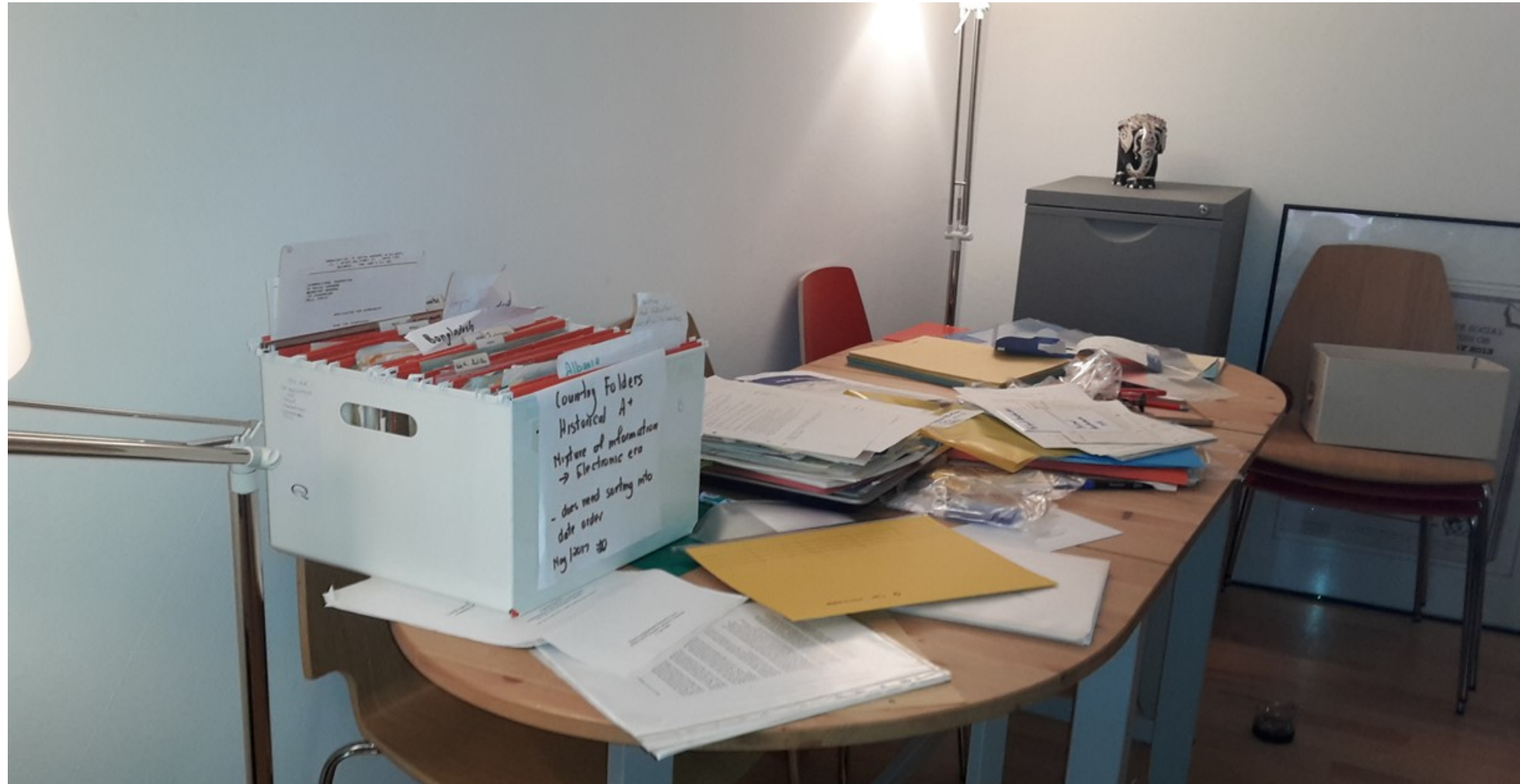
Country folders



Sorting Country Folders involved:

- Immediate paper preservation – removal of rusty paper clips and staples (within the next 5-10 years some papers will require treatment to stop further disintegration)
- Copying papers at risk of further damage
- Merging different dated country folders
 - Making country folders more accessible
 - Sorting papers and historical information into date order
 - Cross-referencing where country information is located in different parts of the archives

The time consuming task of sorting and reviewing individual countries' folders



1920 -1940 country files in archival storage boxes



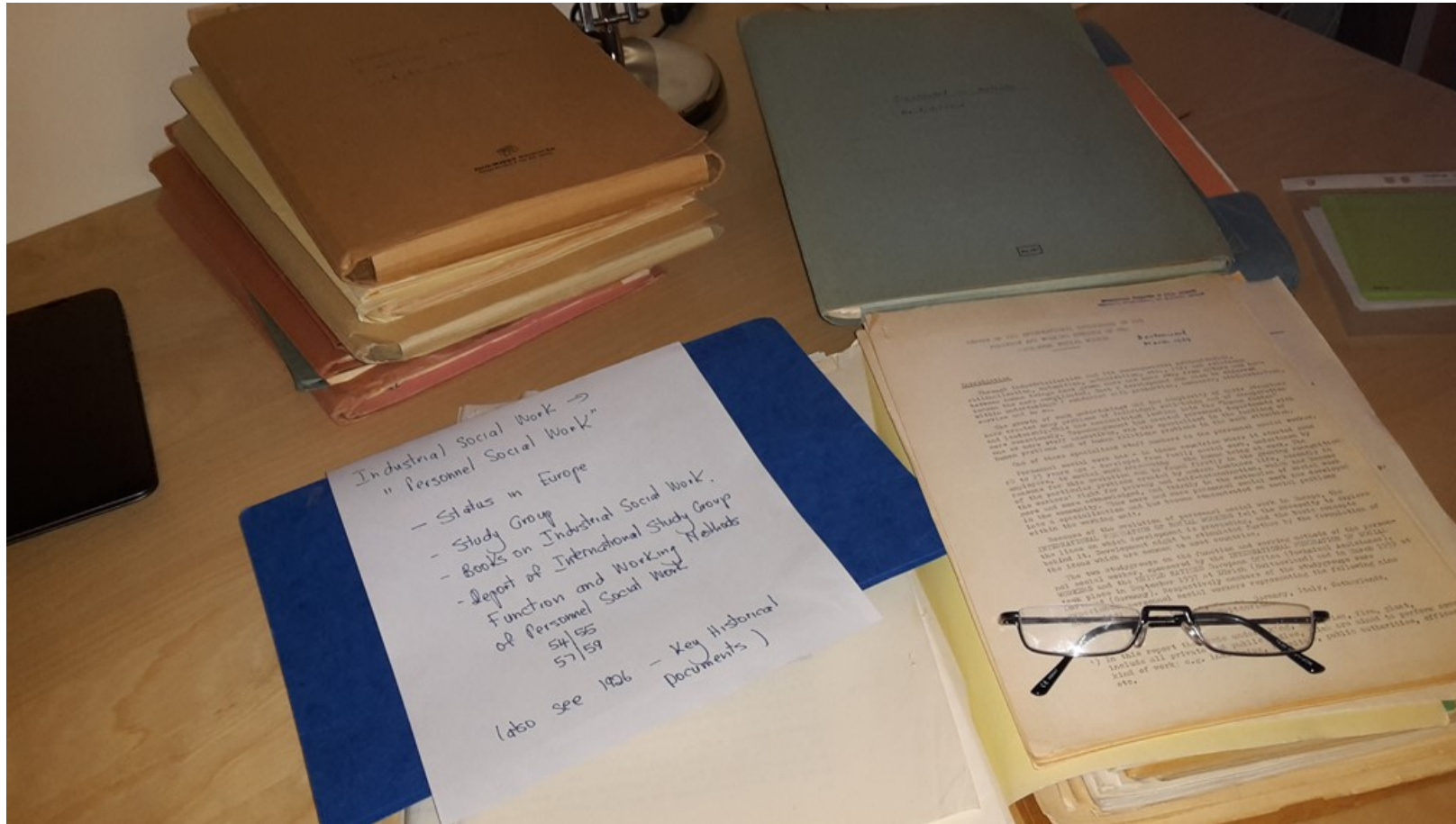
Sorting Country Folders – (cont.)

