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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS

Executive Committee

Summary Report

Centre International d'Etudes Pédagogiques, Paris, France
June 21-22, 1958

ATTENDANCE:

Mlle. M. I. Ginet, President
Mlle. J. J. A. Lohnis, Vice President
Mlle. H. Fredenhagen, Treasurer
Mr. Donald V. Wilson, Secretary
Mr. E. Anderson
Mlle. A. de Laage
M. J. Nihon
Miss Nancy Rice-Jones

Others Attending

M. Maurice Milhaud, Technical Assistance Administration,
United Nations

Mlle. Clery

ABSENTEES:

Miss B. Touzel, Mr. M. Raphael, Mme. R. Schluter,
Miss V. Sieder, Mme. R. Stasi-Giallombardo,
Mrs. C. Thompson.

OPENING

Mlle. Ginet, President, welcomed the members of the Executive Committee and introduced M. Milhaud, who discussed the social service program of the United Nations in Europe. He reviewed for the Committee, the requirements of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations for granting consultative status to a non-governmental organization, such as the International Federation of Social Workers.

After discussion of the responsibilities and opportunities provided by such status, it was agreed that the IFSW should make formal application for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following agenda was adopted:

1. Approval of minutes of last meeting.
2. Report of President.
3. Report of Secretary.
4. Report of Treasurer.
5. Membership report.
6. Report on seminars.
7. Plan for meetings to be held in Tokyo, December, 1958.
8. Plans for Council Meeting, including election of officers.
9. News Bulletin - THE SOCIAL WORKER.
10. Future plans and activities.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The report of the last meeting of the Executive Committee held in August 1957 was approved with the following comments and clarifications:

1. The Funds of the Federation are consolidated in one account in Zurich, Switzerland.

2. Fees were established as follows:

	<u>Swiss Franca</u>
Association with Membership below 100 members	25.00
Association with Membership between 100 - 1000	100.00
Association with Membership between 1000- 5000	200.00
Association with Membership over 5000	600.00

3. Budget for 1957 and 1958 (Attachment #5). The term "attendance at meetings" would be more accurate than "living expenses".

4. It was agreed that the Council will review the Constitution as adopted, and formally ratify it at their meeting in Tokyo.

5. The Committee expressed their appreciation to Miss Ruth Williams for the excellent work done in preparing the minutes of the 1957 meeting of the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Mlle. Ginot expressed regret that several members of the Executive Committee could not be present; Mr. Raphael of Greece could not attend, but recently had an opportunity to discuss the agenda with Mr. Wilson, who visited Athens. Letters were received from all absentees regretting their inability to attend.

The World Family Congress of the International Union of Family Organizations which was held in Paris during the past week, brought together social workers from all parts of the world.

The President has maintained close relations with the Catholic International Union of Social Service and has been invited to attend their Ninth World Congress, to be held in Brussels from August 18 - 25, 1958.

It was agreed that when social workers from different countries attend international meetings, such as the World Federation for Mental Health, an effort be made to hold a special meeting to encourage the social workers to meet again. This should be the responsibility of the IFSW representative in the country where the meetings are being held, and the National Associations.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The undertaking of publishing a Quarterly Bulletin during the past year represents an important development in the IFSW program. Since August 1957, the secretary of the IFSW has visited a number of countries where he talked with social workers: Greece, Lebanon, Pakistan, India (Bombay), Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, Guatemala, Chile, Argentina and Uruguay.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Miss Fredenhagen reported that all member organizations have paid their membership subscription for 1957. The following countries have paid their subscription for 1958: Australia, Canada, Denmark, Sweden and Switzerland. Annual dues are due on January 1st, and is to be paid before June 30th of each year.

The financial accounts have been reviewed thoroughly by qualified auditors and the reports and supporting records have been approved. The financial report for 1957 is attached. (Attachment #1).

