

Update Report of the International Federation of Social Workers' Archives Project (2020 – 2022)

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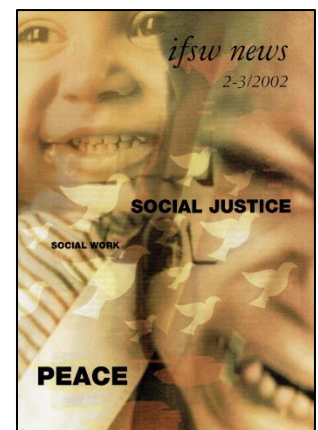


Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the work and commitment of social workers in supporting people to emerge from the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic with dignity and the best well-being possible for clients. Secondly, those with roles in areas of conflict and wars who are dealing with the complex impacts on people. My wish is for materials relating to these people and places be added to the current 100 years of archival material of the IFSW Archives, to act as a social history repository that captures these times.

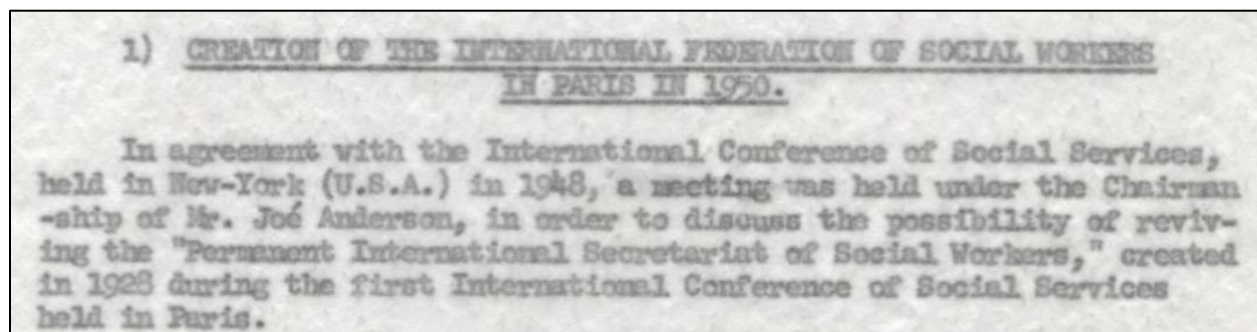
Preserving the past, current and future records of IFSW is about our human rights and human dignity as a profession. It is important the present is not overlooked, and it becomes future archival material for IFSW.

I have continued to focus on making history more visible. The steps in this process have not changed - from document researching, scanning documents and analysis, through to adding material to the IFSW data base and for the IFSW website. As there have been other priorities for IFSW secretariat staff, the scanning of documents and additions to the website has not progressed.

More work is required on the part of the archives' website celebrating 100 years of IFSW and social workers who have made a significant contribution to IFSW and/or international social work. The work papers of Gail Gilchrist-James and Nigel Hall have been acknowledged and added.



A reminder, 2028 is the 100 years celebration from the meeting in Paris setting up the International Permanent Secretariat of Social Workers (the forerunner for IFSW) (see below for excerpt from paper by Vice President Jean Nihon, circa 1956). IFSW now has a full photo collage but incomplete information of the IFSW presidents since 1962. It is a similar situation for the Andy Mouravieff-Apostol medal winners.



There are still significant amounts of work and as travel returns to normal my hope is to complete the work started in 2019 and continue the next stage of the archives project. In conclusion, I will take the opportunity to acknowledge the ongoing support of Archives Volunteer Nigel Hall and the IFSW Secretariat.