- Celebrating and assessing historical documents
- Noted updated information - all member countries in the 1980's were required to be re-assessed for membership of IFSW
- Large pile of scanning for eventual addition to IFSW Archives website (see appendix for examples)

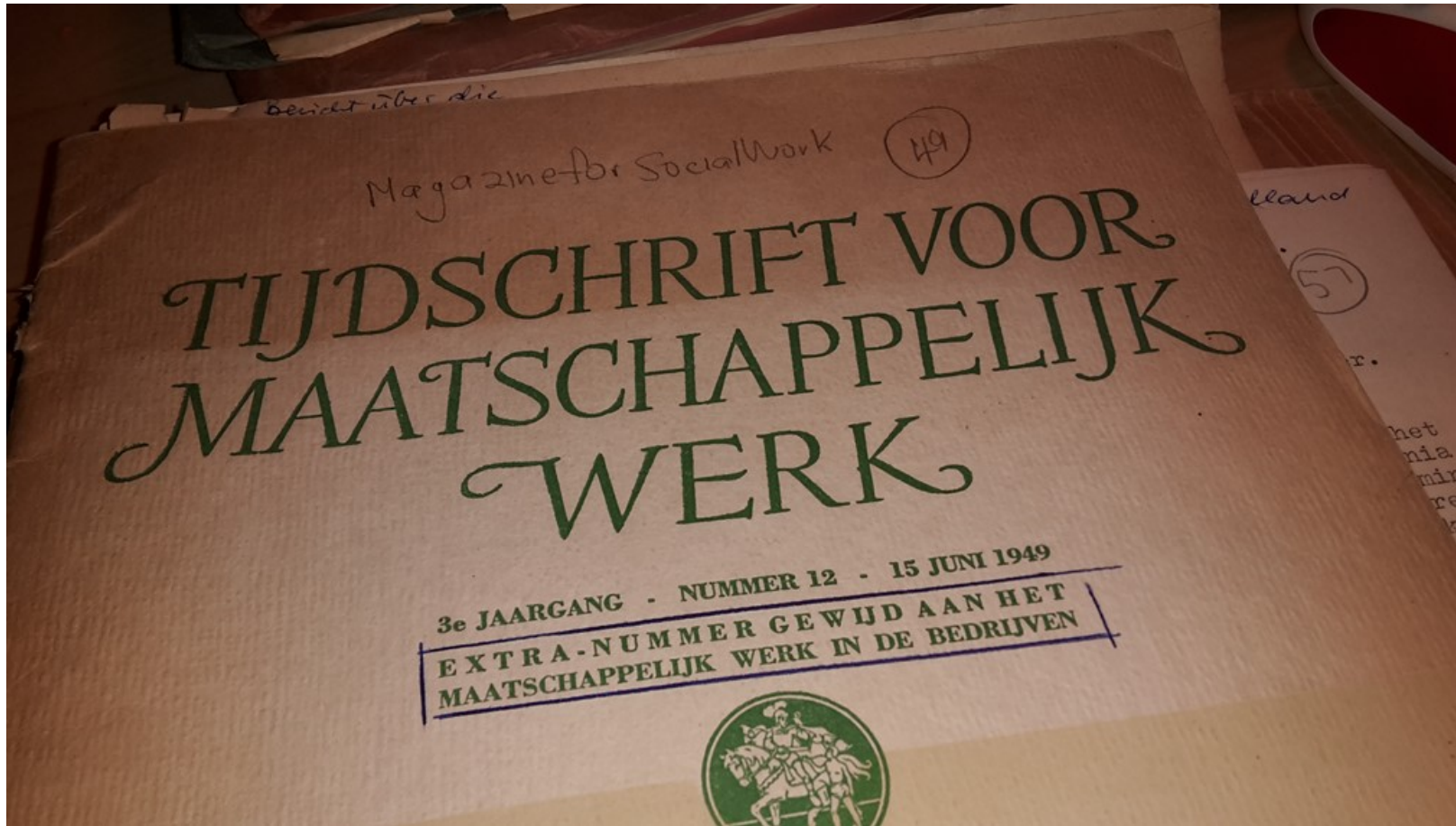
IFSW Country Folders

Argentina	Cyprus	Iceland	Mexico	Singapore	
Australia	Czechoslovakia	India	Morocco	Sri Lanka	
Austria	Denmark	Ireland	Netherland Antilles	South Africa	
Bahamas	Dominica	Iraq	Netherlands	Spain	
Bahrain	Ecuador	Israel	New Zealand	Sudan	
Belgium	Egypt	Italy	Nicaragua	Surinam	
Benin	El Salvador	Ivory Coast	Niger	Sweden	
Bermuda	Ethiopia	Jamaica	Nigeria	Switzerland	
Bolivia	Fiji	Japan	Norway	Tanzania	
Brazil	Finland	Kenya	Pakistan	Trinidad & Tobago	
Burkina Faso	France	Korea	Panama	Tunisia	
China	Germany	Kuwait	Peru	Turkey	
Cameroon	Ghana	Lebanon	Philippines	Uganda	
Canada	Greece	Libya	Poland	USA	
Chile	Guatemala	Luxembourg	Portugal	Uruguay	
Colombia	Guyana	Madagascar	Puerto Rico	United Kingdom	
Costa Rica	Haiti	Malta	Russia	Ukraine	
Cuba	Hong Kong	Malaysia	Senegal	Venezuela	
	Hungry	Mauritius	Sierra Leone	Zimbabwe	

