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NEWSLETTER

Report from the Core board, September 2006

Dear colleagues,

We are at the end of our first year of work with this new Thematic Network.

It has been a very difficult year for many of us. The Bologna process has taken almost all our energy and in many countries we now have new paths and new curricula. In some countries a process of unification between different schools is also in progress. Despite this situation, the working groups have done a good job and we can say that we achieved the aims of this first year.

The Board meeting at the end of August, in Göteborg, was very fruitful and we have discussed the improvement of the activities also in relation to our next meeting in Olsztyn. If we are only to mention a few things; we have books on their way, the EUSW website works better than before, there will be more teaching courses for practitioners in several countries and the newsletter is coming out according to plan. Networking has increased between the members of EUSW and new projects and projects plans are being initiated.

The Virclass task force, is ready to start with the new curriculum and for the next year we need to create a new task force to organise the summer school. A new initiative of a Joint Master in Social policies and social work for



families has been taken by Parma, Goteborg, Bodo and Palma de Mallorca. You will find information about that in this newsletter.

But let us finish with a call for the future. Despite all the outcomes accomplished, we need an even stronger commitment of everyone to proceed with our project in 2006/2007. In the name of the Core Board I wish you a fruitful year and see you in Olsztyn!

Annamaria
Campanini

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Group 1 - Training for practitioners – European courses available in the next year.

The EUSW has a commitment to bringing a European perspective to training for social work practitioners in EU member states. We believe that all practitioners can benefit from learning about different practice and policy approaches from other countries. Training can also benefit by using the vast range of skills and knowledge available within the network members.

Following the successful training event in Bristol, UK, earlier this year, the results of two surveys of EUSW members by the Training and Education Working Group (Working Group 1) have been analysed. These indicate some training issues that would be generally useful in many European countries. They are also subjects which could benefit from a European wide perspective and the different knowledge and experiences from a range of countries.

The subjects that have shown the most interest are:

- Multi-cultural practice
- Social exclusion & integration
- Service user participation
- Ageing population & dementia

Some EUSW members have already identified ways in which they or colleagues in their institution could contribute to training for these topics.

The EUSW are able to offer 3 or 4 day training packages for practitioners that could cover one

of these topics as well as some general sessions about the variations of practice and context of social work in different EU states. The feedback from those who attended the Bristol training event indicated that these general sessions were greatly valued. The final content

of each course would, naturally, be negotiated with the organisers to ensure they were most useful for the practitioners who attend.

Would training like this be useful for your institution?

The Working Group would be very pleased to hear from anyone in the network who would like to discuss the possibility of hosting one of these courses, or of discussing how EUSW contributions could be made to other training courses. It is important to remember, however, that this training is primarily intended for practising social workers. Students of social work could also attend, but the main attenders should be those already in practice.

The list of subjects given above represents those issues already identified by EUSW members as useful. However, if any network member has another topic or subject they would prefer to be the focus of training then the Working Group would be happy to discuss this and try to find appropriate contributions to meet this need. Contact tony.benjamin@barnardos.org.uk for any further information

Group 2 - Report from the EUSW Publications Work Group Meeting

The group met in Koblenz at the Fachhochschule from 15th – 17th September. The



group reviewed the proposals for the fourth book on social work in the changing welfare context. It adopted a new title 'Social Work in restructured European welfare systems'. The book, edited by Vincenzo Fortunato, Eva Kantowicz and Gunter Friesenhahn, is based on three main sections. The first is 'Restructuring Social Welfare' with contributions from Italy, the Netherlands, Finland and Wales. The second section 'Social work practice within changing perspectives' has contributions from Germany, Sweden, the Czech Republic and Poland. The final section 'The social work contribution to the development of civil society', has contributors from France, Spain and Romania. The editors have invited the authors to submit their final versions by the end of the year in order for the book to be published in the Summer of 2007.

The group also agreed the structure of a fifth book on the impact of migration on European countries. Although responses to the call for abstracts has been slow, a number of proposals have been accepted in principle, and a further request is now being made for abstracts to be submitted by the end of December. The book, edited by Gaby Franger, Mirka Necasova and Nick Pike will also be in three sections. The first of these will deal with the legal, institutional and constitutional context of migration. The second will discuss key social work concepts (for example anti-discriminatory practice, anti-racism and diversity, and a final section will look at case studies of social work practice. The target date for publication is the end of 2007.



The group will meet again at the EASSW conference in Parma in March 2007.

