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IFSW AT 50 YEARS!

The International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) is a global organisation striving for social justice, human rights and social development through the development of social work, best practices and international cooperation between

social workers and their professional organisations. We are very pleased to celebrate our 50th anniversary in Munich in 2006, where we started out – on 9 August 1956!



IFSW Executive Committee.

From left: Juan Manuel Latorre Carvajal, Justina Leung, Charles Mbugua, Joaquina Barata Teixeira, Fiona Robertson, Tom Johannesen, Imelda Dodds, Monica Egan, Ellen Oliver, David N. Jones, Gary Bailey, John Ang

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The IFSW is celebrating its 50th anniversary in Munich in 2006 and it is fitting that we have now returned to the city where the revitalised IFSW convened in August 1956. During the intervening years we have grown steadily from having member organisations in 12 countries to 80. We have over the years established a solid framework and moved IFSW from being a cooperation tool for a limited group of western colleagues to a global body of social workers serving a platform for professional identity across borders. Through a number of world and regional conferences, the development of core international documents to guide social work concepts and practices and ongoing representation at the United Nations and other international bodies, IFSW is today the global voice of social work practice. The vision expressed in 1956 for IFSW to “find definite ways and means for contact between national associations with the aim of raising the professional level of their members” has become a reality.

- Imelda Dodds, Sydney

IFSW Representatives 2004-2006



Sue Dvorak-Peck



IFSW meeting Bern with nuns at the Villa Maria, 2001

IFSW Ambassador

Sue Dvorak-Peck, USA

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Officers' meeting, Bern 2000



Executive Committee meeting, Washington, 2005



Andy, Gayle and Njaal Petter Svensson, Norway, Vice President Europe

Background to the setting up of IFSW (Pre-1956):

IFSW's beginnings go back to the early part of the last century:

- At the First International Conference on Social Work held in Paris in **1928**, the suggestion was made that an International Association of Social Workers be formed; then
- At the Second International Conference on Social Work held in Frankfurt in **1932** provisional statutes of the **International Permanent Secretariat of Social Workers (IPSSW)** were agreed by 8 founding members – Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States. IPSSW was initially based in Berlin.
- Finally at the Fifth International Conference on Social Work held in Paris in 1950 an agreement to form a new body was approved provided that seven national bodies became members – achieved in **1956** when the **International Federation of Social Workers** was formed in Munich. A new Secretariat was established in New York, sharing office with the National Association of Social Workers.

Our President Imelda Dodds



Imelda Dodds is the President of the Inter-national Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) and has been an Executive Member or Office Bearer since 1994. She is a Past President of the Australian Association of Social Workers (1993-1997) and Vice President New South Wales Council of Social Services NCOSS (1999-2001).

Imelda graduated with her social work degree from Curtin University Western Australia in 1976. She later completed a Masters of Public Policy at Murdoch University in the same state. Imelda is a social worker and consultant specialising in the fields of social policy, disability, and guardianship. As the

former Public Guardian of WA and now a member of the Guardianship Tribunal of NSW Imelda has extensive experience working with community advocacy services, statutory agencies and of operating within legislative frameworks.

Imelda has a strong commitment to the goals of IFSW and to the critical role of social work in the international community and to the pursuit of our commitment to the principles of social justice and a tolerant and peaceful civil society. She is also a passionate advocate of furthering a strong relationship between social work practice and the schools of social work. Imelda will finish her term as President of IFSW in August 2006.

Imelda lives in Sydney with her partner Hilary, who is a legal academic specialising in alternative dispute resolution – and of course their two cats.

Our Secretary General Tom Johannesen



Tom became the new Secretary General of IFSW from January 1, 1993. A native of Norway, Tom graduated in social work in 1972 from the State College in

Trondheim, Norway, and thereafter worked in child psychiatry, child welfare and social welfare until his appointment as Executive Manager of the Norwegian Association of Social Workers (NOSO) in 1982, having been NOSO's Honorary Treasurer from 1976.

Tom is a valuable and highly regarded chief executive of our organisation who has provided leadership and direction for over 13 years – together with his wife Lisbeth who was IFSW's Communications Officer, but who sadly passed away in 2004.

From 1956 to the present day: Some key milestones in the 50 years

1950s:

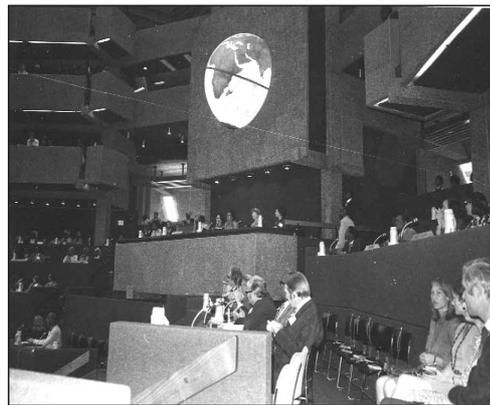
- ❑ Organisations in 12 countries¹ form IFSW at 8th International Conference of Social Work held in Munich (1956).
- ❑ The journal *International Social Work* starts with IASSW and ICSW (1958). Also IFSW Newsletter "The Social Worker" has its first edition.
- ❑ Consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council approved (1959).

1960s:

- ❑ Special session at Rome 10th World Conference focused on "The Role of the Social Worker in Influencing Social Policy" (1960).
- ❑ IFSW asked to contribute to UN survey on international training for social workers. Concerns expressed about situation in South Africa (1963).
- ❑ Start of IFSW's European Region (1965), Regional Conference for Asia (1967) and First World Conference (1968).

1970s:

- ❑ Suspension of South Africa from membership (1970).
- ❑ Paid Secretariat established (1972).
- ❑ 3rd World Conference held in Africa (Nairobi) (1974).



World Conference Nairobi, 1974

1. Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland, United Kingdom and USA.

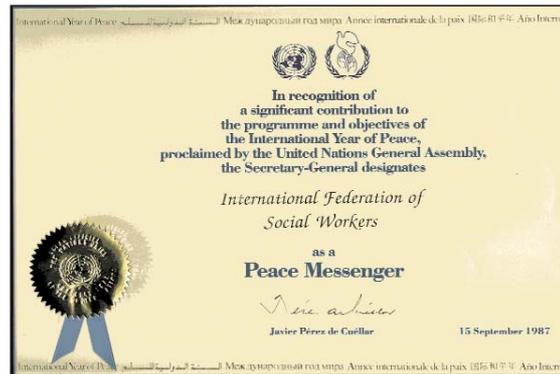
Some key milestones in the 50 years ... *continued*

1980s:

- ❑ Definition of Social Work formulated (Brighton 1982).
- ❑ IFSW declared "Peace Messenger" by the UN (1985).
- ❑ Keynote address to Stockholm Conference by Paolo Freire and IFSW Commission on Human Rights set up (1988).



Augusta MacCabe (President) & colleagues, Dublin 1987



UN General Assembly designates IFSW as Peace Messenger Sept 1987



Among group, sitting from left - Janie Thomas, Gayle Gilchrist James, Grace Vaughan.
Standing no 2 from right - Augusta McCabe. Andy & Ellen at left standing

Some key milestones in the 50 years ... continued

1990s:

- ❑ Publication of *Beyond Medicine: The Social Work Response to the Growing Challenges of AIDS* (1991).
- ❑ IFSW attends UN World Summit for Social Development (1995).
- ❑ Closer relationships develop with Gulf social workers (1998).
- ❑ Plans approved to relocate IFSW Secretariat from Oslo to Bern, Switzerland (1999).



Gulf Social Work Conference, Kuwait, 1998



IFW Executive, Helsinki, 1999

First IFSW ECCO meeting held in New York

At the IFSW General Meeting in Jerusalem 1998, new arrangements for executive meetings were approved, including the establishment of an Executive Committee Council of Officers (ECCO), consisting of the President, the five regional Vice Presidents and the Treasurer. ECCO had its first meeting in New York City January 18 - 20 with all officers present.

As part of the meeting, a visit to the United Nations and talks with the IFSW Representatives to the UN in New York took place. ECCO also met with the Board of Directors and members from the New York City Chapter of NASW. The meeting was mainly held at the Columbia University School of Social Work, established in 1898.

Biannual Activity Plan 1998 - 2000
Based on the recommendations of the General Meeting, a main theme at the meeting was to develop a coordinated Activity Plan for the period 1998 - 2000, for the first time in IFSW. The different activities were prioritized and put into a structure that is aimed at enhancing transparency toward the member associations and others.

Further development of Policy Statements
Based on recommendations from the Executive Committee Sub-Committee on Policy, the Policy Statements on Child Welfare, Peace and Disarmament and Self-Help were suspended for further consideration. The Executive Committee, meeting in Helsinki in June 1999, will be asked to consider developing a broader

social policy platform that will incorporate these and possibly others of the IFSW Policy Statements. ECCO approved a revised International Policy on Older Persons, just in time for the UN International Year of Older Persons.