Folders related to International Study Group 1955/56 and 1957/1959 – The function and working methods of Personnel/Industrial Social Work (sorted 2018)



Significant literature found of the Study Group – including this 1949 Journal for Social Work - Netherlands



Co-operation, providing information and networking

- German Association of Social Workers (2016 > current)
- Austrian Association of Social Worker (2018)
- Visitors to IFSW Office
- Requests for information



Researching missing information

Third International Conference on Social Work held at Bedford College, London. July 1936

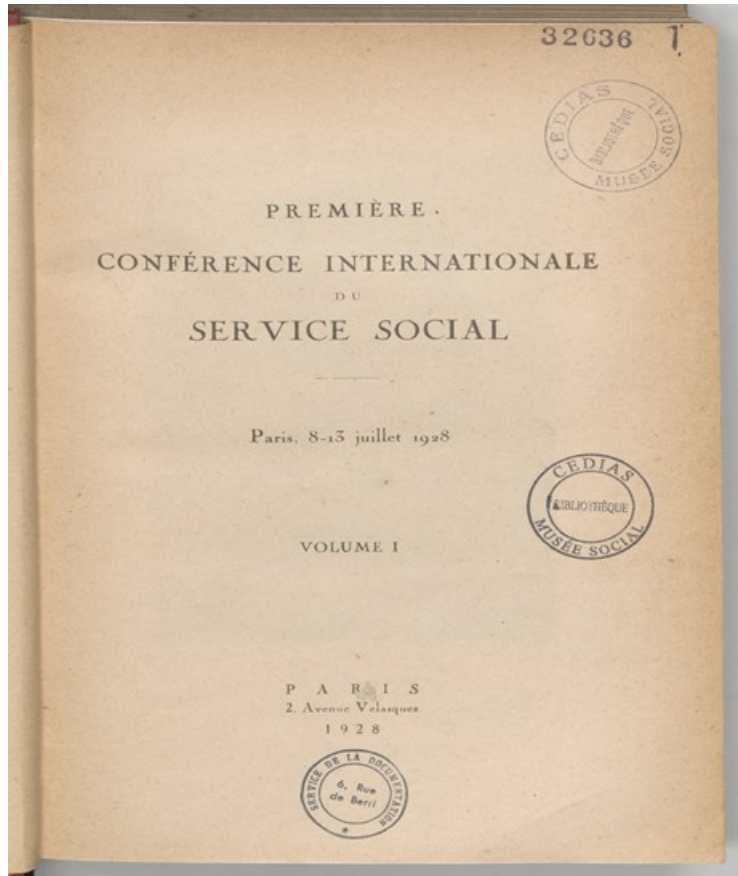
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'The Times' London
Wed July 8 1936 p9

CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL WORK

The Duke of Kent has consented to preside at the closing session of the Third International Conference on Social Work, of which he is president, at Bedford College, London, and the Government is to give a reception to the delegates at Lancaster House, London, on Tuesday next. The conference will begin on Monday next. It will be preceded on Sunday by special services at St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Cathedral, and it will continue till the following Friday. A thousand delegates, from many countries and from many parts of Great Britain, are to discuss many aspects of social work, particularly in relation to the community. Membership is open to all social workers, professional and voluntary, and to all interested in social service. Full information may be had of the secretary to the British National Committee, Denison House, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.1.

In Conclusion – celebrating our history

1928



1932





Recap History 1847 - 1930s

- 1847 to 1932 is the era of International Congresses (Conferences) which lead to the setting up of the International Permanent Secretariat of Social Workers (IPSSW) in 1932.
- International Conferences were being held since 1847 through to 1920 with the first more social work focused event in 1889
- The 1st International Conference of Social Work was held in Paris in July 1928. This format brought together over 5000 delegates, representing 42 countries. This provides the framework for the current day IASSW, ICSW and IFSW.

Signatures of people who attended 1932 Meeting

1. 13. juli 1932
 Liste de présence
 Frankfurt

Namn	Adresse
K. Wloide	Berlin NW. 90 Moltkestr. 5.
M. Meyer	Hauptstadtstrasse 101, Berlin
M. de Kossion	Mura Ind. Strassen aus Berlin
Willy Ray Carroll	The University of Chicago, U.S.A.
W. G. Miller	Kluge, Alhambra Theater, Berlin
J. van der Graaf	Forum N. 35, Leidschendam, 103
P. H. K. Brecht	Roadbarelaan 24 - den Haag
J. van der Graaf	Moygaard, Copenhagen
R. de K. de K.	Berlin Schwarzburgallee 8
J. van der Graaf	Quintus, Schumanstr. 15, Berlin
J. de K. de K.	Paris, Secrétaire générale de l'Association des Travailleurs sociaux
J. de K. de K.	Director, Charity Organization Dept, Russell Sage Foundation, New York City
A. de K. de K.	Berlin
K. de K. de K.	Prag II, Hermauora 1169
J. de K. de K.	Berlin, Johannesstr. 12 C. S. R.

Rachel Gervaise, Croix Rouge de Belgique, Bruxelles
 naemi Granfeldt, Allmänna Rättshögskolan, Jönköping
 U. de K. de K., Centralförbundet för kvinnligt arbete
 A. de K. de K., Ecole Centrale de Service Social
 12 rue du grand Arf, Bruxelles
 D. de K. de K., Berlin, Leipzigerstr. 49
 J. de K. de K., Paris
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1932 to 1950's

- Period of significant turmoil for people in many countries and the profession of social work.
- The next International Social Work Conference was held in England 1936, and Conference for Prague 1940 did not proceed
- 1948 - meetings in New York lead to the development of plans for setting up the current IFSW. This was achieved in 1956 at the 8th International Social Work Conference when IFSW was constituted and legally incorporated 1957.