Group 7- Report

The group has been working hard in trying to produce individual papers, thus its members have been busy researching on a variety of current topics such as ethics, social work curriculum, unemployment, children's rights, theory and practice and disability. The composition and write up of a report of the data bank has also been in progress. Some group members have also been trying to apply for funding via other European programs such as ESF Research Networking Programs, Erasmus Mundus, Euro-Mediterranean Foundation.

**EUSW 2nd Annual Meeting, 19th - 21st October 2006, Olsztyn
UNIVERSITY OF WARMIA AND MAZURY IN OLSZTYN (POLAND)**

**"Role of research in Education for Social Work in Europe"
Thursday 19th October 2006**

- 9.00 – 11.00 **Organizational meeting** of EUSW TN Board with Dr. Ewa Kantowicz, President of the 2nd EUSW AM, organizational committee and Working Groups (if needed) at the Department of Social Science and Art, Glowackiego 19 street, room no. 123
- 11.00 **Coffee break**
- 11.30 – 12.30 **Organizational meeting** of EUSW TN Board
- 12.30 – 13.30 **Registration** at the University Congress Hall and lunch
- 13.30 – 14.00 **Opening ceremony** - Musical entertainment- Concert of University Choir
- 14.00 – 15.00 **Opening session** - Representatives from University and City/Regional Government
- 15.00 – 16.00 **Plenary session** (Chairperson: Dr. Ewa Kantowicz)
Prof. Anna Michalska - Vice President of Polish Association of Schools of Social Work, University of Poznań
"Research on social work in Poland and its role for developing academic education during the time of transition"

Prof. Stanisław Kawula - Head of Chair of Social Pedagogy at University of Warmia and Mazoury, Olsztyn
"Areas of social exclusion in Poland and in the region of Warmia and Mazury as a challenge for social work"
- 16.00 – 16.30 **Coffee break**
- 16.30 – 18.00 **Plenary session** (Chairperson: Prof. Staffan Höjer)
EUSW TN presentations
Prof. Christine Labonté, EASSW - *"European standards in social work"*
Prof. Anne Karin Larsen, Bergen *"Virclass in Social Work in Europe"*
Prof. Annamaria Campanini, Parma - *"Opportunities in European social work education"*
- 20.00 Official dinner in the Historical part of Olsztyn

"Role of research in Education for Social Work in Europe" Friday 20th October 2006

- 9.00 – 11.00 **Plenary Session** (Chairperson: Prof. Liz Frost)
- 9.00 – 9.45 Prof. Karen Lyons
 "IASSW project and funding opportunities"
- 9.45 – 11.00 Parallel learning workshops
 "Seeking support for European research" by Prof. Nol Roverda
(Chairperson: Prof. Maria Michailidis)
- "Writing for publication"* by Prof. Karen Lyons
(Chairperson: Prof. Günter J. Friesenhahn)
- "Generating EU projects"* by Dr. Alessandro Bernazzoli
(Chairperson: Prof. Gudrun Ehlert)
- 11.00 – 11.30 **Coffee break**
- 11.30 – 13.30 **Working Groups workshops**
- 13.30 – 14.30 Lunch
- 14.30 – 16.00 **Working Groups workshops**
- 16.00 – 16.30 **Coffee break**
- 16.30 – 17.30 **Plenary Session**
- 16.30 – 17.00 Dr. Alessandro Bernazzoli, Mrs. Loredana
 Gianolini, Prof. Nick Pike, Dr.
 Julija Eidukeviciute (Board of Administrators)
 "EUSW administrative issues"
- 17.00 – 18.00 Feedback from each working group and plans for
 achieving financial and administrative business/support
- 19.00 – 19.30 Transport by bus to Gietrzwald (a village with historical basilica and saint
 place of Maria)
- 20.00 – 22.30 Dinner at Gietrzwald Karczma (Karczma Folklore restaurant)

"Role of research in Education for Social Work in Europe" Saturday 21th October 2006

9.00 – 10.00	Working Groups workshops
10.00 – 11.00	Working Groups workshop reports (Chairperson: Prof. Staffan Höjer)
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 12.30	Working Groups workshop reports (Chairperson: Prof. Staffan Höjer)
12.30 – 13.30	Plenary Ending Session (Chairperson: Prof. Annamaria Campanini) Activities to be carried out Announcing the next 2007 Annual Meeting Feedback and conclusions
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch
15.00 – 17.00	Guided tour at the old town of Olsztyn
19.50 – 20.00	Transport by bus from the hotel to Olsztyn lakeside
20.00 – 00.00	Farewell Dinner at Przystan Restaurant in Olsztyn lakeside