Relocating the IFSW Secretariat
ECCO approved plans to relocate the IFSW Secretariat to Bern, Switzerland after having been located in Oslo, Norway since 1993.

The move is based on cooperation and sharing of offices with the Swiss member association. The move is also expected to facilitate cooperation with the United Nations and other international NGOs. The move is scheduled to take place in September 1999.

Links strengthened between Gulf social work and IFSW Gulf Social Work Conference in Kuwait, November 21 - 23, 1998

The Kuwait Association of Social Workers invited the IFSW President and Secretary General to participate in the Gulf Social Work Conference, which is held every second year.

The Conference gathered social workers not only from the Gulf region (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates), but also other Arab countries as Lebanon and Egypt.

The theme was: "The Civil Society in the Gulf", focusing on the rapid changes in the region and the need for collaborative and integrated

efforts to meet the challenges of a modern world. The Conference was opened by the Minister of Social Affairs, and included a number of contributions on how voluntary organisations and societies can act in the ongoing process of transformation.

Abdul Aziz Abdulla Al-Sarawi, President of the Kuwait Association of Social Workers, (photo to the right) expressed the commitment of Gulf social workers to be active in international social work. As of today, only Bahrain and Kuwait are in IFSW-membership. IFSW had discussions with the social worker organisation in the United Arab Emirates, who is hosting the next Gulf Conference in 2001, on possible membership in the Federation, as well as with the Arab Federation of Social Workers on extended co-operations with Arab countries outside the Gulf region.

In some countries, such as Saudi Arabia, the possibility of forming organisations are limited, while obtaining support from the authorities to link with international organi-



isations as IFSW is difficult in others. Nevertheless, the rapid changes in the region and the ongoing links between Gulf and Arab social work and IFSW give reason to believe that we in the future will be able to experience a stronger presence in international social work from this part of the world.



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Meeting in Kuwait, interpreter in middle, 1998

Some key milestones in the 50 years ... continued

2000s:

- ❑ The new Definition of Social Work also adopted by the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) (2001).
- ❑ New IFSW training manual on *Social Work and the Rights of the Child* published (2002).
- ❑ Ethics of Social Work – Statement of Ethical Principles (Jointly adopted with IASSW in 2004).
- ❑ Global Qualifying Standards for Social Work education (Jointly adopted with IASSW in 2004).
- ❑ Accreditation to UN Habitat (2005).
- ❑ World Conference held in Munich – the birthplace of IFSW in 1956 (2006).



Evelyn Balais Serrano, Juan Manuel Latorre Carvajal, Terry Bamford, Gloria Lizarraga Sossa, Montreal, 2000



Sue Dvorak Peck, Josephine Allen, Isadora Hare, Montreal 2000

Inauguration of Permanent IFSW Office The Officers' Meeting preparing IFSW for the Future

IFSW inaugurated its new permanent Secretariat site in Berne January 28 during the Officers' Meeting. Montreal July 25-27, based on distribution to member associations by the end of April.

In close cooperation with the Swiss Association of Professionals in Social Work, the Secretariat has moved into two convenient offices centrally located in the Swiss capital. The site is designed to be permanent, and not to move around as new Secretary Generals have been taking office as the history of IFSW has been up till now with offices changing from New York to Basle to Geneva and to Oslo. The Secretary General, Tom Johannessen, has moved with the office from Norway and is joined by the new part time Information Officer, Lisbeth Mattsson.

IFSW's Officers had their annual meeting January 27-29, following a meeting in the Task Force on a New Definition of Social Work January 26 and a meeting between executive representatives of IFSW and the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) January 30.

The Officers continued their efforts to shape IFSW for future challenges by developing the action plan and bi-annual report instruments, meant to make the member associations more able to form directions for their international body and enhance transparency. A Strategic Plan for the Federation is also being designed, focusing on priorities and decision making for current and future efforts.

As part of the meeting a study visit to the United Nations in Geneva was arranged with high-level meetings at the United Nations and with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. The expected outcome of these meetings will among other things be to strengthen the human rights training both in schools of social work and for the social work profession.

The Officers' Meeting received a report on the work with a New Definition of Social Work, which has reached a final level, and will be presented to the General Meeting in



Inaugurating the new IFSW Secretariat. From the left: Tom Johannessen, IFSW Secretary General, Erlan Munoz (left), Gloria Lizarraga Sossa, IFSW Representative to the UN in Geneva holding Berna's symbol, a bear, Lisbeth Mattsson, IFSW President and former President, Secretary General of the Swiss Association of Professionals in Social Work.

Among other themes at the Meeting were:

- The IFSW World Conference in Harare 2002, endorsing as preliminary theme: "Building Effective Strategies: Social Work in a New Era"
- Membership issues, including receiving applications from Peru and the Dominican Republic and notification that Lebanon will apply shortly.
- IFSW Investment Policy after the move to Switzerland
- Follow-up of the Social Summit in Copenhagen 1995
- International Social Work Day

Executives from IFSW and IASSW met January 30 for a productive meeting looking at how the two organizations can further develop cooperation on policy issues, standards for social work training, cooperation in relation to UN events and conferences.

A number of concrete initiatives were made to support the social work profession in being able to act with one voice in the new millennium.

A Memoriam - Thelma Stackhouse

We mourn the passing of our beloved colleague, Thelma Stackhouse, on February 17, 2000.

Thelma served as a representative of IFSW at the United Nations, New York, since 1994.

During this time she covered mainly the events and activities at UNICEF.

In 1998 she was honored by the Working Group on the Rights of the

Child, of the NGO Committee on UNICEF, and by the Sub-Committee on the Rights of the Girl Child.



Dr. Celia B. Weisman
Head of IFSW Representatives to the United Nations, New York

She was an active representative to the very end. Thelma was highly valued as a member of the IFSW team and will be sorely missed.

IFSW is divided into five geographical regions:

Africa

Asia & Pacific

Europe

**Latin America & Caribbean; and
North America**

The following countries are represented:

A	<i>Argentina, Australia, Austria</i>	L	<i>Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Lithuania, Luxembourg</i>
B	<i>Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria</i>	M	<i>Former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mongolia, Morocco</i>
C	<i>Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic</i>	N	<i>Netherlands, Netherlands Antilles, New Zealand/Aotearoa, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway</i>
D	<i>Denmark, Dominican Republic</i>	P	<i>Palestine, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal</i>
F	<i>Faeroe Islands, Finland, France</i>	R	<i>Romania, Russian Federation</i>
G	<i>Germany, Ghana, Greece</i>	S	<i>Singapore, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland (& Liechtenstein)</i>
H	<i>Hong Kong, Hungary</i>	T	<i>Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey</i>
I	<i>Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy</i>	U	<i>Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay</i>
J	<i>Japan</i>	Z	<i>Zimbabwe</i>
K	<i>Kenya, Korea, Kuwait, Kyrgyz Republic</i>		

What is IFSW?

- ❑ The International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) links professional social workers around the globe. It represents professional social work organisations or coordinating bodies from 80 countries with more than 470,000 social workers in all parts of the world. And it continues to grow...
- ❑ Each association member recognises that social work's common goals transcend borders and that a global voice benefits the profession, and most important, the people it serves.

What Does IFSW Do?

IFSW:

- ❑ encourages co-operation between social workers of all countries;
- ❑ provides means for discussion and the exchange of ideas and experience through meetings, study visits, research projects, exchanges, publications and other methods of communication;
- ❑ establishes and maintains relationships with, and presents and promotes the views of social work organisations and their members to international bodies relevant to social development and welfare;
- ❑ sponsors biennial international symposia and conferences;
- ❑ develops and publishes policy statements to guide social work practice worldwide;
- ❑ advocates for the protection of human rights of practising social workers; and
- ❑ provides consultation to the United Nations on issues of human development and human rights.