Papers held in the IFSW Office include:

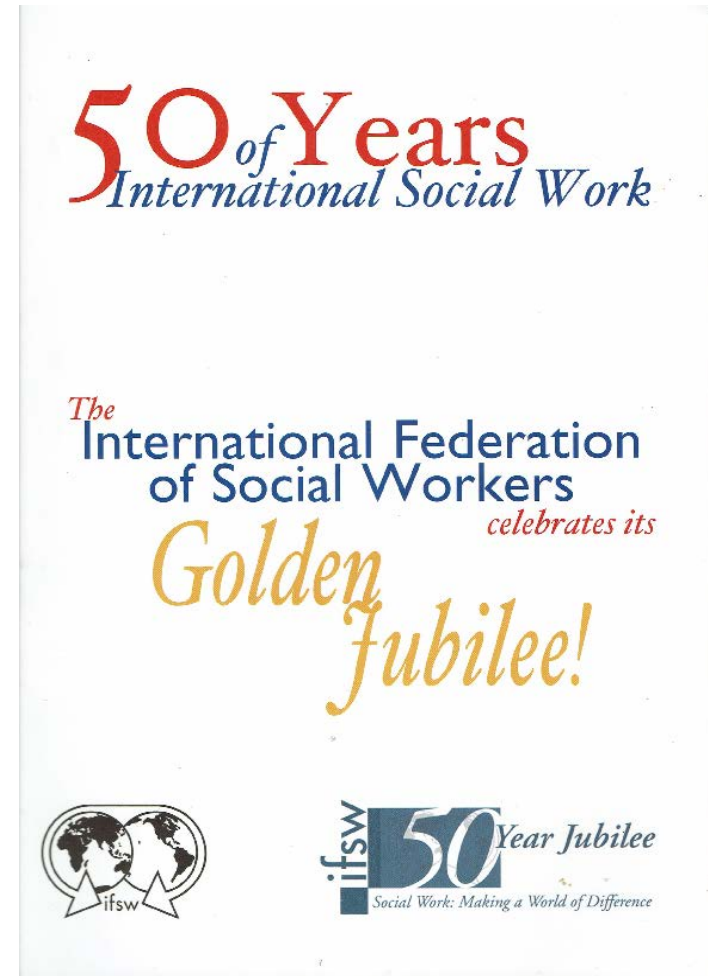
- Copy of the Proceeding of the Conference 1956 including the meeting minutes setting up modern day IFSW
- Original copies of meeting documents
- Constitution

