



PROFILE AND CURRICULUM VITAE OF NOMINEE

This profile and Curriculum Vitae is an IFSW Bylaws requirement and informs voting members of your experience and abilities for the position. It also provides valuable information for the IFSW office. By completing and signing it you are agreeing to be a nominee for this position. Please ensure that the completed form is no longer than five (5) pages using a Times New Roman 12 font and with margins no smaller than 0.75 cm on each side.

IFSW Position to which you seek nomination

IFSW Europe Vice President

Candidate's Name and Country

Tatevik Karapetyan, Armenia

Social Work and Other Educational Qualifications (include institution and date)

PhD candidate, Sociology and Social Work, Yerevan State University, 2016-2024

Master of Social Policy and Social Administration, Yerevan State University, 2014-2016

Bachelor of Social Work, Yerevan State University, 2010-2014

Professional Affiliations

Executive Board Member, Armenian Association of Social Workers, since 2019

Member of IFSW Europe, Young Social Workers Group, since 2020

Member, Council on Domestic Violence Issues, Affiliated to the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

Assigned Representative (AASW), Child Protection Network, Armenia

Professional Leadership Experience over the past decade

With over a decade of experience as a university professor/teacher, my professional path incorporates teaching, research, and leadership. In addition to these academic pursuits, I have actively contributed to the field by co-authoring numerous professional articles and playing a role in developing innovative social service models.

This involvement has allowed me to become an influential voice, contributing significantly to the understanding of social work experience in Armenia through research and the creation of professional literature in the Armenian language.

Beyond academia, I have demonstrated strong managerial skills, successfully guiding groups and leading diverse projects to successful completion. This leadership extends across various initiatives, including projects supported by international donors such as the World Bank, UN Agencies, USAID, EU and more. These projects address crucial areas such as child protection, poverty alleviation, human trafficking, community development, humanitarian aid, crisis social work, and the professionalization of social services.

National Association and Leadership Experience over the past decade

I started my journey with the Armenian Association of Social Workers, back in 2014. Up to now, I am actively involved in the promotion of social work and professional social services in Armenia, through different lobbying and advocacy initiatives, including, but not limited to the following: 1) promotion of Social Work Law in Armenia, 2) initiative towards protection of the rights of social service workforce, and specifically, social workers, 3) capacitating social service workers and promoting social work education, 4) developing recommendations (policy papers, draft laws, etc.) to improve social protection regulations, 5) developing and piloting social work services, as well as, 6) organizing social service exhibitions, forums and conferences, etc. As a part of my involvement in the activities of the Armenian Association of Social Workers, I also initiated and organized the first Forum of Young Social Workers in Armenia and based on that idea, also the affiliated young social workers group was established.

Community/Volunteer and Leadership Experience over the past decade

Throughout the course of my career, I have involved in supporting and improving the young social workers community in Armenia as well as contributing the development of start-up ideas in the field of social services and NGOs. Specifically, involving in different actions implemented and organized by the University Student Groups and community NGOs, outside of the capital. These included, sharing, and spreading my experience as a young professional with youth and newcomers in the field of social services, through workshops, trainings and consultative or mentorship programmes.

Are you aware of the description, role and responsibilities attached to the position you wish to have within the IFSW Executive?

YES:

NO:

If the answer is YES, please respond to the following questions:

a) What are the three most important responsibilities towards IFSW:

The role of IFSW Europe Vice-President, as a top executive position implies for a great responsibility towards the IFSW, its members, as well as the mission and goals of the organization. In this regard, through my lens, also considering the high liability towards social work profession, the three most important responsibilities are the following:

- Contributing to the successful accomplishment of the global goals and initiatives of IFSW through bringing the regional experience and lessons learned. This involves aligning regional perspectives with the broader vision of IFSW to enhance the organization's overall impact.*
- Effective involvement and participation in the operations of IFSW Executive following the assigned role and responsibilities. This includes a commitment to collaborative decision-making and the successful implementation of organizational strategies.*
- Maintaining respect for the ethical rules and authority of the IFSW, including its promotion in different relevant platforms, thus enhancing its visibility and credibility within the broader social work community.*

b) What are the three most important responsibilities towards your Region:

Considering the diverse context of the European Region, my perspective on the most crucial responsibilities towards my region includes the following aspects.

- *Supporting regional activities and initiatives, to promote social work profession and social workers in all the parts of the Region. This includes not only contributing to the advancement of social work practices but also actively transferring valuable experiences garnered from IFSW members.*
- *Promoting exchange of experience and collaboration between the sub-regions, including encouraging better communication and fostering partnership initiatives between member organizations.*
- *Effective participation in planning and implementing regional Action Plans and operations.*

c) What are the three most important responsibilities towards your national association?