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International Events:

The following international events have been or will be sponsored and held by IFSW

International Conferences

1968 Helsinki	1990 Buenos Aires
1970 Manila	1992 Washington DC
1974 Nairobi	1994 Colombo
1976 Puerto Rico	1996 Hong Kong
1978 Tel Aviv	1998 Jerusalem
1980 Hong Kong	2000 Montréal
1982 Brighton	2004 Adelaide
1984 Montréal	2006 Munich
1986 Tokyo	2008 Salvador de Bahia
1988 Stockholm	



Canadian colleagues



Conferencia Mundial, with President Gayle Gilchrist James



Opening ceremony, Montreal conference, 2000

Regional Seminars

Europe

1966 Strasbourg	1993 Debrecen
1971 Edinburgh	1995 Lisbon
1977 Vienna	1997 Dublin
1979 Dublin	1999 Helsinki/St. Petersburg
1981 Granada	2001 Vienna/Bratislava
1983 Aalborg	2003 Copenhagen
1985 Paris	2005 Nicosia
1987 Nicosia	2007 Parma
1989 Basel	
1991 Glasgow	



IFW Executive, Helsinki, 1999



Tom with social workers in Lebanon, 2000

Asia and the Pacific

1967 Bangkok	1989 Singapore
1972 Hong Kong	1991 Hong Kong
1977 New Delhi	1995 Christchurch
1981 Colombo	1997 Bangkok
1983 Bangkok	1999 Brisbane
1985 Penang	2001 Singapore
1987 Djakarta	2005 Seoul



IFSW meeting, Manila Hotel, 1970



Bangkok, 1967



IFSW Asian Regional Seminar



First Asia-Pacific Social Workers Consultation on Human Rights & Development, Manila, Philippines 1995

Africa

1983 Harare	1999 Nairobi
1985 Benghazi	2005 Nairobi
1987 Kampala	2007 Kampala
1989 Accra	



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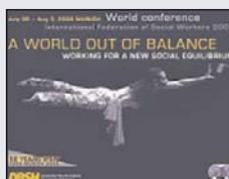
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Some Past Conference Programmes



Present and Upcoming International Conferences

IFSW World Conference 2006, Munich, Germany
30 July to 03 August 2006
IFSW 50 Years



Theme: A World Out of Balance – Working for a New Social Equilibrium

This conference celebrates the 50th anniversary of IFSW in Munich. While we will join together to celebrate 50 years of outstanding work for social work at an international level, we will also prepare to even more vigorously address the challenges ahead and continue to demand the highest level of knowledge and skill.

IFSW World Conference 2008

Salvador de Bahia, Brazil

16-19 August 2008

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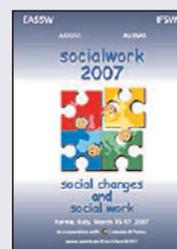
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IFSW European Conference 2007

Parma, Italy
15-17 March 2007

Theme: socialwork 2007 – Social Changes and Social Work

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The conference is a cooperative effort between IFSW Europe, the European Association of Schools of Social Work, the European Association of Training for Socio-Educational Care Work (FESET) and our Italian counterparts Associazione Nazionale Assistenti Sociali and Associazione Italiana Docenti di Servizio Sociale.



Examples of Regional Development Projects

IFSW European Region *“Social Work in Europe Promoting Social Cohesion”*



Nicolai Paulsen,
 Danish Association

This is an ongoing series of initiatives with the common aim of promoting the Role of Social Work in Europe (ROSE) project, developing links with the European Union

and Council of Europe, identifying user and carer groups that IFSW Europe can campaign alongside, and working on common social work values and ethical issues. Social cohesion is an important part of this:

“Social cohesion is the capacity of a society to ensure the welfare of all its members, minimising disparities and avoiding polarisation”

(Council of Europe’s 2004 Strategy for Social Cohesion).

IFSW has produced a document: *Social Exclusion and Social Work in Europe – Facilitating Inclusion* (with the European Commission).

IFSW Latin America & Caribbean Region

“Reactivating Social Work in Latin America: Let us unite for the IFSW 2008 World Conference in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil”



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The most active region in Latin America is the Southern Cone “Cono Sur” that encompasses Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay. Here a professional project has been worked on in that region aimed at

positioning and legitimising social work in the fight against inequality, social injustice and the violations of

human rights. Ways to extend this project to the other two big regions – the Andean Region and Central America – are being considered presently.

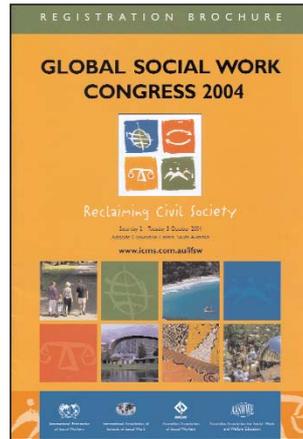
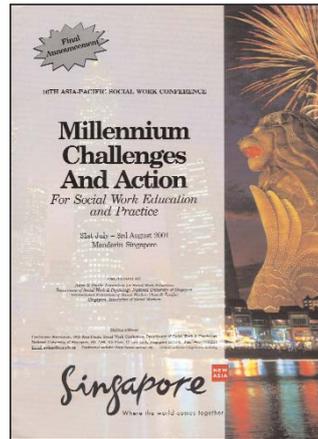


Conferencia Mundial de Trabajadores Sociales,
 Buenos Aires, 8-12 Agosto de 1990

IFSW Asia-Pacific Region “Membership development in the Mekong area”

Mekong region is the south-eastern part of Asia and occupies a huge area and covers a number of significant countries, namely Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, etc. Contact and membership of these countries needs to be developed, so this project

aims to initiate frequent contacts with these countries, conduct seminars and workshops to help the formation of professional associations and encourage their participation in the international social work community.



IFSW Africa Region “Membership development in Zimbabwe”



NASW training workshop, Zimbabwe with IFSW Treasurer Fiona Robertson (centre), 2000

IFSW was involved over a six-year period in the late 1990s, together with the Danish Association DS, and the Danish International Trade Union Federation

(LO-FTF) in a project to assist the Zimbabwe Association of Social Workers develop a series of training workshops to improve professional practice in that country and build up the organisational capacity of the Zimbabwe social workers. Although the proposed international conference in Zimbabwe in 2002 had to be abandoned due to political instability, many useful lessons were learned from this project.



Afia Mugambi, President, Kenya Association & Nigel Hall, Vice President Africa, Nairobi (with IFSW gift of Swiss cuckoo clock!) 1999

TWO RECENT PROJECTS...

1 Responding to disaster – FAST Project

The IFSW Asia Pacific, together with the Commonwealth Organisation for Social Work (COSW) and supported by international organisations, launched the FAST (Families and Survivors of Tsunami) Project to contribute a professional social work response to the humanitarian crisis unleashed by the tsunami of December 26, 2004. The FAST Project has seen collaboration between local social workers in the affected countries on specific projects to facilitate social and emotional recovery of communities and direct practical action in supporting those affected. FAST focuses on children and families and their



needs in this post-disaster scenario. The Project has assisted in developing and supporting personnel who work in specific projects, and in evaluation of projects. FAST offers an international social work based response to the disaster.

See: <http://www.fastproject.net/>

2 Responding to the needs of Orphans and Vulnerable Children

The IFSW Africa Region, working with other partners, including the Commonwealth Organisation for Social Work, managed to organise a Symposium in Nairobi in May 2006 consisting of a representative group of stakeholders from Africa and the UK with 80 people from 11 countries (including young carers) to focus attention on the many challenges facing those in the field of orphaned and vulnerable young children. Achieved and possible outcomes include:

- a DVD put together by the young people for use in Africa and in the UK;
- a Commonwealth network for people working with young carers;
- a web-based network for young people who have caring roles, which can be used across the Commonwealth;
- input to a forthcoming meeting of Commonwealth Youth Ministers; UN Habitat World Urban Forum; and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Uganda in 2007;
- press coverage of the needs of young carers in both the African and the UK context.



Jenny Frank (front) from Young Carers Initiative and UK young carers meet residents in Kibera slum, Nairobi

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The work presented in the monograph is based on a research project in which two adults with learning difficulties worked in partnership with a researcher to examine their relationships with the people paid to support them. It provides a model of possible new research paradigm, where all of the partners play a full role in the development of the research and the analysis of collected data and will be valuable to those researching, managing or practising within the area of learning difficulties.

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Children and Young People Who Sexually Abuse Others; policy and practice developments since the early 1990s



Children and young people who sexually abuse others have emerged as a problem since the early 1990s in the UK. This monograph provides an analysis of developments in policy, procedures and services in England during the past decade. Practitioners and managers employed in all such settings will find much within the monograph which is of relevance to assist them in improving policies and services to this user group.

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Internationalising Social Work Education: Considerations & Developments



This monograph presents reasons for seeing the 'internationalisation' of social work education as an important task; ideas for implementing such a development; and learning derived from experience in this area. The references will be a useful resource for those wishing to develop international perspectives and for students already pursuing comparative international study.

Karen Lyons (ed.) with chapters by Mary Carlsen, Janet Williams and John Richardson & Sue Lawrence
ISBN: 1 86178 069 9 • £7.50

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Models of Good Practice in Biopsychosocial Rehabilitation



Child sexual exploitation is a complex problem, involving a system of supply and demand that crosses international borders and overlaps with issues of human rights, child protection, HIV/AIDS and other sexual health issues, trafficking, race and gender imbalances, amongst others. This publication addresses the nature and effects of international child sexual exploitation, and how best to deal with the problems created for such children.

H. Kathleen Manion • ISBN: 1 86178 068 0 • £7.50

Locating the Occupational Space for Social Work: International Perspectives



This collection of papers provide critical and novel insights into current formulations of social work at national and international levels, with particular reference to national formulations in Denmark, Sweden, Scotland, England and Ireland. It examines how strategies might be employed to develop social work from an international perspective and will be valuable to academics, managers and practitioners interested in comparative social work and social policy.

