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Sad news reached us at the beginning of 2017 year. Miloslav Hetteš (ICSW Europe President) passed away after serious illness on January 12, 2017 at the age of 62 years.

Miloslav Hetteš (Slovakia) was the President of ICSW Europe since 2014–2017 when he replaced the former ICSW Europe President – Christian Rollet.

He was the Slovak ICSW Committee (Third Sector Organisations Standing Conference) representative.
He lectured at Social Work Institute of St. Elizabeth University of Health and Social Sciences in Bratislava, Slovakia, and University of Trnava in Trnava, Slovakia, on Social Work, Social Policy, Unemployed People Issues, The Elderly Ageing, Social Protection, Social Services, Social Economy, Sustainable Development and International/European Issues. From 2006-2010 he worked as a Director General at the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic (MOLSAF). He was responsible for the Section of International Labour and Social Policy.

From July 1997 to December 1999 Miloslav Hetteš worked as a Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Slovakia to the United Nations. He managed UN economic, financial, sustainable development and development cooperation.

Miloslav Hetteš was a Chairman of UNECE Working group on ageing in Geneva and was Vice-chairman of the UN Committee on Social Development and the UN Committee on Sustainable Development in New York.

Final farewell to Miloslav Hetteš took place in Bratislava (Slovakia) crematorium on January 20, 2017 at 4:15 p.m. Jean-Michel Hôte (President ad Interim and Treasurer, France), Irene Köhler (ÖKSA, Austria) and Gabriela Siantová (ICSW Europe Assistant, Slovakia) came to the final farewell to pay tribute.

We will always remember Miloslav Hetteš as a diligent and hardworking man, communication mediator (thanks to him new contacts have been established – Moldova – Project Casa Mare; Russian Federation – Institute for Additional Professional Education of Workers for Social Services (IAPE WSS); he was an author of several valuable publications from the area of social work: Radical Social Work; Extension of Social Security to the Informal Economy; Migrants and Social Protection in Europe; Human Rights and Social Protection in Social Work; Employment and Social Work, etc.

Miloslav Hetteš took an avid interest in social work area, a humane man always willing to help where it was needed.

His contribution for ICSW Europe was significant – he represented ICSW Europe at many conferences/workshops (Bratislava (Slovakia), Rennes (France), Tbilisi (Georgia), Dublin (Ireland), Madrid (Spain), Helsinki (Finland), Prague (Czech Republic), Seoul (South Korea). He was the initiator of Moscow conference presently being organisationally prepared by Institute for Additional Professional Education of Workers for Social Services (IAPE WSS) in May 2017.
ICSW Europe is currently preparing for highly significant event this year – the conference named

“**Human Well-Being, Social Cohesion and Sustainable Development: the Quest for the Responses to Contemporary Challenges**”

18-19th of May, 2017
Moscow (Russian Federation)

The organisers of the event are Moscow City Government, Moscow Department of Labour and Social Protection of Population and ICSW Europe.

Around 250 participants are awaited to be present at the venue. Currently, 21 participants from ICSW are registered (from ICSW, ICSW Europe, members of ICSW Europe from Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Lithuania, Moldova, Norway, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden), the representative of the UN, professional scientific and educational network, managers and practitioners of social protection, Moscow managers and practitioners of social protection, NGOs, and international organizations.

**CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

**18th of May (Thursday)**

Conference venue:

*Hotel “Golden Ring”, Conference Room “Yaroslavl”, Smolenskaya, 5*

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**Social Protection in the XXI Century: in Search of Effective Solutions in Realization of Equal Rights and Opportunities**

Track Chairs:

Ronald Wiman, Chief Global Social Policy Specialist, National Institute for Health and
Welfare (THL) Finland, ICSW Europe Board Member

Tatiana Potyaeva, PhD. in Pedagogues, Ombudsman of the town of Moscow

Achieving Transformative Change: Ways and Means
Dr. Paul Ladd, Director, UN Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)

Demographic Situation and Social & Economic Consequences: Comparative Analyses of European Countries
Dr. Odile Frank, President NGO Forum for Heath, Special Representative of ICSW at the UN Office in Geneva and the Specialized Agencies in Geneva

Translating the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development into local circumstances: Principles and Trade-offs
Dr. Sergei Zelenev, Executive Director ICSW