History 1956 - going forward: the modern era of IFSW

*Golden Jubilee History
50 years of history by
Nigel Hall*

Archives website

http://cdn.ifsw.org/assets/ifsw_83941-9.pdf

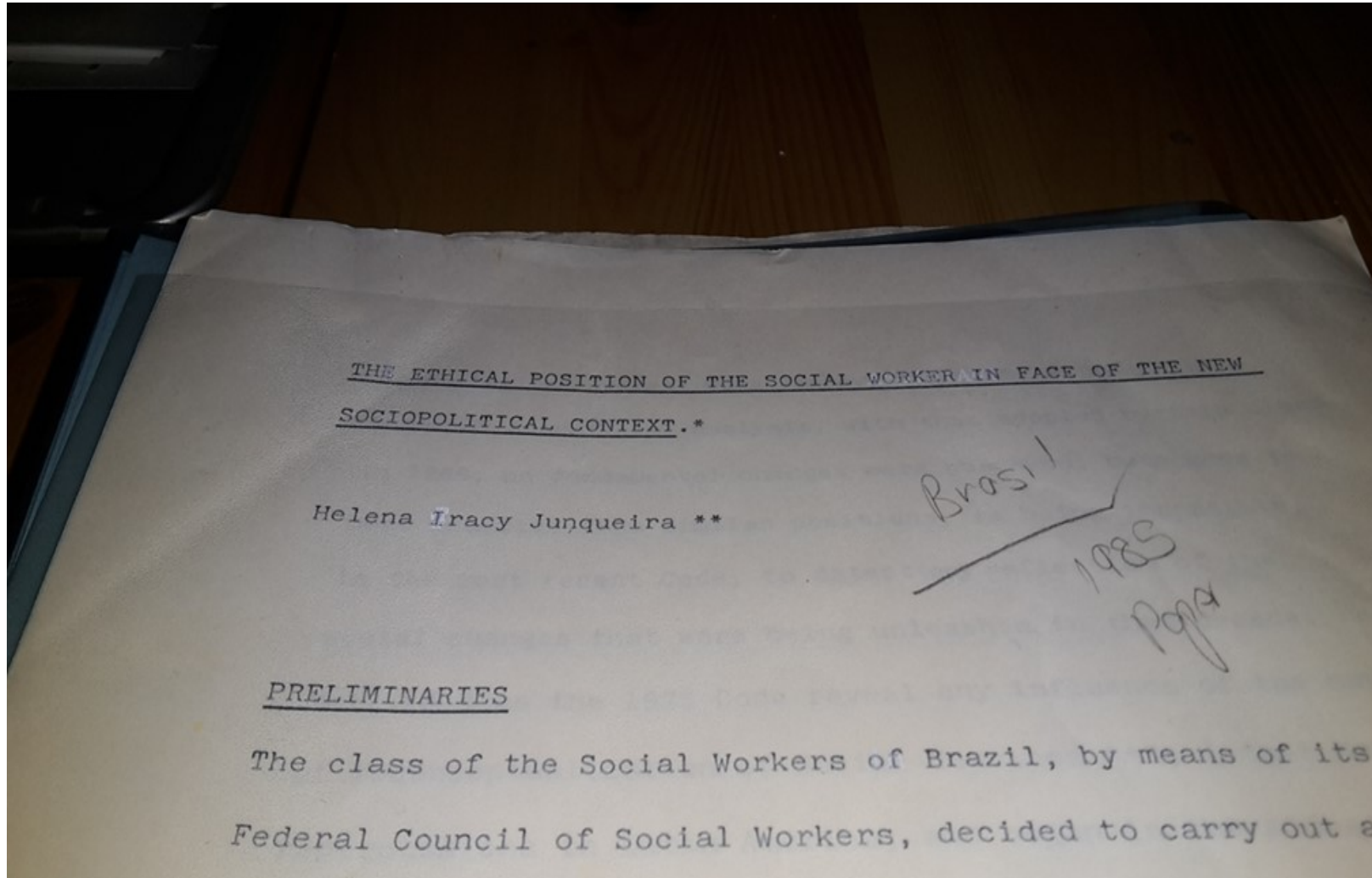


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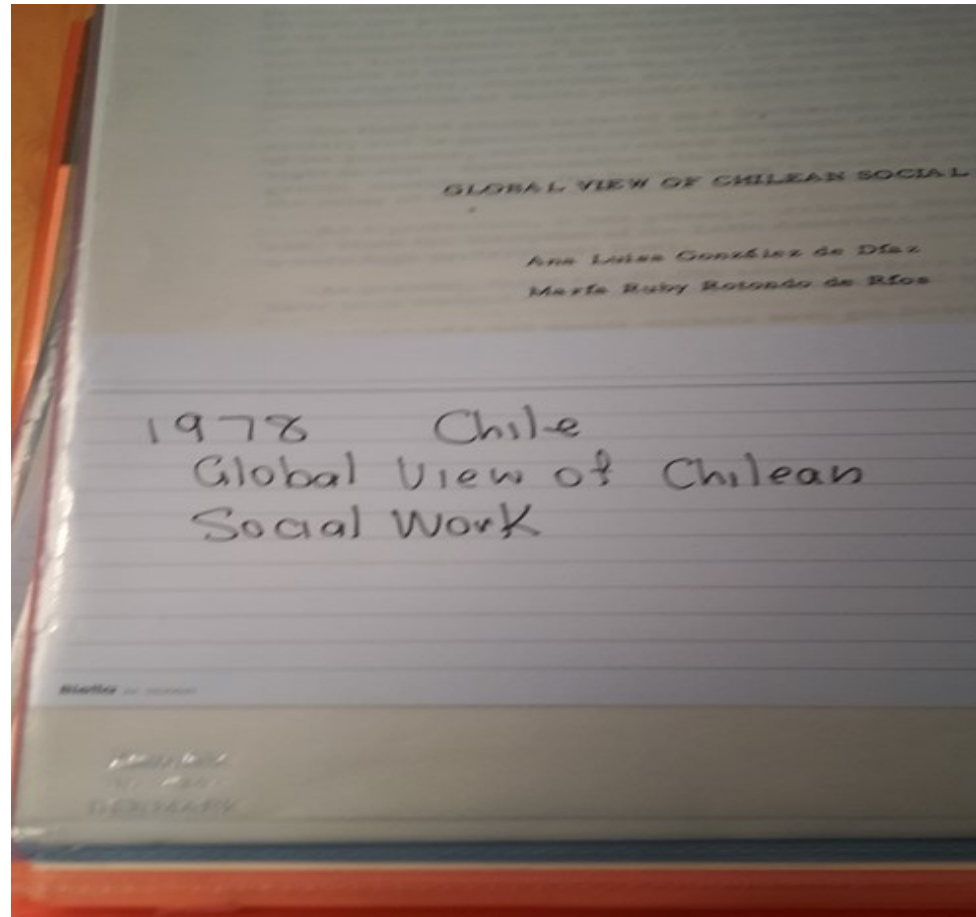


Appendix – a few examples of Country information/resources waiting to be electronically scanned

