

Notes from Working group one in Hungary, 30/1-1/2

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Absent members:

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1. As a **“pre-meeting”** activity, Levante Fruttus, Zsofia Mucsi and Staffan Höjer had a meeting with our next keynote speaker Kinga Göncz in Budapest 30/1. Kinga was very interested to address the conference and she is going to speak on the subject: *Social Work a changing profession in Hungary and Central and Eastern Europe*.

We asked her to try to involve comments about: (1) the social policy situation and the most significant social problems that social work is meeting (2) the development and situation for social work (3) the development and situation for social work education and (4) the hopes and fears with the entrance in the EU from a social work perspective. Kinga Göncz is parliamentary secretary of state at the Ministry of Health, Social and Family Affairs in Hungary. She has among other things been assistant professor at the Department of Social Policy at the Institute of Sociology at Eötvös Lorand University of Arts and Sciences. Her main activities included training in mediation, conflict management and negotiating skills.

2. We **visited all the locations** for the next conference including the two hotels the conference hall and group rooms. We found them all very suitable for the conference. We also met with the administrative staff at the college in charge for the conference. Most activities will take place in Kecskemét with the exception of a part of the social programme held in Nagykörös.

3. The **program was finalized**. As of now it looks like this:

Thursday 6th of May

9-12 Pre-meeting for the working groups.

13-14 Registration

14-15 Opening Ceremony

- a) István Nagy principle of the college
- b) László Varga, secretary of the reformed diocese, representative in the local government
- c) Levante Fruttus, head of the diaconal department
- d) Annamaria Campanini head of direction board of EUSW

15-16 Reception

16-17 Keynote address: Kinga Göncz

17-18 Discussion (Chair: Gudrun Ehlert and Staffan Höjer)

19 Evening programme

Friday 7th of May

(Chair: Zsofia Mucsi)

9-9.30 Report from the board of EUSW

9.30-10 Presentation and report from WG 4 Website

10-10.30 Presentation and report from WG 3 Newsletter

10.30-11 Coffee break

11-12 Presentation and report from WG 2 Book 1 and 2

12-13 Presentation and report from WG 5 Summer school

13-14 Lunch

14-16 Working group discussions

16.30 Evening programme in Nagykörös

Saturday 8th of May

(Chair: Answin Weissenborn)

9-10.30 Working group discussions

10.30-11 Coffee break

11-12 Market place for networking – inside and outside the EUSW

12-13 The administration for EUSW including questions and discussions about current network activities.

13-14 Lunch

(Chair: Gudrun Ehlert)

14-16 Future planning workshop (Theme: what happens after the third year of EUSW)

16-16.30 Closing ceremony

17 Evening programme

Sunday 9th of May

Breakfast and home trip

4. Comments:

After the conference in Dornbirn it was commented that there should be more time for the working groups. It saves money for the network if all working groups can do a lot of work while we are gathered. Therefore we have scheduled a pre-meeting for all working groups which means all network members need to arrive on Wednesday. Zsofia and Levante will arrange possibilities to be picked up with a bus at the airport in Budapest. Late arrivals will have to take the train from Budapest to Ketchkemet (1,5 hours).

At the registration everybody's photo will be taken and the participants will be asked to fill in a "declaration of competence and skills" (This "declaration", half serious half humorous, is a way to present everyone in a more personal way. It will hopefully increase the possibilities of cooperation between network members.). They will also be asked to fill in cards with "offers and demands" at the market place (more later).

The opening ceremony will be chaired by one of the students from the social work department in Nagykörös. The opening ceremony and the keynote address will be open for students and faculty staff from invited social work schools. Thereafter the programme is only open for the network members and associates.

On Saturday "Market place for networking" means two things. First, a chance to discuss ideas presented on the market place chart (see below) and second, a report on the Tuning activities from Annamaria.

In everybody's welcome folder there will be some Marketplace of ideas: cards (some called "offers" other "demands") On them network members are supposed to advertise interest of cooperation on bi- or multilateral level. (For example Staffan Höjer in Göteborg could as one offer note that there are possibilities for students to apply for the International Masters course in May at Göteborg university. Or as a demand ask anyone that is interested to help me with presenting country related news for the European Journal of Social Work where I am part of the editorial committee. The idea of offers and demand is that it could be one way of increasing the possibilities for exchange within the network. (Our working group suggests this "Marketplace to exchange ideas" should be continued as one site open at the website.)

Later on Saturday, "Future planning workshop" is intended to be one way of discussing the future of the EUSW network. Several different propositions have been put how to continue the cooperation between the partners after the three years have passed. Many seem to think the cooperation has been fruitful and that it would be a shame to end it all after 2005. At this workshop we want to present the different ideas and then in a "Open space method form" let the conference partners try to develop the ideas and see what interest different ideas have. Some of the ideas are:

- To continue the joint book production with for example a) one book on adequate social work theory used in education settings or b) one book that presents or supports comparative research
- To develop a new European Masters Course focusing on family policy, family research and work with families in social work.
- A more comprehensive program for International IT learning in social work.
- To arrange a larger conference for social work educators and researcher in Europe as a dissemination of the results of these three years.
- A project concerned with teaching methods in social work , "new forms of didactics"
- Another project on "Research oriented education" with an aim at introducing and discussing "the best practices..." (Both students actually doing research and also learning from research)

More ideas might be presented. If the conference thinks some of these ideas are interesting, and agree with the overall idea to continue the cooperation, we will suggest a new Working group, The aim of this working group is then to create a new proposal for the thematic network between 2006-2008.

All the evening programs (the social programme) is planned and will be arranged by the organising college. It includes among other things: different types of typical dinners, outdoor cooking, music entertainment and a horse show.

5. Our working group have been asked to help the summer school with marketing activities. We decided that Answin Weissenborn will be our contact person to the Summer School group. Answin will contact Anna-Karin in order to get some more info about what our marketing task should hold. (Answin will also be able to participate in, at least, part of the summer school if necessary).

6. Our working group have also been asked to help with the administration of other working group meetings. Staffan contacts Annamaria and the other board members to clarify when this should be fulfilled and what tasks we are supposed to help with.

7. The absent members of our working group are all expected to participate at the EUSW conference. Please contact Staffan if you need any further information about what we shall do at the conference.

8. In all we have had a very productive and inspiring meeting and we have received a very big hospitality form Zsofia and Levante and all the staff involved at the organising college. Thank you everybody.

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Staffan Höjer