First, it's a huge responsibility to act as a representative of the national association. It is especially crucial to use this experience to:

- ***Contribute to the Association's development:** Actively contributing to the growth and development of our national association by reflecting the extensive experience gained from involvement with IFSW and its member organizations. This involves integrating global best practices and innovative approaches to enhance the effectiveness and impact of my national association.*
- ***Transfer new knowledge and experience:** Introducing new knowledge and experiences to a country with changing traditions in the social work profession. This responsibility involves staying abreast of international advancements in social work and adapting relevant insights to the unique context of the national association, fostering continuous improvement and innovation.*
- ***Maintain the Association's reputation and honor of the association while representing it.***

Please demonstrate:

- Commitment to the goals of IFSW as laid down in the Constitution:

Promotion of social work values, advocacy and lobbying towards professional social work, acting through the development of local and regional partnerships, creating, and promoting linkages between different stakeholders, as well as protection of the rights of social workers and social service users have always been an integral part of my professional pathway. These are the destinations which I'm adhered to achieve, but not only on the local level, but also internationally, considering how diverse, but at the same time similar are the challenges that social workers and social services are faced around the globe. I am sure that only through adopting the values and principles, which are crucial to the profession and are fixed in the IFSW Constitution, we can attain the shared goals for the development and recognition of our profession.

- Possession of language(s) capabilities (preferably bilingual):
 - *Armenian (Mother tongue)*
 - *English (Upper intermediate)*
 - *Russian (Intermediate)*
- Identification with the region you represent, mainly by residence, work experiences, and knowledge of the main language(s) spoken in the region:

Knowledge of English and Russian languages, as widely spoken languages in the European region, gives an opportunity for effective communication in the whole European region, including EU area, and Eastern Partnership Countries.

- Practical wisdom and objective interest in international affairs

Over the past five years, my active involvement in various international cooperation projects has focused on advancing social work education, professionalizing social services, and enhancing social work and welfare systems.

These collaborative efforts covered partnerships with universities, social workers' associations, and social services, and others. But, most of all the interest towards more active engagement in international affairs, was affirmed, through my participation in the Young Social Workers Project, implemented under the auspices of IFSW Europe. This unique experience showed how important it is to approach the different aspects of the profession considering the diverse backgrounds and traditions of each country. Simultaneously, it highlighted the view that while challenges may differ, they often share commonalities, and addressing them requires collective efforts.

In my view, the professional challenges, that social workers are facing around the globe, specifically, in the European Region can be at least partially addressed through the international cooperation within the framework of IFSW. Moreover, by joining the authority of IFSW in collaboration with human rights and political organizations operating at regional and global levels, we can effectively tackle these challenges. This approach values the shared responsibilities and interconnectedness that exceeds borders, emphasizing the need for coordinated efforts on both regional and global levels.

- Willingness and capacity to devote time to assume work responsibilities in the Executive or Regional Committee

I am enthusiastic and prepared to serve on the Executive Committee, dedicating my time and expertise to fulfill crucial responsibilities that contribute significantly to the promotion and development of the social work profession and the accomplishment of IFSW objectives. It would be a privilege to actively contribute to these vital tasks.

- Ability, in so far as possible, to attend Executive or Regional Committee meetings:

There are not any significant reasons, which can anyhow hinder participation in Executive and Regional meeting both offline and online.

• Participation, so far as possible, as delegate of the General Meeting or attendance at IFSW Conferences
As a delegate from the Armenian Association of Social Workers, on regular basis I have been part of the IFSW Europe Delegates Meetings and Conferences starting from 2018, specifically, it included:

- *IFSW Europe e.V. Delegates Meeting 2018 – Romania, Bucharest*
- *IFSW Europe e.V. Delegates Meeting 2019 – Vienna, Austria*
- *IFSW Europe e.V. Delegates Meeting 2020 – online*
- *IFSW Europe e.V. Delegates Meeting 2021 – online*
- *IFSW Europe e.V. Delegates Meeting 2022 – Berlin, Germany*
- *IFSW Europe e.V. Delegates Meeting 2023 – Prague, Czech Republic*
- *A Social Europe is possible - IFSW EUROPEAN CONFERENCE VIENNA 2019*
- *Social Work in Europe: Meeting New Challenges - IFSW European Conference on Social Work 2021 (Online)*
- *Against all odds, A Social Europe is possible where no one is left behind! – IFSW EUROPEAN SOCIAL WORK CONFERENCE PRAGUE 2023*

- Any other information relevant to your nomination

N/A

Signature and Date

11.02.2024