Brian Littlechild & Karen Lyons (eds) • ISBN: 1 86178 061 3 • £7.50

Families First: A study of the implementation of a US short term intensive family support programme in the Netherlands and Germany



This monograph outlines the key components of the US family preservation programme *families first*, and its implementation within the Netherlands and Germany. The monograph will be valuable to all those that manage or practice within the area of family support, and those who are interested in comparative social work and social policy.

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The Social Work Profession as Qualified by the Aspects of Efficiency and Ethics: A Comparison of Germany and England



Comparing social work identity in Germany and England by examining the possible inter-relatedness of 'efficiency', 'professionalism' and 'quality development'. The impact of ethical codes, especially the value of 'respect and dignity of the individual' within such developments is examined. It will be valuable to managers, academics or practitioners within social work, and those interested in comparative social work and social policy.

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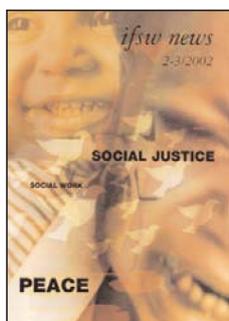


Our Main Publications

ifsw update

The IFSW has published until recently an electronic newsletter – the *ifsw update* – every month, focusing on the activities of the Federation and its member organisations, and other international issues related to IFSW's areas of concern. Presently we are re-considering its future role and direction.

IFSW Newsletter



Prior to the change to *ifsw update* IFSW has produced regular quarterly Newsletters over the years, which have covered a range of topics and helped keep social workers in touch with international and regional developments.

Social Work seriously affected by globalization

1385 participants from 64 countries met in Jerusalem July 5-10, 1998, for the World Congress of IFSW and the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW). Several plenaries and other events were shared with the parallel World Conference of the International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW). Somewhat more than half of the participants came from the host country, where the Israel Association of Social Workers and the Israeli Association of Directors of Schools of Social Work shared the organizing responsibility. The Congress "Peace and Social Justice - Challenges Facing Social Work" had been chosen at a time when the peace process between Israel and the Palestinians seemed to be gaining momentum, and a congress in Jerusalem was thought to provide an opportunity to look at social work contributions to conflict resolution.

As time passed, the Middle East peace process came to a standstill, and professional associations and schools of social work in all Arab countries, including Palestine, refused to take part in the congress. Still peace remained a central theme, and experiences in conflict resolution and rehabilitation of war victims were shared with contributions from Israel, former Yugoslavia, Africa, Latin America, Northern Ireland and other troubled areas. Social justice as the other interlinked main theme reflected the serious effects of the forces of globalization and the "New liberal project" on social policy and social work. The current political and economic trends form a challenge throughout the world, as they tend to work against core values of social work. It is becoming increasingly difficult to counter discrimination, exclusion and poverty in a world where the

"The current political and economic trends form a challenge throughout the world, as they tend to work against core values of social work."

market rules. Social welfare is often sidelined in this rapid process. The Congress represented an opportunity for social workers from across the world to gain strength from the similarities of our experiences, and to see the global importance of each of us putting our most basic professional values into action.

Shimon Peres, former Prime Minister of Israel and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate in 1994, contributed through an inspirational opening speech to encourage social workers to continue to counteract exclusion and strive for conflict resolution.

He declared that "more than land and natural resources, the people themselves are the source of human strength. Instead of replacing politics with economics, we should replace economics with social effort".

Video Registration of the World Congress in Jerusalem

Video-recordings of meetings, introductions, workshops and presentations were made by a Dutch team. This has resulted in a video film with a duration of about one hour with highlights of the congress. To order please contact Hantze Hogeschool Groningen, Faculteit Gamma, Zernikeplein 23, 9747 Groningen, The Netherlands

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International Social Work (ISW)

IFSW is one of three organisations, also including the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) and the International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW) sponsoring the quarterly journal *International Social Work*. *ISW* is a scholarly journal for the extension of knowledge and the promotion of communication in social work, social welfare, social development and human services. The journal focuses on international themes in service delivery, and the education and functions of social workers, in the context of social policy and social services provision. *ISW* is published bimonthly (6 issues a year) by SAGE Publications.

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The Journal is published in English, with abstracts in English, French, Spanish, Chinese and Arabic.



Sage meeting, Utrecht, 2005

**Social Work and the Rights of the Child.
A Professional Training Manual on the
UN Convention 2002**

This manual provides information and guidance to social workers, social work students and educators, as well as colleagues in related fields, who wish to live up to the high ideals of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and to implement these in their work with children.



- * Copies can be obtained from the IFSW Secretariat.
- * Reduced prices for IFSW member organisations and IFSW Friends.
- * Language: English.

**Beyond Medicine: The Social Work Response
to the Growing Challenges of AIDS 1991**

A joint production with the World Health Organization, examining the critical problem of HIV and AIDS in the world today and the role that social workers can play in ameliorating the effects of the epidemic.

**Human Rights and Social Work, A Manual
for Schools of Social Work and the Social
Work Profession 1992, reprinted 1994**

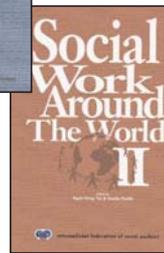
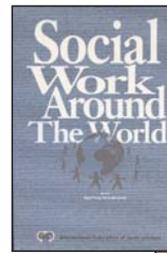
A joint production with the United Nations Centre for Human Rights and the International Association of Schools of Social Work, which examines human rights instruments and identifies ways in which they illustrate and enhance the responsibilities of social workers. This Manual has been widely used in schools of social work and by social work practitioners in their daily work.

- * Reduced prices for IFSW member organisations and IFSW Friends.
- * Languages: English, Spanish, Russian and Arabic.



Human Rights Manual task group, Geneva, 1999

Social Work Around the World series



There are now four issues of Social Work Around the World that cover developments in social work in various regions and countries of the world. An international team of practitioners has worked on bringing into print the experiences and views of social workers and social work educators. SWAW is particularly indebted to Ngho-Tiong Tan of the Singapore Association and Vice President at the time of the Asia-Pacific region, for having initiated this project.



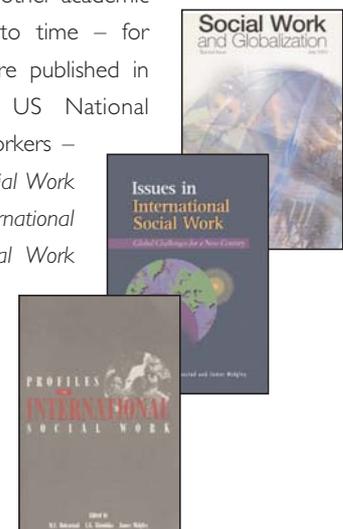
Tan Ngho Tiong and David Jones with first issues of Social Work Around the World

Regional newsletters and journals are also published wherever possible.



Other Publications

IFSW has also produced other academic publications from time to time – for example two books were published in conjunction with the US National Association of Social Workers – *Profiles in International Social Work* (1992) and *Issues in International Social Work* (1997). *Social Work and Globalization* was produced as a special issue on the occasion of the IFSW and IASSW joint Conference in Montreal, 2000.



Further information on these publications is available from the IFSW Secretariat.

IFSW Presidents and Secretaries General, with location of IFSW Secretariat



Teresita Silva, IFSW President 1972-76 (centre) with Catherine Chuard, former Secretary General, to the right



Chauncey Alexander (at left), President 1980-82, with colleagues



Elis Envall & Sue Dvorak-Peck at Sri Lanka Conference, 1994



Mary Windsor, President 1976-80



Augusta McCabe, President 1986-88

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Imelda Dodds	Australia	2000 – 2006



Gail McDougall (left) & Augusta McCabe, former Presidents of IFSW, 1988

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Name	Country	Period served
Donald V. Wilson	USA	1956 – 1961
Margaret E. Adams	USA	1961 – 1966
Nelson C. Jackson	USA	1966 – 1972
Catherine Chuard	Switzerland	1972 – 1974
Andrew Mouravieff-Apostol	Switzerland	1975 – 1992
Tom Johannesen	Norway	1993 – present

Location of IFSW Secretariat

Date	Location of Secretariat
1956 – 1972	New York, USA
1972 – 1975	Basel, Switzerland
1975 – 1992	Geneva, Switzerland
1992 – 1999	Oslo, Norway
1999 – present	Bern, Switzerland



*The Norwegian Union
of Social Educators
and Social Workers (FO)
greet IFSW
on its 50th anniversary!*

FO's members in Norway greet our international colleagues and look forward to cooperate on promoting the social work profession and develop global social work into the future.

