



Iran Association of Social Workers

Activities for the world social work day

March 2017

1. Similar to every year, and to show appreciation to social work professors, the association held **commemoration ceremony** for Dr. Hosein Fekrazad. The aim of these commemoration ceremonies is to promote appreciation of teachers as a tradition and to develop social kindness.





Dr.Hosein Fekrazad is a social worker and sociologist who was quite successful in education, research and performance in the last 40 years and collaborated with Iran state welfare organization as an expert, consultant and administrator. He was one of the people who endeavored a lot in naming the world children's day in Iranian calendar. His name is familiar with everyone in social work and children's fields. He had been head of social work department in university of social welfare and rehabilitation sciences for years and compiled many books in this area. Presence in disaster and updating his knowledge in these areas made him an elite master.





2. **National television of Iran** invited head of Iran association of social workers and a number of the members to a TV show about social work, social problems, addiction etc.





Iran Association of Social Workers was and will be present in a number of TV and radio programs in these days.

This year, the world social work day and the Persian New Year are in a similar date. Therefore the national TV of Iran invited one of the Iran Association of Social Workers board of advisors with his family (He has a social worker wife) to a live TV show for 21st of March. Also some pioneer and successful social workers are invited to the same TV show.



3. Members of Iran Association of Social Workers visit **some pioneer social workers** in the world social work day to promote social kindness. The association beliefs social workers are very important moral and social resources for the society and especially for other social workers.



4. Rehabilitation is one of the fields that social workers can play an important role in it. So in the past few years social workers in Iran emphasized more on it. To express the importance of this field for social workers and to develop opportunities for social workers in Iran to work in rehabilitation field, Iran Association of Social Workers just **signed an agreement** with Iran State Welfare Organization which is in charge of rehabilitation in Iran.

5. Even if social work is a team work profession and referral system is an important base for social work, there is a lack of information about job description of social workers in different organization. To fill this gap and in the world month of social work, Iran Association of Social Workers officially invited every organization in Iran with social work field to cooperate in **making a booklet describing social workers job descriptions** in them and the effect of these organizations on target groups of social workers. We hope to prepare this booklet in both English and Persian languages.

6. Like the past few years, Iran Association of Social Workers translated the **world social work day poster** released by the International Federation of Social Workers and printed and send it to national organizations with social work field of activity. This action has been very effective to introduce the world social work day and social work profession to the organizations.





7. Iran Association of Social Workers had some **meetings with managers and officials of social work sections** of different organizations. We would manage to continue to hold these meetings in the following months and years as well.

8. Right before the world social work day and Persian New Year, Iran Association of Social Workers volunteers, Head and some members of the board of advisory had an **intimate meeting**. Head of the association appreciated each volunteer by presenting an appreciation letter. This intimate meeting was very encouraging and motivating for all the volunteers. Also in the meeting, Hamed Olamaee was introduced as the manager of **international affairs committee** of the association.









9. Because of the world social work day and releasing the new social policies for families by the government, The Association decided to hold a national congress with the title of **“Family social policy”** and discuss about these policies. This congress had a wide reflection in different Medias in the country. While Iran Association of Social Workers played an important role in making these policies, Social work concepts are clearly part of them.



More important people who played a role in making these policies were presented in the congress. For example Mrs. Shahindokht Molaverdi, the **vice president of Iran** in the section of Women and Family Affairs, Dr. Salman Khodadadi, **the head of social commission of the parliament**



and a member of Islamic Consultative Assembly, Dr. Leili Boroujerdi, head of women and youth committee of Expediency Discernment Council, Mr. Ahmad Mazani, the representative of people of Tehran in the parliament, Dr. Anoushiravan Mohseni Bandpey, head of Iran state welfare organization and many more.





At the end of the congress, a **panel of experts** was held with the presence of a social worker, a sociologist, a social scientist and a lawyer. The panel was very popular among the participants. The concept of this congress will be published as a booklet shortly.





