

**Report of the Meeting of the Book Production Group,
Madrid, Friday 7th and Saturday 8th November, 2003**

The core group members present were:

Maria Michailidis, Gunther Friesenhan, Tomasa Banez, Gerard Moussou, Maria Jose Freitas, Ewa Kantowicz and Liz Frost. There were apologies from Sigrun Juliusdottir.

Additionally the meeting included guest members who came to discuss their possible contribution to the development of the second EUSW book. These were Augustin Monivas, Manuel Serreno,, Vincenzo Fortunato, Wilfred Diekman, Elena Roldan, Maria Asuncion Martinez, Fernando De Lucas

Annamaria Campanini resigned from chairing the book as her commitments in relation to the network are too time-consuming, and Liz Frost has taken over as chair.

The tasks of the book group were primarily to look at all the contributions of proposals received so far, and to create an inclusive book structure, which engaged people's interests and reflected the aims of the EUSW but which also had structural coherence and a potentially good academic standard. A further task was to appoint a group of editors and draft further instructions for writers. Organising a time scale for writing the book was also part of the meeting's business.

Creating Book 2

By considering all 18 chapter outlines we had received, it became clear that approximately half of the authors were proposing to write about issues relating to families – parents, young people and children – and that the other half of the papers related to conceptual issues such as knowledge, rights, ethics etc. within this some papers had a leaning towards education and professional issues in social work, and some were more geared towards policy and/or theoretical perspectives.

Having spent some time on Friday looking at different ways of structuring the book, on Saturday morning Liz Frost introduced a proposal for the following structure: the book would be titled something like 'Children, Young People and Families In Europe: Examining Social Work Practice', and it should comprise three sections, the most substantial and central one of which would be called European Social Work: Examining practices. The introductory section would be 'European Social Work, Understanding the Context, and the concluding section: European Social Work: (In)Forming the Profession.' This offered a space for nearly all the chapters without necessitating massive changes in their proposed themes, although the option to alter the chapter was there if people wished to.

Time scale

The group worked hard on drawing up a realistic time-scale for book production which has since been sent to all authors. A publisher's proposal has been requested from each author by January 2004 and a full first draft before the conference in May. The final product must be ready this summer, 2004.

Editorial group

A new editorial group was needed for this book, as without Annamaria that only left Liz in this role. Gunther Freisenhan, Maria Michelaidis and Maria Jose Freitas offered to act as further editors for this project.

Guidance for authors

The editorial group's first task was begun at the meeting, and then finished by email latter, and consisted of composing guiding instructions to authors on basic principles (a demonstrable link with children and families, a demonstrable link with social work practice and a strong European dimension), structure and time-scales.

Overall then the group worked hard and efficiently and achieved its aims. The core group present, of approximately six, seemed a good optimum number for advancing such work and everyone's contributions were extremely valuable.

The next meeting of the group will be in Hungary on 5th May, immediately prior to the annual meeting.