**Dear members of IFSW-AP region**

Greetings to you all and all the social workers in the region who are actively working to restore hope to needy people and respect to those social workers who passed away and without their efforts, we were not what we are now.

Iran Association of Social Workers has a history of 61 years and is active in different fields of policy making, education, research and giving consulting services to GOs and NGOs.

I am pleased that the election for the position of IFSW-AP vice president made an opportunity for me to introduce myself to you and propose some programs for the region.

At first, as a member of the region, I congratulate both other dear candidates from Hong Kong and India, which I consider both of them as my closed friends, to honestly become candidates for the position. As all the members have the right of voting, I appreciate you all for taking part in the elections, whether you vote for me or to any other one of the two other candidates.

As a social worker I did several actions in Iran with the help of my other friends and colleagues which Iranian social workers claim that they were effective in making new potentials for social work and raise the visibility of the profession in Iran.

* Teaching in different universities for the last 25 years, Have 34 published books in social work which some republished for 13-14 times so far and some of them are main references in universities of Iran.
* I founded the most vide speared and comprehensive social program in Iran which is social emergency service and community stations.
* Efforts which concluded in having the first ever **“social work street”** in the world (base on reports from IFSW secretary general in December 2017) and **“social work park”** in Iran.
* Having the **“best social ideas festival”** for the first time and getting approvals for the copy right for social ideas in Iran.
* Implementing ideas including **social health medal**, making a **national social profile**, **national social work anthem**, having social workers as the main person to make **social profiles** for people referring to courts in Iran.
* Have had national positions in organizations under the president and ministry of labor and social welfare and with trusts from Iranian social workers I have been elected as president of Iran Association of Social Workers for 3 terms.
* As the ethics commissionaire of AP region in IFSW I was actively involved in finalizing the new joint ethical statement.
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I believe that above everything, my most important feature is that I am a social worker.

I do believe that some actions are necessary in order to make social work more effective. These actions seem to be important in AP region as well:

* Preparing and developing **standards for social work services** in the region.
* Planning to increase knowledge of social workers in the region about **policy making** and effectiveness in relevant **social policies**.
* Assessment of **social health** and preparing a regional report about it as a **regional document**.
* Documentation and sharing **experiences**.
* Active involvement in **revising curriculums** with cooperation with IASSW and APASWE.
* Taking advantage from capacities of **other science subjects** as social work is an **interdisciplinary** subject.
* Continued assessment for **social work needs** in the region.
* Promoting the **ethical statement** in the region.
* Identification of **new social work ideas** based on the conditions of the region.
* Having a **database from social workers** in the region.

Please vote for Iran Association of Social Workers if you find the above programs interesting. I will always be ready to help IFSW and social workers community anyway in order to help the human kind.

I respect your choice apart from who you are voting to and I am sure that the two other candidates main effort will be also social development for the region and helping human beings.

In the end appreciate and respect every single social worker in Iran who helped.

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Ethics Commissionaire of IFSW-AP

And president of Iran Association of Social Workers