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Policy Papers

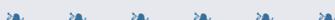
IFSW is continually revising and updating its policy papers on a variety of major issues confronting society and social workers. Currently we have Policy Papers on the following 14 topical areas:

- * Health
- * HIV/AIDS
- * Human Rights
- * Migration
- * Older Persons
- * Protection of Personal Information
- * Refugees
- * Conditions in Rural Communities
- * Women
- * Youth
- * Peace and Social Justice
- * Displaced Persons
- * Globalization and the Environment
- * Indigenous Peoples

IFSW representing the global social work community

UN World Summit for Social Development (WSSD), Copenhagen

A key role for IFSW is representing the global social work community at major international events. One example of this was the UN World Summit for Social Development (WSSD) held in Copenhagen, Denmark, March 6-12, 1995. This was a significant event with the eradication of poverty, sustainable employment and social integration as key themes of the conference, attended by representatives of the 180 UN member states and 2000 NGOs. The IFSW President presented social work concerns and responses to the Main Committee of the Summit and a special edition of the Newsletter was produced, highlighting social work contributions to social development – actively distributed to governments, media, other NGOs and the general public. IFSW participated at several caucuses, such as the ones on Africa, Latin America, Women, and Ageing. In close cooperation with the Danish Association of Social Workers (DS), IFSW presented 5 workshops and promoted an exhibit at the parallel NGO Forum, which drew a total of 160,000 visitors in 10 days.



World Urban Forum III, Vancouver

A more recent example is where IFSW represented the voice of social work and residents of poor urban settlements at the World Urban Forum III held in Vancouver, Canada in June 2006. Through the generous support of Sara Miller McCune, publisher and chairman of SAGE Publications, the Vice President of the Africa Region led a delegation of five social workers and residents from slums in Kenya and the Philippines to present on social work's role in slum redevelopment, and also to screen a video. One of the resident participants at this Conference, from the township of Kibera in Kenya on the outskirts of Nairobi, is also a social worker. Her story was that she grew up in Kibera, managed to obtain an education and her BSW degree. She remains living in Kibera and working within her own community. There are others representing their communities who have not had the same good fortune to obtain an education – one of the critical factors for people escaping the poverty trap. Their stories and work within their communities presented in Vancouver were equally inspiring. This important initiative highlighted the capacity of social work to work within communities and with consumers to achieve sustainable change.

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Social workers of NASW–USA celebrate the
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*We congratulate IFSW
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**The National Federation of
Social Educators in Denmark**

IFSW, human rights and ethics

Social work grew out of humanitarian and democratic ideals, and its values are based on respect for the equality, worth, and dignity of all people. Since its beginnings over a century ago, social work practice has focused on meeting human needs and developing human potential. Human rights and social justice serve as the motivation and justification for social work action.

IFSW promotes human rights by publishing statements on human rights issues and related matters and by raising awareness about the profession's commitment to its human rights heritage. IFSW has adopted an International Policy on Human Rights describing its commitment and giving guidance to social workers and social work organisations on human rights policy matters. IFSW has together with the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) developed and published a Manual on Social Work and Human Rights. IFSW has also published a Manual on Social Work and the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The IFSW's Human Rights Commission coordinates the work of IFSW in relation to human rights issues, cooperates with IASSW, Amnesty International and other human rights organisations to further human rights.

Human rights cases

The IFSW takes an active role in the cases of social workers, and social welfare workers that we are convinced have been the victims of human rights abuses. There have been a number of individuals and groups for whom we have advocated over recent years through appeals and demand for fair and transparent legal process

Saddam Hussein's prisoner for over 8 years

The case of Feisal Al-Sane

There are still 605 persons not accounted for after the Gulf war, prisoners of war (POW) or missing persons in detention in Iraq. In at least 85 percent of the cases there are documented witnesses that they have been in Iraqi detention at some time. Iraq has still not provided information on their fate or whereabouts and condition. Most of them, 540, are Kuwaitis and most of them, 389, are civilians.

One of the more prominent of the detained persons is Feisal Al-Sane. Secretary General of the Kuwait Association of Social Workers, for whom IFSW and our Human Rights Commission has been making representations since 1992. Until now we have had very little information about his case.

On a visit to Kuwait in November 1998 the IFSW Secretary General and the President had the opportunity to visit Feisal Al-Sane's family as well as the National Committee for Missing and POW's Affairs.

On September 18 Feisal was summoned to go to Baghdad. He refused and three days later when Feisal was working in the garden in the evening, a large group of Iraqi soldiers arrived at the house and apprehended him. His wife and everyone in the house were seized, his small children were woken up at gun point by the soldiers.

The house was occupied for ten days by a very large, but concealed group, and every person arriving at the house to see Feisal or his family was arrested. One of them was Feisal's brother in law, Nasser Al-Sane who came to look for his son who had stayed overnight with his cousin Ziad. After ten days the smaller children and Feisal's wife were released and the prisoners were transferred to a police station in Kuwait city and later taken to Iraq and held in the Basra area. Feisal's son Ziad and the son of Nasser were released in January 1991. Most of the over 7000 prisoners held by the Iraqis were released or liberated in connection with the Gulf war and the Shiite up-rising in South Iraq that followed on the war.

The last eye witness to see Feisal and his brother in law Nasser met them in Basra in December 1990. The latest clear evidence that they are still alive is from 1993. There are still 605 persons held in Iraqi prisons or not satisfactorily accounted for. Of these four belong to the Al-Sane family. In addition to Feisal and Nasser there is also Khaled Al-Sane, nephew and Abdel Aziz, second cousin of Feisal.

The relatives of Feisal Al-Sane are certain that he is still alive as are most of the 605 prisoners. There have been indications that Feisal's freedom lies directly in the hands of Saddam Hussein and only his. According to this analysis Feisal is the key to the freedom of all prisoners still held.

Feisal used to have a personal and political relationship directly with Saddam Hussein. Feisal Al-Sane was politically active from his years as a student. When he studied in Cairo in the 50s he gave Saddam Hussein a hide out in his apartment when he was wanted and sought after by the then Iraqi regime. For his help to Saddam Feisal was expelled from the university and Egypt.

By rejecting Saddam's invitation Feisal made himself a target after Iraq invaded Kuwait and incorporated into Iraq as its 19th Province.





Please write to Saddam Hussein and demand the immediate and unconditional release of our colleague, the Secretary General of the Kuwait Association of Social Workers, Mr. Feisal Al-Sane along with his relatives and all other persons still held in Iraq, and full information on all arrested persons and their fate.

See IFSW web site for more information: <http://www.ifsw.org>

Page from IFSW Newsletter Feisal Al-Sane, 1.1999 Kuwait Secretary-General

and humane conditions in detention and imprisonment. One of the more prominent of the detained persons was Feisal Al-Sane, Secretary General of the Kuwait Association of Social Workers, who was detained with members of his family after the invasion of Kuwait in August 1990. Unfortunately, and despite our efforts, it was later discovered that he had been killed.

Another is Phyllis Coard, previously a dedicated social worker and social work lecturer at the University of the West Indies and then Deputy Minister for Women's Affairs in Grenada. Phyllis was arrested after the invasion of Granada and despite being subjected to a trial which has been described as a travesty of justice, maintaining her

innocence and having a life-threatening condition, has been imprisoned for 22 years in the country.

A brief history of most of these cases can be found in our Human Rights Cases Archive on the website.

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The Human Rights Commission has been involved in several activities, for example:

- ☛ Human Rights seminar in Quezon City, Philippines January 24-27 1995, at First Asia-Pacific Social Workers' Consultation on Human Rights and Development.
- ☛ A workshop on Human Rights and Social Work held in connection with the Asia-Pacific regional conference in Brisbane 1999.
- ☛ IFSW was represented through its Human Rights Commission in a special mission that visited East Timor at the time of the Popular Consultation in August 1999. An extensive report was written by the team and published by IFSW.

Since the General Meeting 2004 in Adelaide, the Human Rights Commission is made up of at least four individual human rights experts and ex-officio members. To support the Human Rights Commission in its work a Human Rights Network of Regional Focal Points and national contact persons in each country has been established.

The IFSW Jubilee Appeal has printed posters and postcards with the message below. These can be purchased via the IFSW website (available after the Munich Conference of August 2006).



Terry Bamford, previous executive member & Amnesty International representative, Jerusalem 1998

Commission on Ethical Issues

The Commission on Ethical Issues was set up by IFSW to ensure that social work practice is governed by an internationally recognised and accepted statement of Ethical Principles and Code of Ethical Conduct. The Commission broadly undertakes its mandate by:

- ☛ ensuring that ethical reflection and discussion remain a part of the agenda of IFSW;
- ☛ conducting an ongoing review of the Ethical Instruments of the Federation; and
- ☛ reporting to the General Meeting on the work of the Committee.

The Committee is comprised of an expert and support group to advise on various matters relating to ethics. Present key concerns are to develop cooperation between IFSW and IASSW to ensure distribution of the new ethical document among social workers and students of social work. Also to continue the consultation process with the aim to review the ethical document in 2008 and provide material on ethics for international and regional newsletters.

Human Rights, Human Dignity and Social Justice

Principles of human rights and social justice are fundamental to social work: social workers should uphold and defend each person's physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual integrity, and well-being.