After discussion, it was agreed that no changes should be made in the present scale of annual dues paid by member organizations. If an organization cannot pay the full amount of annual dues required by the established scale, it has been agreed that the Executive Committee would consider a request from the organization to pay a smaller amount during a particular year.

The question of payment of expenses for members of the Executive Committee to attend meetings was considered, since some members find it difficult to meet the costs. It was agreed that such costs could not be undertaken by the IFSW at the present time unless special funds were secured for this purpose. Miss Fredenhagen was requested to take appropriate action to establish a special fund for this purpose.

A revised budget for 1958 was adopted. (See Attachment #2.)

The present legal status of the IFSW needs clarification, and it was agreed that M. Nihon would examine the advisability of legal registration in Belgium and Miss Fredenhagen will determine the same question in Switzerland. Appropriate action is to be taken after both recommendations are submitted to the President, and the Executive Committee.

MEMBERSHIP

A report concerning membership activities was presented by Miss Lohnis, Vice President, who serves as chairman of the Membership Committee.

There has been correspondence with individuals and organizations in a number of countries concerning the possibility of affiliation with the IFSW, including Argentina, Chile, Brazil, Spain and Portugal. In Spain and Portugal and others, it has been difficult to determine that an organization of social workers has been created.

There is a problem in several countries where more than one organization exists, and it is recommended that a union of some type be established to facilitate affiliation with the IFSW.

M. Nihon noted that two associations were affiliated in Italy, but only one is paying an annual fee and keeping in close contact with the Federation. Mlle. Ginot will make a special inquiry about that specific situation.

It is urged that each time a member of the Executive Committee corresponds with either established groups or individuals, copies of correspondence should be sent to other members; particularly when it is a matter of membership, Miss Lohnis is to receive all correspondence.

New applications for affiliation have been received from the following organizations:

1. Israel - National Association of Social Workers
Histadrut Building
Arlosoroff Street
Tel-Aviv, Israel
Secretary - M. Betan

Miss Lohnis recently visited Israel and reports that this association has a membership of about 1,000 and complies with all the requirements for membership in the IPSW. The application was approved unanimously on the motion made by Miss Lohnis and seconded by Mr. Andersen.

2. Pakistan - Pakistan Association of Social Workers
(Headquarters in Karachi)
East Pakistan Association of Social Workers
Newly established organization at Lahore
Secretary General - Mr. Julani

At the meeting of the Executive Committee in 1957, application was considered but action was postponed since there was more than one organization in Pakistan. With the current application is a statement that a national coordinating committee has been established with a total of 150 members. The Committee is composed of representatives of the above three Pakistani organizations. On the motion of Mr. Wilson seconded by Miss Lohnis, it was agreed that membership for this association should be granted if and when it is determined that all three organizations of social workers in Pakistan are participating in the National Coordinating Committee.

3. Luxembourg - The situation here is somewhat complicated, as Luxembourg has no school of social work; their workers are trained in France and Belgium. The application was received from:

National Association of Nurses and Social Workers
Association Nationale des Infirmieres
Sociales Luxembourgeoises Diplomees et Assistantes
17 Avenue des Amies
Ettelbruch, Luxembourg
President - Mlle. Berthe Schmitz

Miss Fredenhagen reported on a recent conversation with Mlle. Schmitz, President of the Association. Their total membership consists of 80 persons, all with social work diplomas. They also have diplomas in nursing, but work primarily as social workers. Two of the members hold diplomas in nursing only.

Mr. Andersen moved that membership be granted with an understanding that such action is an exception to the general policy and should not serve as a precedent for granting membership to an organization other than associations of social workers. The motion was seconded by Miss Rice-Jones and unanimously approved.

The Committee noted with great appreciation, the excellent work being done by Miss Lohnis as Chairman of the Membership Committee.