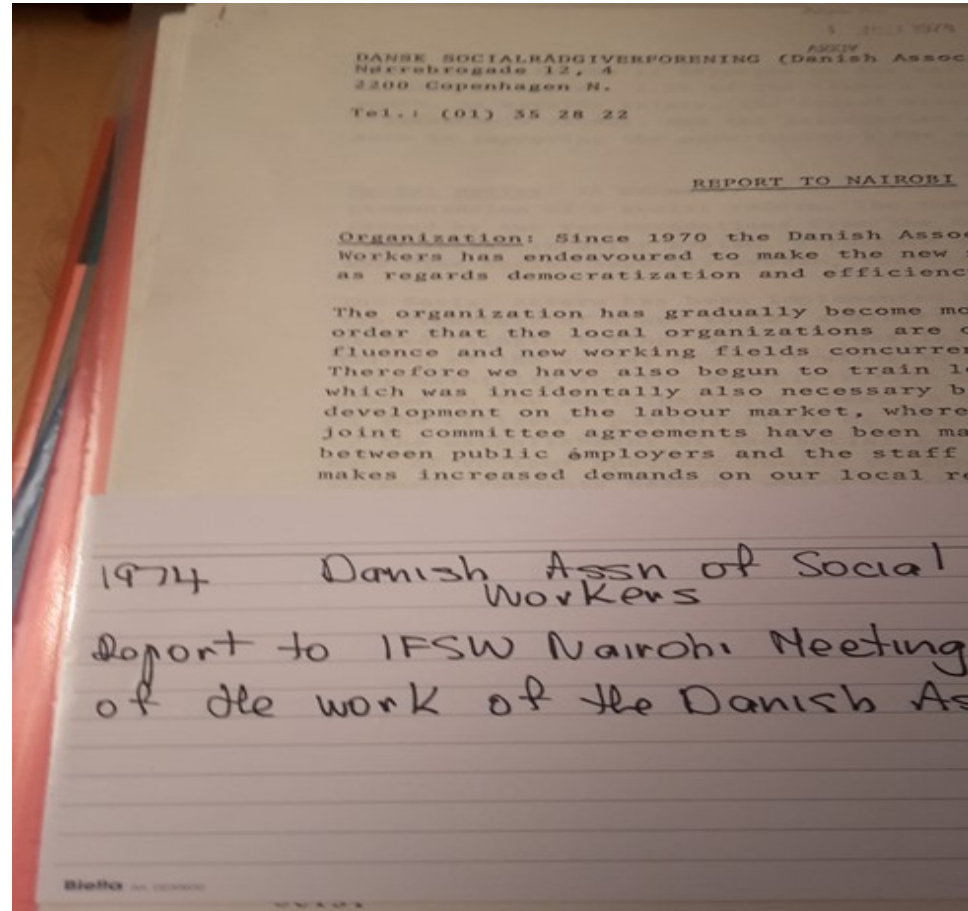
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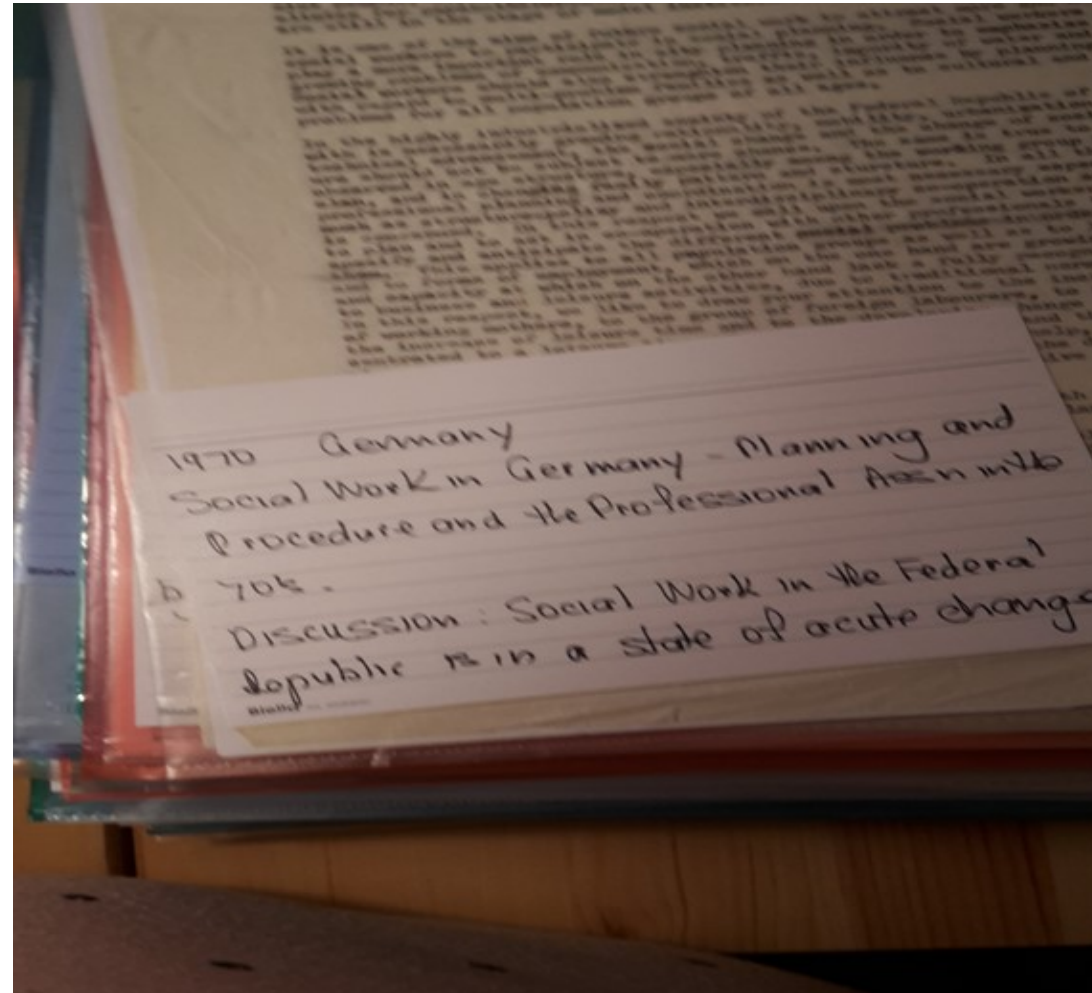
Chile 1978