Human Rights in Modern Russia
Tatiana Potyaeva, PhD in Pedagogues, Ombudsman of the town of Moscow, The RF

12:15-13:00 Lunch

13:00-14:45 (15 min/each speaker / 30 min/discussion)
Track Theme Session 2

Social Protection: Universality, Accessibility and Effectiveness
Track Chairs:
Irene Kohler, General Manager OEKSA, ICSW Austria
Pavel Keller, Deputy Head of Moscow Department of Labour and Social Protection of Population

A comparative Approach of Family Policies at Global and European Level
Philippe Steck, President of CFADS, French ICSW Committee

Demographic Challenges and Family Policy as Priority of Socio-Economic Policy of the State
Lilia Ovcharova, Director of Centre of Family Policy and Life Quality National Research University, Higher School of Economics, The RF

Innovative Technologies of Social Work with Vulnerable Groups in Tver Region
Elena Khohlova, Minister of Social Protection of Population of Tver Region, The RF

The Finnish Basic Income Experiment
Elli Aaltonen, Director General of the Finnish Social Insurance Institute, ICSW Finland

An European Perspective on Migrations: New Context, Old Challenges
Dr. Joaquin Eguren, Senior Researcher, Institute of Studies on Migrations, Comillas Pontifical University, Madrid / Chair of the Spanish ICSW Committee

14:45-15:00 Break

15:00-16:45 (15 min/each speaker / 30 min/discussion)
Track Theme Session 3

Contemporary Challenges, Innovations and Civil Society Involvement
Track Chairs:
Solveig Askjem, former General Secretary of Council of Social Work Education, Senior Adviser in Ministry of Education (Norway), former ICSW and ICSW Europe President
Andrey Panov, President of InterRegional Association of Social Service Employees of the RF
Social Partnership and Social Guarantees in the Context of Sustainable Development

Lenara Ivanova, Minister of Labour and Social Protection of Population of Republic of Bashkortostan, The RF

Social Development Goals, Human Rights and Citizenship

Marianne Skytte, Associated Professor at Aalborg University, ICSW Denmark
Annelise Murakami, Senior Lecturer, ICSW Denmark

Compliance Consistency of Socio-Economic and Employment Policies in the Regional and National Context

Elmira Zaripova, Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Protection of the Republic of Tatarstan, The RF

Lithuanian Experience in Community Assistance for Mentally Disabled Persons

Dr. Angele Cepenaite, Affiliated Lecturer at the Institute of Educology and Social Work of Mykolas Romeris University, Chair of the Lithuanian ICSW Committee

Role of Civil Society Organizations in Social Protection

Vertti Kiukas, Director of the Finnish Federation for Social Affairs and Health, ICSW Finland

16:45-17:00 Closing Ceremony
Adoption of the Conference outcome document

19th of May (Friday)

Workshop 1:

Professional Development and Employment: Response to Challenges

Venue: State Centre of Employment of the Youth of Moscow Department of Labour and Social Protection of Population

Workshop 2:

Ageing of Population: Modern Challenges and the Quest for Solution Mechanisms

Venue: State Social Service Establishment Municipal Centre “Phili-Davydkovo”

Workshop 3:

Gender Equality, Gendered Risks and Vulnerabilities, Social Inclusion in Demographic Context

Venue: State Establishment Rehabilitative Crisis Centre for Women of Moscow Department of Labour and Social Protection of Population

The programme of the conference can be modified or more specified.

For more information about the conference:

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This year’s ICSW Europe General Assembly is going to take place in Berlin (Germany) on 6th October (Friday), 2017.

General Assembly will be connected with a Capacity Building Seminar a day before – 5th October (Thursday), 2017.

More details in the next Newsletter.

Social Platform

Social Platform General Assembly 2017

Date: 27 April 2017

A jam-packed agenda is anticipated, with members electing a new Management Committee.

Angelé Cepénaité, ICSW Europe Board member, is going to take part in the GA.

