



## **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 12 font and with margins no smaller than 0.75 cm on each side.

### **IFSW Position to which you seek nomination**

Member at Large for Europe

### **Candidate's Name and Country**

Maria MORITZ, Austria

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

Social Work Diploma: 20 June 1995 in Vienna, Austria, Sozialakademie der Stadt Wien in Freytaggasse 32, 1210 in Vienna; PhD-Candidate, University of Salzburg, Psychology and Psychopathology and Psychiatry, 1975-1981; Propädeutikum and Basic training in client centered psychotherapy by Rogers 1975-1977; Commercial education and 14 years of experience in management of a stationery store, wholesale, production and salesmanagement in 1010 Vienna, Seilerstätte 28,

### **Professional Affiliations**

1994 Membership in Austrian Association of Social Workers (OBDS)

1996-1998 Treasurer of Parents&Teacher Association of Realgymnasium Glasergasse, 1090 Vienna

1998 Vicetreasurer of OBDS (Vienna branch)

2000 Member of Executive OBDS-Österreich, 2006 Vicepresident of OBDS-Österreich, since 2008 current President of OBDS Austria, 2011 Executive Member of IFSW-Europe e.V., 2012 Member at Large for Europe

### **Professional Leadership Experience over the past decade**

2006 Vicepresident of OBDS-Austria, 2008 President of OBDS, reelected 2-times, 2011 Executive board of IFSW-Europe e.V., 2012 Executive board of IFSW-Global, 2007-2011 ESF-EU Project 4127 in Romania Improving Education and participation of juvenile delinquents; ESF-EU Project 4138 in Romania: assessment of skills and participation of disabled youth in Romania;

Expert on Project-Team of EU-Twinning-Project in 2013: HR/2010/IB/SO/01TL, Improving Foster Care in Croatia

**National Association and Leadership Experience over the past decade**

2000 Executive Board of OBDS-Austria, 2006 Vicepresident of OBDS-Austria, 2008 - current President of OBDS-Austria

**Community/Volunteer and Leadership Experience over the past decade**

Founder and Executive Board Member of "Kids-Aid", Association for unaccompanied juvenile asylum seekers in Austria,

Executive Board of "Armutskonferenz" Poverty-Alliance in Austria; Founder of Viennese branch of "Armutskonferenz", NGO-Plattform for Human Rights in Austria (Liga für Menschenrechte); Plattform for Children´s Rights in Austria

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

**YES:** I am aware!

**NO:**

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

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

+supporting and developing the contacts to members as well as to important political institutions, other NGOs with the aim to make the voice of IFSW and of social workers more heard and recognized  
+ Developing projects and executing the work-program of IFSW- Europe  
+Informing and keeping contact with the President fo the region, the Executive, the members of IFSW, the global president, executive and the Secretary General in special coordination to submit the needs and initiatives of the region and coordinate with the global aims, f.i. Global Agenda and organizing the next Agenda observatory.

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

+Securing close contact to the regional president and to Executive members, contact to members as is named in the "contact member´s project" of IFSW-Europe  
cooperation and work on the work-program  
contribute to the aims and achievements of the IFSW-Europe-projects

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

- +Developing a modern and successful professional association
- +Improving the image and role of social work in Austria
- +Promote international networking and contacts

**Please demonstrate:**

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

I do commit to the goals of IFSW global and regional. As member of the Executive of IFSW-Europe and as Member at Large for Europe I see my responsibilities to support the members in their effort to build strong professional associations. Especially the "young" and recently founded associations want to receive information and knowhow for their national work. The special situation in Europe after the economic crisis, the impact of austerity programs on the social security systems in Europe and the social institutions and on individual social workers are in some parts catastrophic. This means special close contacts, support and motivation to go on with the professional work in these countries. The project of the Global Agenda provides a new instrument to enhance the exchange of experiences and best practice examples.

- Possession of language(s) capabilities (preferably bilingual)

German (mother tongue), English (Fluent professional)  
French and Spanish (rather poor)

- Identification with the region you represent, mainly by residence, work experiences, and knowledge of the main language(s) spoken in the region

I live in Europe, central in Vienna, Austria, worked there until retirement, building very close contacts to the German-speaking associations in Germany and Switzerland, Luxembourg, additionally having close contacts to eastern European colleagues in Croatia, Romania, Hungary, Slovenia.

- Practical wisdom and objective interest in international affairs  
Since the age of 17 - being an exchange-student to the USA for a year - I am interested in foreign affairs, diverse cultures and contacts to people and colleagues in other countries. The work at the Twinning-projects in Romania and Croatia during the years 2007 - 2013 contributed in a very rich and essential way to my experience, professional knowledge and humane wisdom of international affairs.
- Willingness and capacity to devote time to assume work responsibilities in the Executive or Regional Committee  
My capacity to devote time for the work, the contacts and the responsibilities in the Executive is excellent since I have spare time as a retired social worker.
- Ability, in so far as possible, to attend Executive or Regional Committee meetings  
I like to travel and working as Member at Large for Europe I am used to frequent travelling.
- Participation, so far as possible, as delegate of the General Meeting or attendance at IFSW Conferences  
There are no objective reasons for not participating. Even the very long travel to Australia will not be a problem regarding my age.
- Any other information relevant to your nomination  
In October 2014 I will hand over the presidency of the Austrian Association OBDS to a younger team and therefore even improve my capacity and voluntary engagement for IFSW. I also accepted a call to represent IFSW in the Executive Board of the UN committee CoNGO (Conference of NGOs at the UN) at New York and engage in the regional committees of CoNGO in Vienna.

**Signature and Date**

Vienna, 25.04.2014