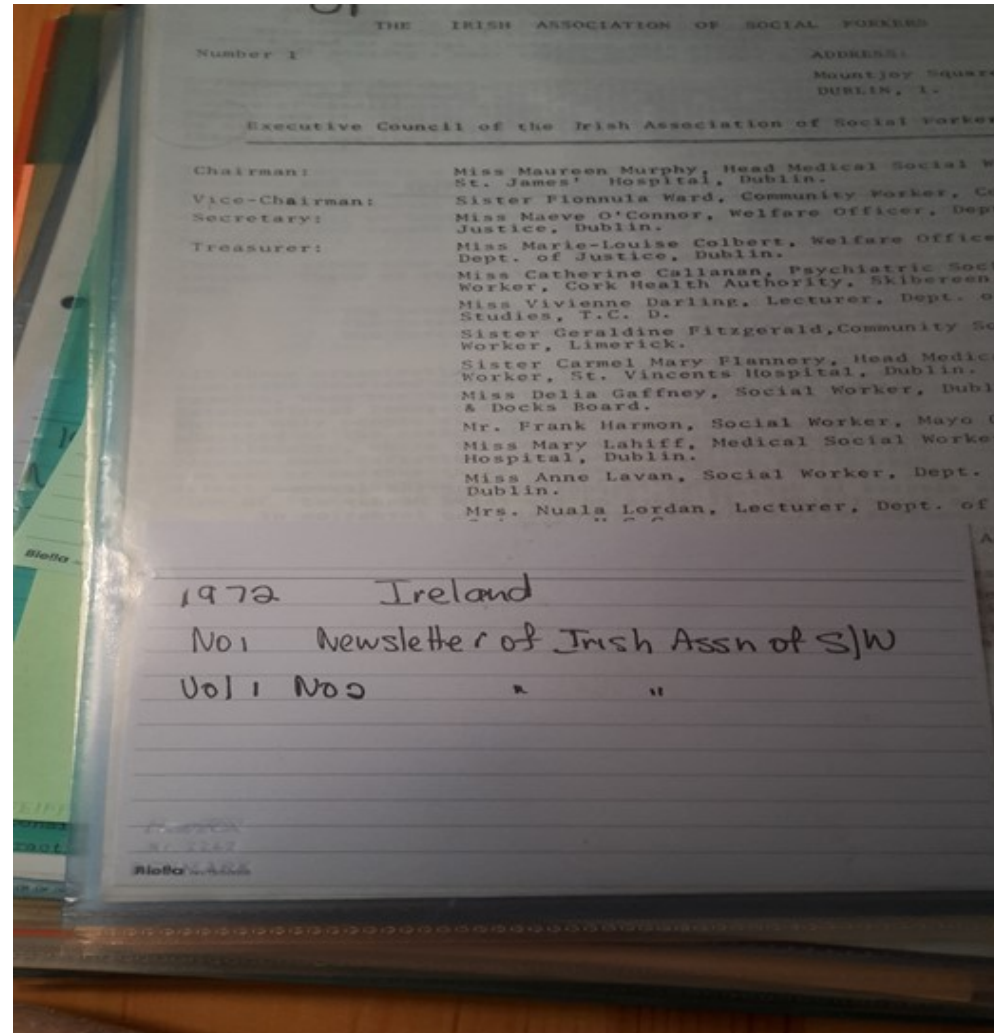
Danish Association 1974



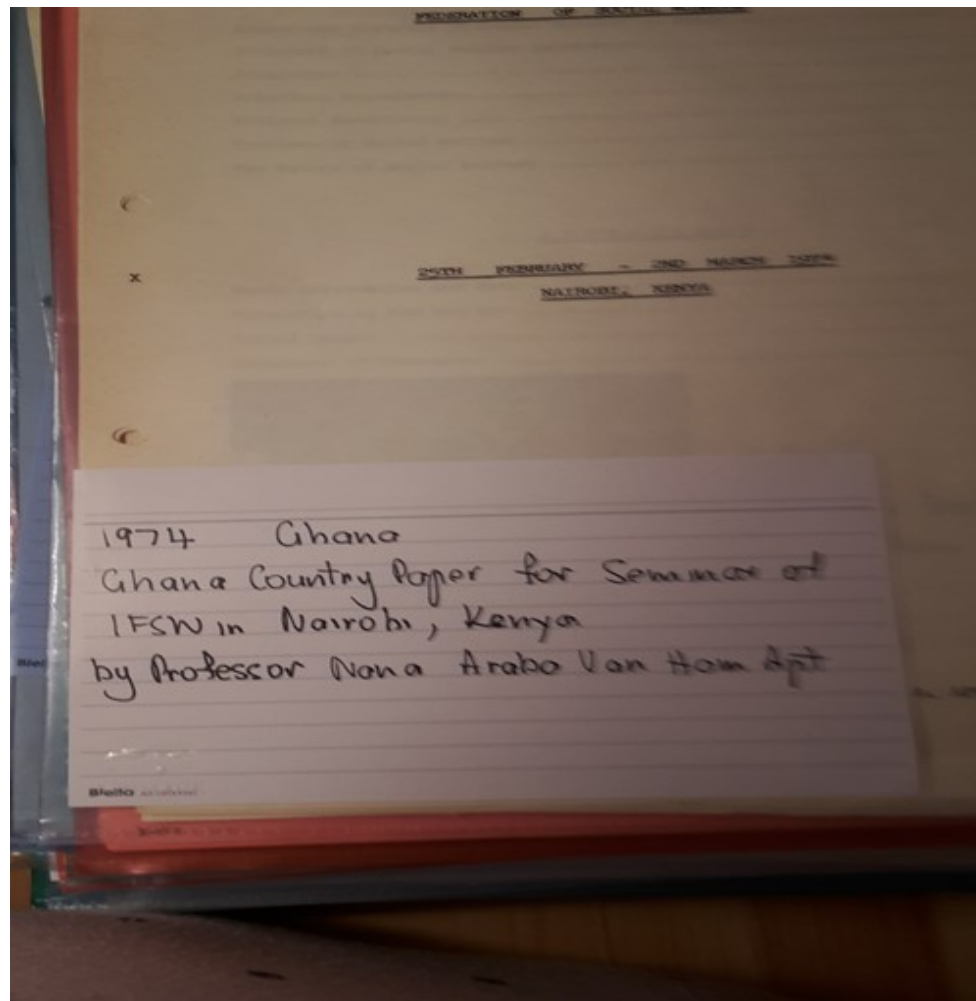
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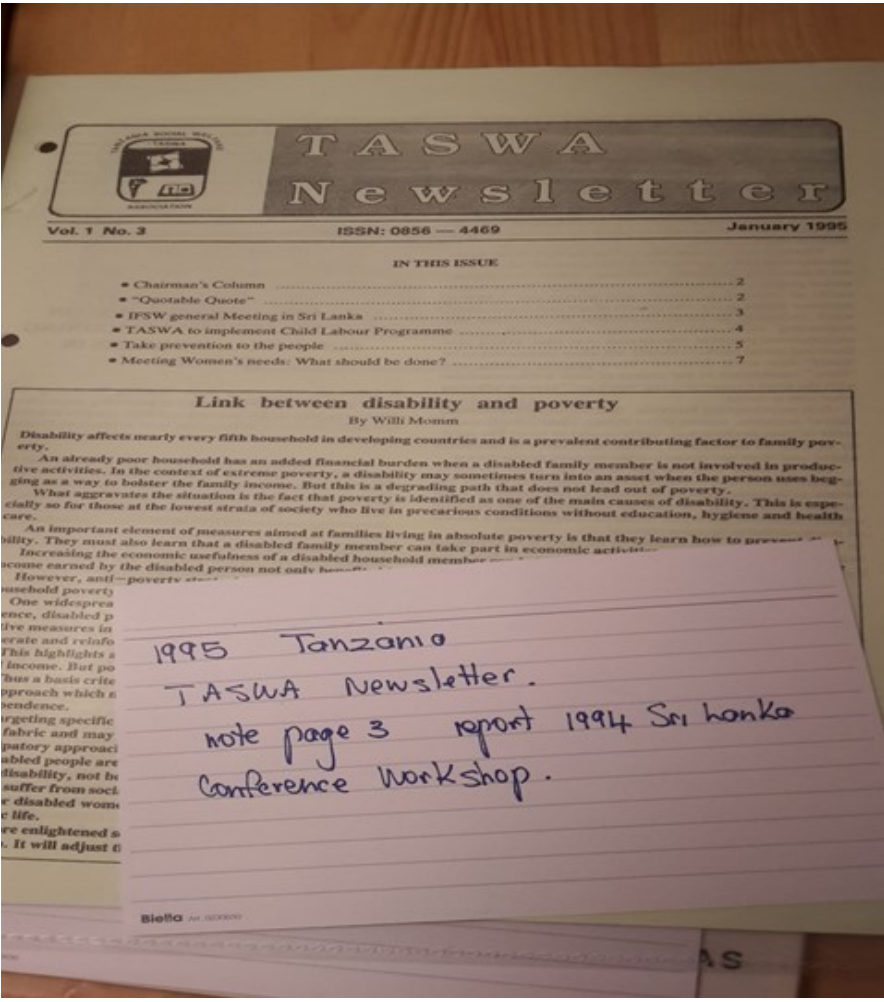
Ireland 1972