Social workers:

- ✓ Respect people's right to make their own choices and decisions.
- ✓ Empower people in all aspects of their lives.
- ✓ Treat each person as part of their family, community, and society.
- ✓ Identify and develop strengths of individuals, groups and communities.

IFSW / IASSW International Ethical Document, Adelaide, 2004

IFSW at the United Nations and international partnerships

The practice of social work has a long established tradition of internationalism. Where does the profession of social work stand in this increasingly globalised world? Just as advocacy and lobbying for change at local and national levels are part of the role of all social workers, it is the responsibility of social workers operating within the international arena to identify regional and global aspects of social need and injustice. IFSW has special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), and with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). Teams of representatives are in action at the United Nations in Geneva, Nairobi, New York and Vienna and their work is highly valued by the Federation. We cannot take our responsibility as a member of civil society for granted. IFSW's work with the UN is valued and necessary. Our advocacy has had a direct impact on the profession of social work and the United Nations.



President & Secretary General meeting with UN reps, Geneva 2000



UN team & guests - 5 May 2005. From left D. Roth, M. Wallace, M. Cronin, E. Congress, F. Robertson, N. Hall, R. Mama, J. High, M. Louis

IFSW is also on the ILO Special List of Non-Governmental Organisations. We also have formal partnerships with the following organisations:

- Amnesty International
- CONGO (The Conference of Non-Governmental Organisations in Consultative Relationship with the UN)
- Council of Europe
- European Union
- Habitat
- IASSW (International Association of Schools of Social Work)
- ICSW (International Council on Social Welfare)

IFSW's Task Force towards a Definition of Social Work

The Definition of Social Work is arguably the single most important document for the profession since it sets out the role and function of social work and applies across the globe.

Brighton definition (1982)

The first definition, agreed in 1982 and approved and adopted by the General Meeting of the IFSW at its General Meeting in Brighton, was as follows:

“Social work is a profession whose purpose it is to bring about social changes in society in general and in its individual forms of development”

Work towards a new definition:

Between 1996 and 1999 IFSW set up a Task Force, part of a joint working party constituted with members of the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) to draft a contemporary definition of social work that aimed to have global applicability. A variety of materials from across the globe and extensive reviews by a number of practitioners, academics, experts and representatives of national and international organisations were consulted.

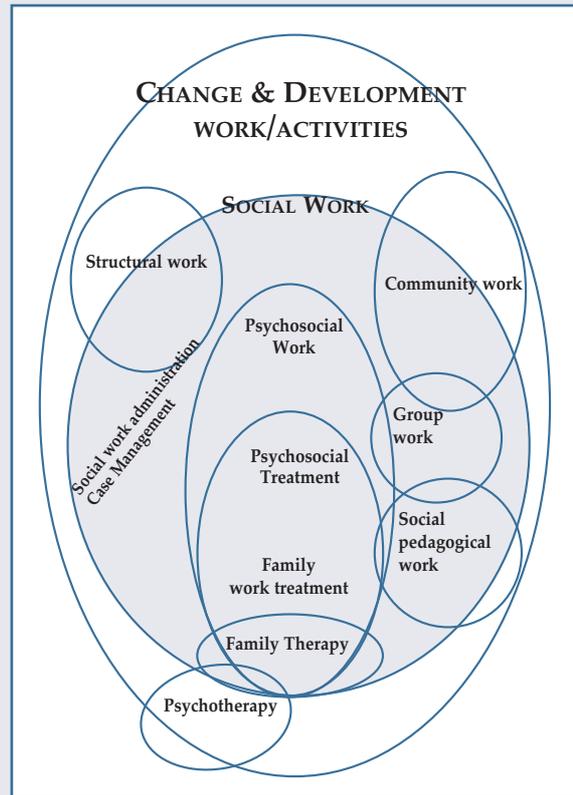
The project was initiated at the IFSW biennial general meeting held in Colombo, Sri Lanka in 1994. Two years later the IFSW president, Elis Envall, appointed a special task force consisting of one representative from each of the five IFSW regions, and special resource persons, and the input of various leaders of the profession worldwide was also solicited.

The Task Force was very ably led by Isadora Hare from the US National Association of Social Work, although Isadora also has a South African background.

Montreal definition (2001)

The Definition of Social Work was accepted by the General Meeting in Montreal in 2000 and then formally adopted by both IASSW & IFSW in May 2001, as follows:

“The social work profession promotes social change, problem-solving in human relationships, and the empowerment and liberation of people to enhance well-being. Utilising theories of human behaviour and social systems, social work intervenes at the points where people interact with their environments. Principles of human rights and social justice are fundamental to social work”.



Working towards a definition of social work

The Definition of Social Work has been printed as a poster and postcard. These can be purchased via the IFSW website (available after Munich Conference August 2006).



IFSW Executive Committee Members: (from left) George, and Elis Envall, IFSW President, (from right) Isadora Hare, IFSW President, (from right) George, and Elis Envall, IFSW President.

Also IASSW has adopted the New Definition of Social Work

The relationship between practitioners and educators has always been of great importance to the social work profession. Social work training is firmly grounded in the application of theory in practice and we have a long history of cooperative relationships with social work educators. Indeed the two are mutually dependent. Practice depends on educators in the first place for their training and later as the research arm of the profession. Practitioners rarely enjoy the time to delve into the levels of issues that may emerge in their work. Educators on the other hand rely on their close connections with practice to give them the impetus and material upon which to build a critical analysis.

This is a key reason why the relationship between educators and practitioners, at all levels, is so important. At an international level the IFSW and IASSW have enjoyed a good working relationship stretching right back to 1928.

Over the years our paths have at times taken us in different directions but never apart. We have always remained in close contact. Over recent years we have committed ourselves to furthering our co-operation at a number of strategic levels.

In 1999 IFSW & IASSW agreed to work towards a joint meeting of the Executive Committees and the establishment of a small joint committee to continue the work to establish even closer links.

In 2000 and 2001 the joint committee has met twice, the last meeting in Copenhagen in June. It can only be described as extremely positive and successful

for both organisations and marked by high degrees of respect for autonomy but the desire to harness our resources in the best way possible.

The direct outcomes of the meeting include the release of a joint statement adopting the new definition of social work. This is a very significant event and sends a clear message to the international community that social work educators and practitioners have consensus on the most fundamental platform of the profession.

The meeting also provided an opportunity to develop a joint statement on World Aids which was sent to the leaders of the OS prior to their meeting in Geneva. A copy of the letter can be found on www.ifsw.org/News/G18.htm This is no doubt the first of many joint policy and lobbying initiatives.

Our respective Human Rights Commissions have already established a good working relationship and we have agreed to work together on policy initiatives and look at mutual work in the field of Ethics.

Conferences remain one of the obvious areas of co-operation. While we are not always able to hold joint conferences there is a commitment to do so as often as possible. When this is not feasible we will also provide support to each other's initiatives.

Our relationship is based on mutual respect and a desire to present a unified global voice for social work and we are delighted to report that the chair is ringing in good harmony!

**WORKING
ON THE DEFINITION –
ORIGINS OF TITLE
“SOCIAL WORK”**

Title attributed to Jeffrey Brackett (1860-1949), Volunteer, Baltimore Charity Organization Massachusetts Board of Charity for 30 years and First Director – Simons College School of Social Work, Boston.

SOCIAL – Focus on people’s interactions with forces shaping their lives (including cultural/ ethnic groups, social institutions).

WORK – To differentiate it from philanthropic volunteerism; to emphasise orderly, responsible and disciplined activities.

(from *Shaefor, Horejsi & Horejsi, 1997:3*)

“Yes the Federation is strong, stronger than ever. Let us use our strength and the power of social work during this next year for the empowerment of the marginalised and oppressed; for social justice and human rights”.

Former President of IFSW, Elis Envall – in a message to the social work fraternity in 1997 – still relevant today!



Elis Envall, President 1994-2000

Forthcoming Inaugural Publication of the 3 Foundation Documents

IFSW’s Joint Publication with IASSW on the three foundation documents for social work across the globe brings together the Definition of Social Work; Ethics of Social Work – Statement of Principles; and the Global Qualifying Standards for Social Work Education.

1. Definition

The official IFSW definition of the profession aims to reflect social work as a model across the globe at the beginning of the 21st century. It has also been approved by the International Association of Schools of Social Work.

2. Ethics of Social Work – Statement of Principles

Recently revised and jointly endorsed by IASSW & IFSW in 2004 the Ethics of Social Work – Statement of Principles forms the basis for global ethical standards of practice. It is incorporated into national statements and codes of ethics around the world and is an essential element in social work education and training.

3. Global Qualifying Standards for Social Work Education

Standards of social work education are of particular importance to our organisations. Thus, in 2002 we set out to establish qualifying standards for social work education that would introduce consistency and unity in social work teaching but nevertheless take due account of local, cultural and historical perspectives. In 2004 Global Qualifying Standards for Social Work Education were endorsed by both organisations and, for the first time, establishes international benchmarks for social work education and training.