More information to follow:
http://www.socialplatform.org/events-/social-platform-events/

Social Platform Task Forces 2017

Task Force on social standards: implementation of 2017 work programme thematic activity 1.2 “Equal access to services and benefits – promoting adequate income support” and thematic activity 2.2 “Quality employment”

Task Force on services, social economy and social enterprises: implementation of the work programme thematic activity 1.2 “Equal access to services and benefits – Promoting investment in services” and thematic activity 2.1 “Promoting the social economy and social enterprises”

Task Force on EU funding: implementation of the work programme thematic activity 1.2 “Equal access to benefits and services – Provide recommendations on relevant EU funding programmes”

Task Force on digital inclusion: implementation of the work programme thematic activity 1.2 “Equal access to services and benefits – Developing a position on digital inclusion”

Task Force on migration: implementation of the work programme thematic activity 1.3 “Cultural, social and economic inclusion of migrants and ethnic and religious minorities”

Task Force on tax justice: implementation of the work programme thematic activity 2.3 “Tax justice”

(source: http://www.socialplatform.org)
New ICSW Europe Member

Associazione Di Promozione Sociale Figli Del Mondo (Italy) has become a new member of ICSW Europe family of category C since November 2016.

For more information about the organisation (in Italian):

http://www.figlidelmondo.org/

ICSW Denmark

Allan Bærentzen has informed about his last day in the position as International Secretary of ICSW Denmark. He has got an important position as a political advisor in the largest Danish trade union’s new Social Policy Department starting since April 3rd, 2017.

Social Politisk Forening (Denmark) has recruited Julie Kyndesgaard to the position of International Secretary of ICSW Denmark.

www.socialpolitisk-forening.dk

European Platform of Social Cohesion (EPSC)

The terms of reference of the European Social Cohesion Platform for 2016-2017 indicate that the Platform should ensure the integration of social cohesion into all Council of Europe activities, with special attention to ensuring that everyone has access to their social rights, as guaranteed by the European Social Charter and other relevant instruments.

The Platform meets once a year and is open to all Council of Europe member states, bodies and institutions and to all international organisations and to the other stakeholders concerned.

The first meeting of the Platform took place on 27-28 June 2016. The Platform elected Mr Alexander Preobrazhenskiy (Russian Federation) as Chair and Ms Petya Moeva (Bulgaria) as Vice-Chair for a one-year term. Ms Merita Xhafaj (Albania) was appointed Rapporteur on Gender Equality (2016-2017). The President was invited to an exchange with the Rapporteur Group on Social and Health Questions (GR-SOC) on 27 September 2016, but due to a change of functions he had to resign and was replaced by the Vice-Chair. The second meeting is scheduled for 19-20 September 2017.

According to the 2010 Strategy and Council of Europe Action Plan, social cohesion is defined as “the ability of a society to ensure the welfare of all its members; it is based on four pillars: 1/ Reinvesting in social rights and a cohesive society; 2/ Building a Europe of responsibilities that are both shared and social; 3/ Strengthening representation and democratic decision making
A Webpage - [www.coe.int/pecs](http://www.coe.int/pecs) - on the European Social Charter's page is dedicated to the Platform; the relevant information and documents are available there.

Gérard Schaefer (member of the French Committee) and Robert Bergougnan (French School in Toulouse and Treasurer of European Association of Schools of Social work) represent INGOs in the PECS.


Meeting in Strasbourg on Friday 27 January, 2017, the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe, brought together some 300 INGO delegates, experts, parliamentarians and permanent representatives of Council of Europe member states who discussed several major issues of concern today:

- freedom of expression and of association in Turkey following the attempted coup on 15 July 2016,
- the situation of NGOs in member States at a time when civil society space is shrinking,
European Citizen Action Service

More or Less Europe – What the Commission’s White Paper Means for Citizens

The Commission’s ‘White Paper on the Future of Europe’ outlines five scenarios for a ‘new chapter’ of European union for the EU27, but fails to answer the key question – what do citizens want from Europe.

Despite the European Commission President’s call for “leadership, unity and common resolve” in taking the EU27 forward after Brexit and the White Paper’s stated aim to “advance our

Useful Links

Moscow conference:  

European Social Cohesion Platform (PECS):  
www.coe.int/pecs

Conference of INGOs (Council of Europe) – texts for adoption:  
http://www.coe.int/en/web/ingo/texts-adopted

White Paper on the Future of Europe:  
http://ecas.org/commission-white-paper

Associazione Di Promozione Sociale Figli Del Mondo (Italy):  
http://www.figlidelmondo.org/

Colophon

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