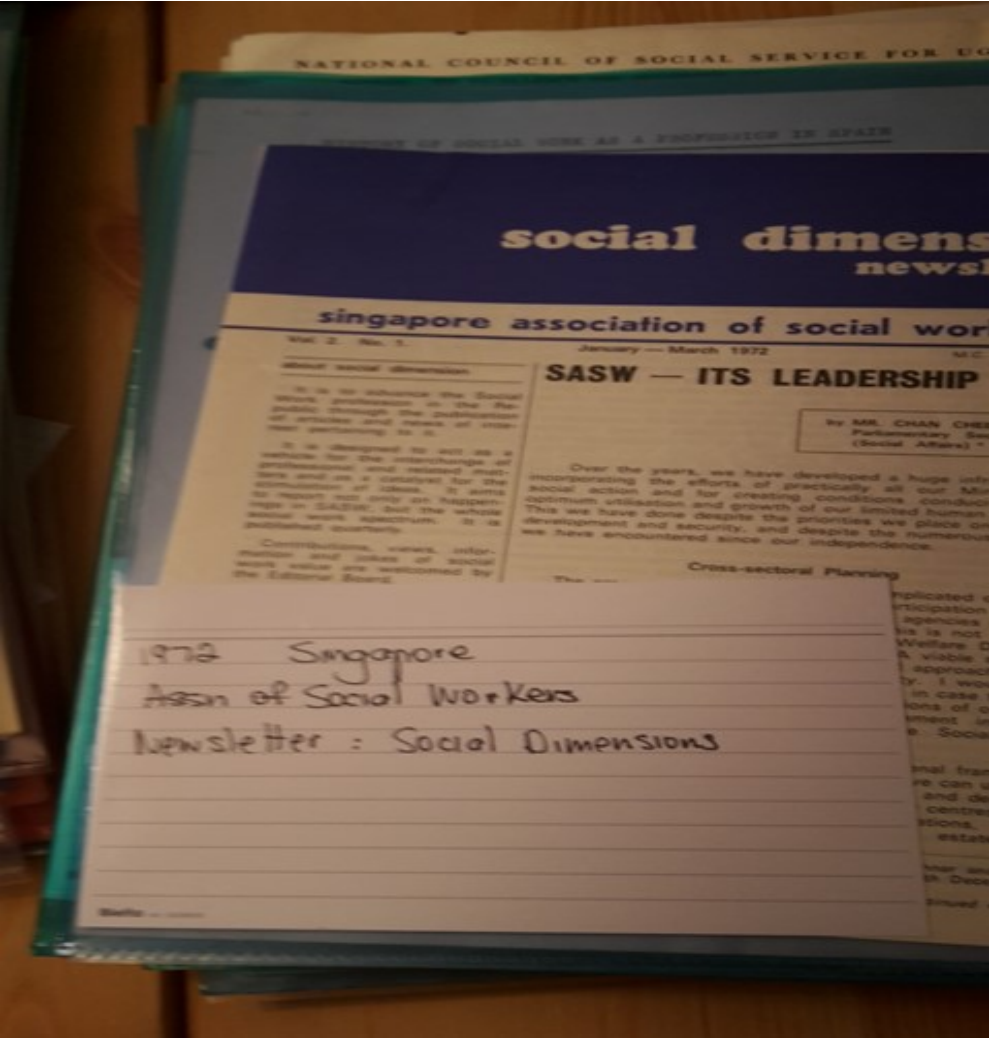
Ghana 1974



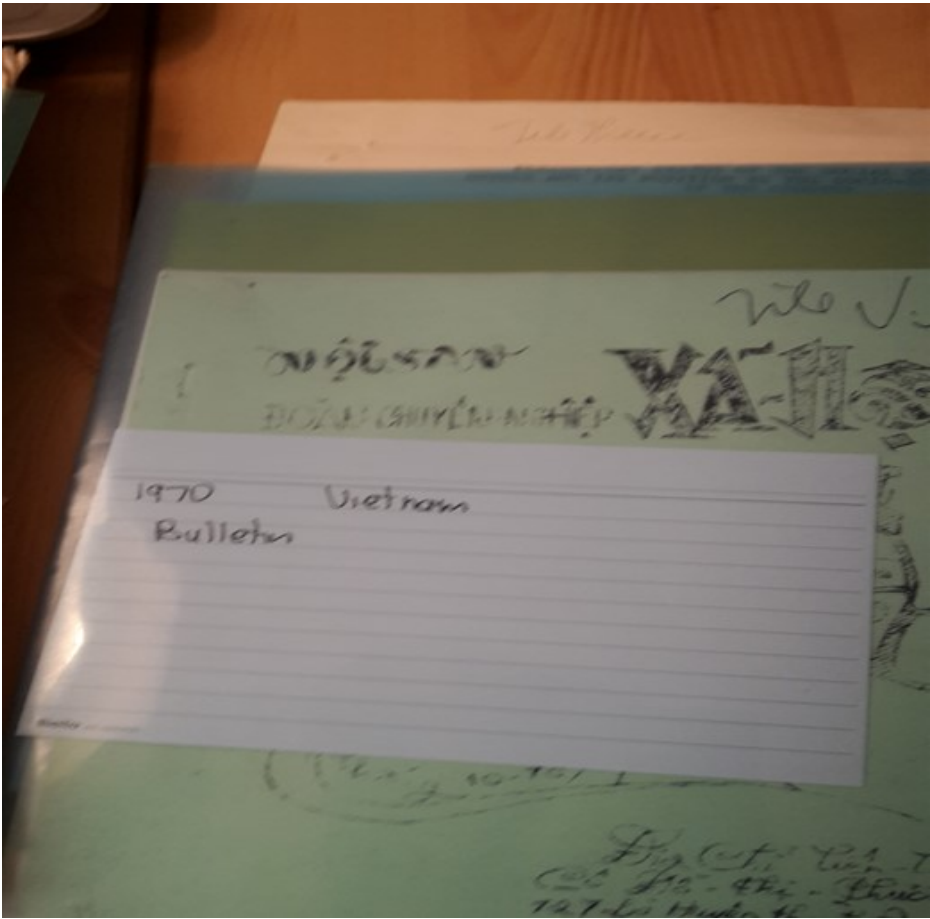
Tanzania 1995 – includes photos 1994 Conference Workshop in Sri Lanka



Singapore 1972



Vietnam 1970



New Zealand - Aotearoa 1967