We hope that this inaugural publication of these three foundation documents for social work education and practice will be an invaluable resource for every social worker, for social work organisations, schools of social work, and other stakeholders such as government and non-governmental agencies.

IFSW's Roll of Honour (in date order)

While this list is not exhaustive and there are many pioneers and significant persons to credit within IFSW, some key individuals who have contributed to the profession are highlighted below:

Lisbeth Mattson (1952-2004)

Lisbeth nurtured a very clear sense of fairness and equity, a commitment to non-discrimination and peaceful conflict resolution. A journalist by profession, she worked for many years in the Union movement in both her home country of Sweden and her adopted Norway. Nordic commitment to social justice is renowned and the union movement is particularly known for its advocacy and practical support of the oppressed at home and around the world. In this milieu Lisbeth honed her already impeccable values and principles. Lisbeth's commitment to the values of the social work profession thus dates back many years. However her relationship with the profession strengthened when she met Tom Johannesen – later IFSW's Secretary General – at an international trade union training event in Geneva. Tom and Lisbeth married in Lisbon in 1986 and so began an enduring partnership that nurtured a wealth of talent.

When IFSW relocated to Switzerland Lisbeth's relationship with the profession turned into a formal role as the IFSW



Communications Officer. Together she and Tom set about re-establishing the office and driving forward the work of the profession. Lisbeth brought her professional skills, her enormous talent with languages and her abiding commitment to social justice, human rights and the role that social work could play in developing these values inter-nationally. The ISW website, *ifsw update*, and the management of the Friends program all benefited from her expertise.

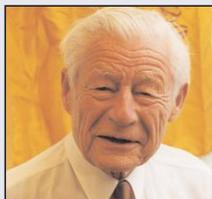
When Lisbeth sadly became ill with cancer she drew great comfort, joy and stimulation from music, nature, books, travel and meeting people. She found a resonance for her spirituality and her commitments to social justice, fairness and multiculturalism in her Baha'i faith. After seven months with the disease Lisbeth passed away peacefully on 13 December 2004. Although the world has lost a talented, optimistic, passionate, engaging and wonderful woman, we must give thanks and celebrate the life of Lisbeth and her unique capacity to make every person she met feel special and valued.

(source: obituary by Imelda Dodds, IFSW President)



"Andy" Mouravieff-Apostol (1913-2001)

Dr Andrew "Andy" Mouravieff-Apostol was IFSW's Secretary General between 1975 and 1992 and later Honorary President until his death in Geneva on August 13, 2001. Andy's lifetime spanned close to a century. He was born in Cannes, France February 7, 1913 of Russian/Ukrainian parents. The family was abroad when the 1917 revolution in Russia broke out it was impossible for the aristocratic family to return home. Not until the time of the perestroika in the late 1980s could Andy return to his former homeland for visits. Andy started his career as a journalist and worked as a foreign correspondent in England before and during World War II. During the war he also served in the Free French military forces. After the war Andy left journalism and took up a position with the World Council of Churches and later with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. He served in many countries, but mainly in South America, where he met his future wife Ellen. The couple settled in Geneva, where Andy until his death worked as a professional interpreter at the United Nations and other international bodies.



From 1975 to 1992 Andy was IFSW Secretary General, and was elected lifelong Honorary President when he retired in 1992. For IFSW, Andy was the cornerstone. He communicated with social workers of all countries with warmth, knowledge and diplomacy and became like a father for the international social work community.

(source: information to IFSW General Meeting, Geneva, July 10-12, 2002)

Honouring Andy

Since 2004 the International Federation of Social Workers honours Andy's memory through the presentation of a Medal and Diploma in the Memory of Andrew Mouravieff-Apostol. These are awarded to an individual or organisation that has over time made a significant contribution to international social work. Candidates can be either an individuals or organisations who have made an outstanding contribution to the social work profession on an international level. The inaugural recipients were Evelyn Balais Serrano (Human Rights work) and Gayle Gilchrist James (IFSW President 1988-1992).



**Celia B. Weisman
(1918-2000)**

Dr. Celia Bach Weisman was the IFSW Main Representative to the UN New York for 12 years (1988-2000).

The daughter of an orthodox rabbi, she was born in London and later accompanied her family to the United States at an early age. After receiving the baccalaureate degree, she began teaching the German language. She earned her master of social work degree from the University of Pittsburgh after learning about anti-semitism and committing herself to its demise. She earned her doctorate in social work from Columbia University at age fifty. She worked passionately and energetically in support of social justice throughout her life. She held a faculty position at the Wurzweiler School of Social Work where her areas of specialisation were gerontology and group work. She lectured nationally and internationally.



Knowledgeable about the social work profession's strong traditions around social development and advocacy in the local, regional, national and international arenas for policy and action, Celia worked tirelessly to perpetuate these efforts in meeting our contemporary needs. She very effectively organised the annual Social Work Day at the United Nations. Celia participated in the Executive Committee meetings of IFSW, reporting regularly on the key issues and recommending policy positions, both during the meetings and through the IFSW Newsletter. Active also in the New York City Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Celia's contributions to their International Committee were many.

(source: National Association of Social Workers, USA, ifsw news 2/2000.

IFSW decided at its General Meeting 2002 to introduce a lecture in Celia B. Weisman's name at World Conferences in Social Work, starting in Adelaide, Australia in 2004.

**Eileen McGowan Kelly
(1946-1996)**

Eileen McGowan Kelly was the Director of Peace and International Affairs for the National Association of Social Workers, USA. During her tenure at NASW, she worked tirelessly as an international leader, promoting international social work, peace and advocating for human rights. She was born in North Attleboro, Massachusetts, held a dual masters in rehabilitation counselling (George Washington University) and social work (Catholic University). Her extensive professional history included administrative responsibilities, policy and program development, legislative and community advocacy, and consultations worldwide. She also served on the boards of a number of social service organisations including Peacelinks and the US Committee – International Conference on Social Welfare.



Eileen was known for her tremendous accomplishments advancing the social work profession's role in the international arena. Eileen's vision was to promote international links and exchanges for professional social workers and social work associations throughout the world. Realising the global impact of social issues and the significant role of social workers, Eileen worked with intense passion and commitment to link social workers throughout the world with another.

(source: Suzanne Dworak-Peck, IFSW Ambassador and IFSW President 1992-1994 – in ifsw news 1/1997)

ANNOUNCEMENT

**Eileen McGowan Kelly Tribute Fund
Scholarship - World Congress Jerusalem 1998**

Eileen McGowan Kelly founded the Office of Peace and International Affairs in the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), USA in 1989 and was its Director until she passed away in October 1996. Eileen did a tremendous job advancing the social work profession's role in the international arena. Her vision was to promote international links and exchanges for professional social workers and social work associations throughout the world. Realizing the global impact of social issues and the significant role of social workers, Eileen worked with substantial knowledge, intense passion and commitment to link social workers throughout the world with each other.

Eileen McGowan Kelly Tribute Fund, established by NASW in 1997. By doing so, the international social work community wants to contribute in keeping Eileen's spirit alive and stimulate the future social work generation to continue building links throughout the world.

McGowan Kelly Tribute Fund Committee. Priority will be given to a younger social worker active in hers or his social work association, and with an interest in international social work. Applicants must be fluent in English, French or Spanish, and any application should be supported by a letter of recommendation from the applicant's social worker association.

As part of this program, IFSW is proud to announce one scholarship for a social worker to take part in the Joint World Congress of IFSW and IASSW (International Association of Schools of Social Work) in Jerusalem, Israel, July 5 - 9, 1998. The scholarship holder is also invited as an observer during the IFSW General Meeting July 1 - 3, and the full stay in Jerusalem will therefore be from June 30 to July 10. Applications should be received not later than April 1, 1998, and will be considered by the IFSW Eileen

The scholarship holder is expected to write a report focusing international social work based on the participation in the IFSW General Meeting and the World Congress. Applications should be sent to the IFSW Secretariat.

The scholarship will cover discount air travel, accommodation, congress participation and daily allowance.

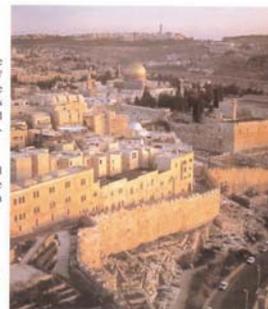
In close cooperation with NASW, the International Federation of Social Workers has decided to link to the

**Peace and Social Justice
The Challenges Facing Social Work
Joint World Congress
July 5 - 9 in Jerusalem**

More than six hundred abstracts have been received by the program committee for the Joint World Congress of IASSW and IFSW in Jerusalem. The ambition to concretely involve Palestinian social worker associations in the World Congress in a manner acceptable to all parties is continued by the local organisers and the President of IFSW primarily. No final results can be reported at this stage.