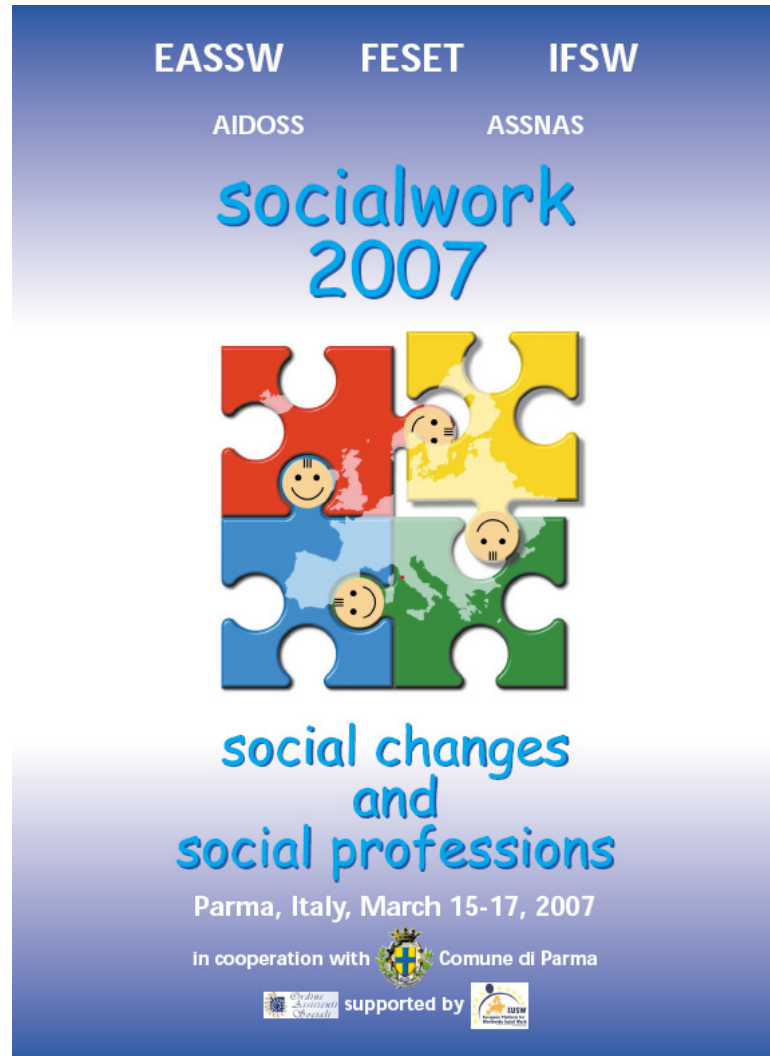


SOCIALWORK 2007

SOCIAL CHANGES AND SOCIAL PROFESSIONS

Dear colleagues, as you know, the thematic network is actively involved in the European congress "Social changes and social professions" which will be organised in Parma 15 -17 march 2007. In this occasion we will have the opportunity to discuss the changes in society and in social policy, and more specifically, how these affect social practice, education and research. The conference has three core themes: family and individuality, diversity and integration, managerialism: from state to market. Each of this will be introduced, after a speech of an Italian key note, Ugo Ascoli, on the Modern welfare states, by Norman Ginsburg (London University), Maryam Farzanegan (UNICEF) and Walter Lorenz (Bolzano University, but very well known in Europe). There are also many working groups and we have to be ready to cover almost two, in which we can present papers from our books (published or in publication). So it is very important not only to send abstracts in general about which the scientific committee will decide, if and where can be presented, but also to organise these specific WG deciding who will take part. We have to do that in Poland, because I will present the proposal at the meeting of the scientific committee in November. We will have a stand with our books and the material to show our Thematic Network, but we can also use one room in a free space to discuss with people who are interested in the network. So many things to plan and many people to be involved. I really hope that we can answer the expectations that all the associations organising the congress have on our thematic network.

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THE MAIN THEMES

The Conference focuses on changes in society and social policy and more specifically, how these affect social practice, education and research. The Conference has three core themes namely,

FAMILY AND INDIVIDUALITY

Family life and family structures are under pressure. They are undergoing change in all European countries for reasons of mobility, immigration, globalisation, individualisation and alternative life styles. Modern society, stressing the responsibility of citizens, seems to take less responsibility for families at risk in general and for children in poverty and in poor educational settings in particular. On the same front, there are new, innovative methods and approaches being developed to work with abused children, immigrant children, marginal youth and multi-problem families, i.e., multisectoral work and ecologic pedagogy. *How do these trends and developments affect the role and responsibility of social workers and social services?*