The President has had a meeting with a French organization of social workers, a section of which includes qualified social workers. On this account she asked the Committee whether such a section may be regarded as a representative organization and as such invited to take part in the Federation? The answer was yes, if this section possesses its own specific activity for social workers and is concerned with improving the profession. Each member organization should "require from its members regular professional training, compatible with standards recognized in that country". If another association exists in the same country they are to be invited to organize their joint representation.

REPORT ON SEMINARS

A Seminar on In-Service Training of Social Workers, was held in Belgirate, Italy, under the sponsorship of the IFSW, from September 1 - 7, 1957. The Seminar was attended by 23 participants from seven countries. The Italian Association of Social Workers and the United Nations provided expert help, films, and visits for which the IFSW is greatly indebted.

THE SOCIAL WORKER

The Executive Committee expressed their deep appreciation to Mr. Raphael and Miss Williams for their excellent work in connection with the Bulletin.

It was agreed that it was not possible to issue a French or Spanish issue of the Bulletin, although a French edition would be of particular help. Consideration should be given, however, to including some articles in French that has been submitted in that language. Miss Williams and Mr. Raphael are to be asked to consider this idea.

It was agreed that each national member organization be requested to designate an individual to serve as a correspondent for the "Social Worker" and submit material to Mr. Raphael as Editor. This proposal was made following discussion of a suggestion made by Miss V. Sieder in a recent letter to Mlle. Ginot.

In general, it was agreed that the focus of the "Social Worker" should be primarily a report of the activities of the IFSW and its member organizations, rather than attempt to review international social welfare activities in general.

It would be helpful if the member organizations and members of the Executive Committee were to be advised of the present distribution of the Bulletin. An effort should be made to increase the distribution of the Bulletin in the various countries.

PLANS FOR MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN TOKYO

Plans are being made for meetings to be held during the time of the Ninth International Conference of Social Work, being held from November 30th to December 6th, 1958 in Tokyo, Japan. The Council of the IFSW is to meet on Thursday afternoon, December 4th, at 2:00 P.M.

On Thursday, morning, December 4th, the Federation will hold an open meeting at 9:30 A.M., to be attended by all interested persons regarding the subject: "The Role of the Professional Social Worker in Determining Needs and Mobilizing Resources". The proposed program for this meeting was discussed and agreed that representatives from associations of social workers in the Pacific area should be asked to participate.

Council Meeting: (December 4, 1958)

Attendance: In addition to the three official delegates, the member organizations may designate, in advance, other persons who may attend the meeting as observers.

Proposed Agenda:

1. Adoption of agenda
2. Report of previous meeting - Munich 1956
3. President's report on the activities of the Executive Committee since 1956
4. Membership report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Constitution of the IFSW
7. Report of activities of (a) seminars held, (b) Bulletin
8. Proposal concerning "The Social Worker"
9. Election of Officers

Nominations Committee:

The President appointed, in accordance with the Constitution, the following persons to serve as members: Miss N. Rice-Jones, Chairman; Miss Fredenhagen; Mr. Andersen; Mlle. de Laage; Miss Lohnis.

FUTURE PLANS AND ACTIVITIES

A European meeting of the International Conference of Social Work will be held in Strasbourg during the week of July 20th, 1959 and it has been proposed that the Executive Committee of the IFSW meet at that time. It was then agreed that the Executive Committee meet on Saturday and Sunday, July 18th and 19th, in Strasbourg.

Consideration was also given to plans for a meeting of the Executive Committee and Council in 1960. A suggestion was made by the member organization in Switzerland that a Seminar on Mental Health be sponsored by the IFSW in 1960, since it is Mental Health year.

Considering the meeting of the Council after Tokyo in 1958, it was proposed that the next Council meeting be in Rome, Italy, at the time of the meeting of the International Conference of Social Work in 1961.

ETHICS OF THE PROFESSION

At the meeting of the Executive Committee in 1957, Miss Jane Hoyer proposed that the IFSW take action in this field of ethics and agreed to ask the NASW in the United States "if it could undertake to collect information about what presently exists in the way of statements on ethics in various countries." After discussion, it was agreed that the IFSW should take action in this field and ask the member organizations to submit comments and recommendations.