Please make note that early bird registration deadline is April 1, 1998. A limited number of scholarships will be available to participants from countries with low BNP. Apply through the Congress Secretariat:

Joint World Congress of IFSW and IASSW
PO Box 50006, Tel Aviv 61500, Israel.
Tel: (972) 3 514 00 00; Fax: (972) 3 517 56 74 or 514 00 77
E-mail: ifsw@kenes.com
Web-site: <http://www.isassw.org.il>



A scholarship, announced at IFSW World Conferences in Eileen McGowan Kelly's name, was set up in 1997.

Chauncey A. Alexander (1916-2005)



Chauncey was an icon in professional social work. For decades he has been a role model for thousands of social workers worldwide. As Executive Director of NASW (National Association of Social Workers – US) he built and provided leadership to the profession on the national and international scene. In the US, the foundation for today's professional social work standards, continuing education, licensing, certification, code of ethics, political and legislative action, peace and social justice is largely due to Chauncey's efforts. At the global level, Chauncey served as the first US President of IFSW 1980-1982. He developed the concept of global policy papers, the international code of ethics, and he was always instrumental in mentoring and promoting other

social work associations. His relationship and work was warm, genuine, and inclusive.

In addition to Chauncey's untiring advocacy for the profession and for professional social workers, he also enjoyed an outstanding career as a practitioner, administrator, policy maker, activist, educator, speaker and author. Any one of his many noteworthy contributions would justify Chauncey being a "Master Social Worker", let alone his array of accomplishments with which each and every professional social worker around the world today can identify.

Individually and organisationally Chauncey used his competence, influence and power to better position others to achieve and grow – including our clients, our profession, and our society. Sally Alexander, Chauncey's wife, has been his partner on this lifelong road of service. Along with Sally and Chauncey's family, we will all miss our friend, deeply.

(source: Suzanne Dworak-Peck)

Litsa Alexandraki (1918-1986)

Litsa Alexandraki was born in Russia of Greek parents in 1918. She graduated of the Faculty of Law at Athens University June 1940 and assigned as lawyer by the Areos Pagos (High Court) to the First Instance Court of Athens in August 1941. During the Second World War, Litsa worked as voluntary nurse (Graduate of the School of Voluntary Nurses, Greek Red Cross) in Greece and was several times in the war period appointed to high and responsible positions by the Swiss, Greek and International Red Cross Committees. From 1946-1950 she studied criminology, sociology, psychology, social work and education at the London School of Economics and at the University of London. Upon her return from England, she was appointed Advisor to the Ministry of Welfare in Greece. She initiated a program to assist the families whose

relatives had been killed in the war or separated from their families for other reasons. She participated in a number of law drafting committees, assisted in the reorganisation of the schools for social work, and taught social work.

Litsa Alexandraki was the founder of the Hellenic Association of Social Workers and was three times elected as President of the International Federation of Social Workers. She served in this position from 1962 to 1968. During this time she expanded the IFSW membership to Asia, Africa and Latin America. When Litsa Alexandraki resigned as IFSW President in 1968, she became Honorary President until her death in 1986. In her name an international award for outstanding social work was introduced in 1988. It was given to Andrew and Ellen Mouravieff Apostol in 1992 for their long and faithful work for IFSW as Secretary General and Associate Secretary General from 1975-1992.

(source: IFSW website)

Jane M. Hoey (1892-1968)

Jane M. Hoey's major contribution to social work was in the establishment and enforcement of standards in public welfare administration. The daughter of Irish immigrants, she was born in Greeley County, Nebraska, USA. After receiving an MA in political science from Columbia University and a diploma from the New York School of Philanthropy in 1916, she began working for Harry Hopkins at the New York Board of Child Welfare. Employed by the American Red Cross, she later became secretary of the Bronx Committee of the New York Tuberculosis and Health Association. She helped organise the Health Division of the New York Welfare Council and became its assistant director in 1926. A combination of family and administrative experience helped acquaint her with the political world. Her political skills were helpful in negotiations with

US government officials and in program interpretation when she served as a delegate to the United Nations.

Jane Hoey later became the director of social research for the National Tuberculosis Association and served as president of the National Conference of Social Work, the Council on Social Work Education, and the William J. Kerby Foundation. The Jane M. Hoey Chair in Social Policy was established by the Columbia University School of Social Work. Between 1931 and 1953, Hoey published a number of articles related to government policy and welfare.

*Source: Lorraine M. Edwards
(Encyclopedia of Social Work, NASW Press)*

Jane M. Hoey bequeathed some of her fortune to IFSW. The money was put into a Solidarity Fund, which is used to provide support for social work development in poorer countries or facilitate participation in IFSW Conferences for social workers from target countries. At IFSW World and Regional Conferences a Jane Hoey Fund Auction is always held to raise funds for IFSW's solidarity work.



Join the Friends of IFSW!

An IFSW Friend is a professional social worker, an agency, a corporation or others supporting the social work profession and global social development. Individuals and organisations can link with and support IFSW through our Friends program. Friends receive the IFSW Friends pin, IFSW publications and policy papers, a certificate of recognition, and special invitation to and discount registration at IFSW International Conferences and Regional Seminars.

IFSW Friends are entitled to receive:

- ✓ *IFSW publications at reduced rates or free*
- ✓ *Discount registration rates and Friends reception at IFSW international conferences*
- ✓ *IFSW policy statements addressing social work concerns around the world*
- ✓ *The IFSW Friends pin*
- ✓ *A certificate of recognition.*

What does it cost?

There are 5 categories of IFSW Friends:

- 1.** *Annual Individual US\$50*
- 2.** *Student US\$25*
- 3.** *Life Individual US\$600*
- 4.** *Non-profit organisation US\$100*
- 5.** *Corporate US\$1,000*

Or equivalent amount in Euro, Sterling or Swiss francs

Contributions to IFSW may be tax deductible in some countries.

Information on the Friends Programme is available from:

**The Secretary-General
International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW)
PO Box 6875 ● CH-3001 Berne ● Switzerland
● www.ifsw.org ●**



SOCIAL WORK: MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE CELEBRATING THE IFSW 50TH JUBILEE

You are invited to celebrate the essential contribution of social workers around the world by making a personal contribution to the 50th anniversary of the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW).

IFSW is the voice of professional social work around the world

With member organisations in 80 countries including almost with almost half a million members, we think it is time for the world to see that **Social Work** does indeed **Make a World of Difference**.

Social workers make a world of difference

for individuals and families by providing care and support to some of the most isolated and troubled people around the world. They work **with** people to help them find their own solutions. For as long as social work has existed, we have worked with people in poverty and those in distress. Today that challenge seems bigger than ever.

IFSW makes a world of difference

by supporting social workers around the world through our member organisations, regions, conferences and projects. Our jubilee year focus is on poverty alleviation, in particular facing up to the growing needs in slums.

Find out more about social workers and IFSW by visiting www.ifsw.org.

You can help IFSW in making a world of difference

IFSW relies on the support of people like you who share our commitment and want to see real and lasting change for people and communities. We are asking for donations in which you are asked to direct your contribution either to "IFSW Development" or to "Projects in developing and emerging regions".

Support towards "IFSW Development" could be used in a number of different areas for IFSW as publications, capacity building and program improvement.

Support to "Projects in developing and emerging regions" will be undertaken in cooperation with the IFSW regions. Projects

will be targeted towards social worker organizations in the developing and emerging countries. They will be based on a social work approach to development. They will focus on enabling social worker organizations to improve their capacity to participate in projects such as fighting poverty and trafficking, promoting the human rights of marginalized groups and supporting sustainable social inclusion. The projects could be in cooperation with other non-governmental organizations / civil society, governments and international partners. Key words are ownership, partnership, effectiveness and transparency. All funding will be supported by a solid accountability framework to ensure that funds are appropriately used to support development, and based on decision of the IFSW Executive Committee.

You can help us make a world of difference

IFSW relies on the support of people like you who share our commitment and want to see real and lasting change for people and communities. Please read on to decide how you can become a part of that vision by supporting our work in this our Jubilee Year.

Deciding how to make a world of difference

There are many ways in which you can make a difference for social work:

- ☛ **Make a donation** to the development of core areas for international social work (see above for details);
- ☛ **Contribute by making a donation to IFSW Projects** in developing and emerging regions: for example the Poverty Alleviation Projects (see above for details);
- ☛ **Become a member of Jubilee 500**. For full details of this special membership please visit our website www.ifsw.org;
- ☛ For only US\$100, **be listed in the Tabula Gratulatoria** (Table of Congratulatory) on our website;
- ☛ By purchasing **Jubilee Appeal merchandise** from the IFSW website (available after Munich Conference August 2006).

Please turn over to see how you can make a difference



Thank you for making a world of difference

We invite you to contribute by credit card on-line – or you can send us your credit card details by fax or post. You can also send us a cheque or money order payable to IFSW.

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