DIVERSITY AND INTEGRATION

Diversity and integration refer to our efforts to live together in multicultural societies yet these efforts are being constantly tested by growing tensions amongst cultural groups and hardened national policies. Social workers are trying to bridge these gaps through new practices, methods and theories. Diversity and integration also refer to the right to be different in relation to, i.e., (dis) abilities, gender, age and lifestyle. *In what way does de-institutionalisation offer opportunities to promote genuine diversity and integration in our neighbourhoods?*

MANAGERIALISM: FROM STATE TO MARKET

All over Europe the neo liberal ideology and welfare pluralism are changing the structure, the roles and responsibilities of the public, private and civil society sectors. Clients and citizens are becoming consumers. Social service providers are becoming producers. The emphasis on effect, efficiency, evidence and service output clashes with comprehensive, integrated community approaches. Social professionals have to safeguard their scope for discretion, the mandate, the trust and the respect for the profession. *How might the configuration of state, market and civil society be designed to reconcile different ideologies and to include new roles, e.g., entrepreneurs, innovators and case managers, for social workers?* During the conference, the three themes and relevant trends will be developed by distinguished keynote speakers and then further elaborated in debate sessions that target the effect of the trends on social practice. Furthermore, the workshops will allow for a variety of exchange on issues associated to the three overarching themes. The conference will conclude with a drafted statement on the challenges, reflections and conclusions made.

Call for abstracts

We invite practitioners, teachers, managers and policy makers to present papers in the workshops. All papers must focus on how trends in society and policy making influence social practice, education and/or research. Workshops will be grouped according to the three main themes and language needs (English, Italian).

ABSTRACT PRESENTATION

Accepted contributions will be published in the form of abstracts in the Abstract Book that will be given to all participants at the registration desk. Only contributions from registered participants will be published. In case of more than one author, at least one must be registered for the Conference. The abstract (please follow the guidelines) must be prepared and sent to the organising Secretariat by October 1, 2006. Contributions will be reviewed by the International Scientific Committee. Instructions for poster exhibition will be included with notification of acceptance.

SUBMISSION OF THE ABSTRACTS

Only e-mail submission must be used to send papers, attached as Word files. Do not use fax. Contributions must be sent to: Organising Secretariat - New Team - Via C. Ghiretti, 2 - I-43100 Parma (Italy) e-mail: giorgia.montanari@newteam.it before October 1, 2006.

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Joint Master “ Social Policies and Social Work for Families”

The University of Parma, in the process of Internationalisation, could present a project for a joint Master with the title: Social Policies and Social Work for Families.

This master programme will be provided in cooperation with the following university partners of our network: Università della Calabria, Göteborg university (SE), University College of Bodo (N) and Universitat de les Illes de Balears, Palma de Mallorca (E).

The master is open to 50 students from all over Europe and the rest of the world. We provide a 60 credit course (two semesters) with the first semester as a residential part in Parma for all the students from the 27th of August to 21st of December 2007. In this semester we will organise courses in Sociology of the family, Compared social policy, Family Law, Psychological approach to Family relations, Method and Technics of social work with families and Reaserch methodology.

In the second semester, from 28th of January to 1st of September 2008, the student can choose a course at one of the partner universities to be specialized in topics like: Multiproblematic families (Calabria), Children participation (Bodø) Mediation (Spain) Ethnic Minority Families (Göteborg). The courses will consist of lectures, seminars and practice placements. The master course will be completed by an individual thesis work. The fees are 1.100 EUR for the whole programme. For students coming from the TN members it will be reduced with 50%.

The call for applications will be opened in October 2006. Deadline for applications is the 1st of March, 2007.

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NEWS from the VIRCLASS project

The VIRCLASS partners held an international seminar in Madrid at the Complutense University 20. September 2006.

The theme was: “E-learning method in International cooperation and social work learning.

Partners involved in the VIRCLASS project presented aspects about the project, the pedagogy in e-learning, elements from the new Virtual Book – a Guide to social work in Europe, and lectures about anti-oppressive and anti-discriminatory practice, critical theories and critical reflection.

The next three days partners in the VIRCLASS project had their meeting and prepared the Educational Programme for new e-learning students starting the 16. October this year.

Before deadline for applications more than 50 students have applied, representing 12 countries.

Bergen University College has invited the leaders and project members from the partner institutions in VIRCLASS to a three days meeting from 23-25 November. Our hope is to be able to settle an agreement about future administration and financial support for the e-learning courses in the future.

The group is working very well and we are looking forward meeting our new students in the Virtual classroom for social work in Europe.

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