COURSES AVAILABLE

A course on the study of Treatment of Maladjusted Children will be held in Denmark (Copenhagen) from August 17th - 26th, 1958, under the sponsorship of

the IFSW and the Danish Association of Social Workers. The course will be given in English and all member organizations are invited to send representatives.

COMMENTS

The Executive Committee of the IFSW expressed their deep appreciation to Mlle. de Laage for the generous hospitality received during the two days of the meeting, and to Mlle. Ginot for her leadership as President and her excellent service as Chairman during these meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald V. Wilson
Secretary

COMPTES 1957 - Details (Francs Suisses)

Comptes du 1 janvier au 31 decembre 1957

	<u>Recettes</u>	<u>Depenses</u>
Interets	3.92	
Cotisations des Associations membres	2340.65	
Taxes diverses		4.67
Frais de voyage des membres du Comite		167.40
Materiel de bureau		189.—
Multicopies		70.30
Ports, telephone		130.85
Cotisations a d'austres Associations		109.—
Delegations a Conferences		73.—
Seminaire Belgirate (Italie)		
Perfectionnement en cours d'emploi		377.40
Cycle d'etudes Zurich (Suisse)		
Service social d'entreprise		71.65
	<hr/> 2344.57	1193.27
Solde crediteur		1151.30
	<hr/> 2344.57	<hr/> 2344.57

Bilan au 31 decembre 1957

	<u>Actif</u>	<u>Passif</u>
Avoirs en banque	2583.20	
Debiteurs	229.10	
Crediteurs		724.95
Fortune au 31 decembre 1957		2087.35
	<hr/> 2812.30	<hr/> 2812.30

Fortune de l' Association

Fortune au 1 janvier 1957	936.05	
Benefice 1957	1151.30	
Fortune au 31 decembre 1957	<hr/> 2087.35	Banque Credit Suisse Zurich

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COMPTES 1957 - Details (Francs Suisses)Comptes du Seminaire a Balgirate (Italie), 1.-7.9.1957
sur le perfectionnement en cours d'emploi de l'assistant social

	<u>Recettes</u>	<u>Depenses</u>
Cotisations participants	408.75	
Contribution Association nationale (italienne) des assistants sociaux	420.--	
Expert ONU		231.--
Films		72.05
Organisation		442.15
Matériel de bureau		33.60
Secrétaire, hotesses		344.95
Représentation		82.40
	<hr/> 828.75	1206.15
Deficit	377.40	
	<hr/> 1206.15	1206.15

Comptes du Cycle d'Etudes a Zurich (Suisse), 22.-28.9.1957
sur la fonction et les methodes de travail de
l'assistant social d'entreprise

	<u>Recettes</u>	<u>Depenses</u>
Cotisations participants	120.--	
Contribution de l'Association (suisse) des travailleurs sociaux d'entreprises	45.--	
Contribution de la Conference Nationale Suisse de Service Social	200.--	
Expert ONU		159.90
Organisation		77.05
Matériel de bureau		40.40
Secrétaires, hotesse		135.--
Représentation		24.30
	<hr/> 365.--	436.65
Deficit	71.65	
	<hr/> 436.65	436.65

Attachment #2
June 21, 1958

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BUDGET 1958

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
	Swiss	Francs
Subscriptions from Association members	2450.--	
Various taxes		10.--
Travelling expenses for Committee members		300.--
Stationary		100.--
Polycopies		200.--
Post - Telephone		200.--
Subscription to International Conference of Social Work		110.--
Attendance to meetings & conferences		100.--
Bulletin "The Social Worker"		200.--
Propaganda		100.--
Seminars		200.--
Participation Tokyo Conference		800.--
Miscellaneous		130.--
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	2450.--	2450.--