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Dear ICSW members, friends, and interested readers,

Welcome to the May 2022 issue of our newsletter.

The invasion of Ukraine has changed our context dramatically. In the last two months, debates about the welfare state, austerity policies, and the COVID-19 pandemic have been overtaken by the war. For our organization, ICSW, which for almost 100 years has worked tirelessly for peace and the well-being of the world's population, war is always a catastrophe that jeopardizes the most basic social gains, such as the right to life. As you can see on our website, since the beginning of the invasion ICSW has taken a stand for peace, social welfare and against the invasion of Ukraine.

Today, more than ever, it is necessary to work together to recover peace, well-being and social justice. It is important to strengthen all projects related to humanitarian aid in contexts of catastrophe and war. And we cannot forget the conflicts and wars that ravage other parts of the world, which are often invisible. ICSW has always been particularly committed to bringing these conflicts to light and working with our partners in all countries to improve people's living conditions.

I would like to share with all of you two major projects we have been working on these months: firstly, the organization of the international Joint World Conference On Social Work Education and Social Development 2022.

<http://www.icsw.org/index.php/news/167-2022-swesd-world-conference-seoul>

I encourage you to participate in this first major post-pandemic conference, which will be held in both in-person and online formats. I want to thank our colleagues at KNCSW, who have hosted this conference in these very difficult times, and are working hard for its success. Also thank you to our sister organization, the IASSW, who always collaborate with us over the years. And to all ICSW members who are working on this project. I am sure it will be a great success, and will allow us to further consolidate ICSW as a global reference in the field of social welfare.

Second, with IFSW and IASSW and many other organizations, we are collaborating on a collective initiative: Co-building a New Eco-Social World: Leaving No One Behind. The World People's Summit. I also encourage you to participate in this meeting which will be held online from June 29 to July 2, 2022.

[\(https://newecosocialworld.com/\)](https://newecosocialworld.com/)

Take care and stay healthy!

SWESD 2022

In October 2022, the Joint World Conference on Social Work Education and Social Development will be held jointly by the International Association of Schools of Social Work and International Council on Social Welfare. After the disappointment of the 2020 Rimini Joint World Conference, which was canceled in the aftermath of COVID-19, this year's conference will be held both online and offline. Korea National Council on Social Welfare will host the conference both virtually in the online platform and physically in Seoul, Korea.

The Management Committee for the preparation of this conference was composed of representatives of each organization. From the IASSW side, Annaline Keet, National Representative of South Africa of

IASSW, Alexandra Mustafá, Member at Large of IASSW and Junko Wake, National Representative of Japan of IASSW participated in the Management Committee. From the ICSW side,

Antonio López Peláez, Executive Director of ICSW, P.K. Shajahan, Vice President of ICSW, Sergei Zelenev, ICSW Special Representative to the UN in New York and René Schegg, ICSW Special Representative to the UN in Geneva has joined the Management Committee. Lastly, from the Korea Side, Chung Moo Sung, Board member of Korea National Council on Social Welfare, Jeon Woo II, Director of External Affairs Division at KNCSW and Yunji Kwon, Assistant Manager at KNCSW has joined the discussions of Management Committee.

Thanks to the members of the Management Committee of SWESD 2022, the proposal of the conference was decided as follows.

Theme: Redefining Social Policy and Social Work Practice in a Post-Pandemic Society – Social Welfare Programs and Social Work Education at Crossroads

Date: October 26-28, 2022

It was once decided that all of the presentation sessions will be done virtually, and only opening and closing ceremonies to be face-to-face events. However, with demands from many participants, there will be a few on-site presentation sessions. But there will be a limit to the number of presenters due to the capacity of physical venue in Seoul. Most of the presentation sessions will be held online through the conference website. Other than presenters, there is no limit to the number of general participants attending on-site sessions. Presenters and participants will be able to select whether they want to participate online or both.

Call for Abstract has been announced through both IASSW and ICSW website and the Scientific Committee is inviting authors for oral, symposium, workshop and poster presentations under 6 sub-themes:

- 1) Groups in vulnerable situations: the quest for social protection
- 2) Social Work Education and Empowerment
- 3) Social Work Practice in times of crisis
- 4) Social Transformation Community Engagement and SDGs
- 5) Digitalization and ICTs in Social Development and social work education
- 6) New Opportunities and Challenges in Post-COVID Period

Anyone can also check the topics that go under each sub-themes for the presentation at the website below. Each author may submit a maximum of 2 abstracts and the language of presentation should be in English. Expected due dates for duties regarding the abstracts are as follows:

Call for Abstracts closes: 30th June 2022

Notification of Abstract acceptance:

31st July 2022

Submission of Presentation Material closes:

31st August 2022

For more details regarding the 'Call for Abstract', you can visit <http://swesd2022.com/> and you can also submit your abstracts through the same website.

The full website will be open to the public in the early June and the registration of authors and participants will start in line with the completion of the conference website.

The tentative registration fees are as follows in USD:

	Early registration	Regular registration
Members of IA/IC	100	150
Others(Non-members)	150	200
Student	80	100

The dates for the early and regular registration will be announced in the website.

ICSW Global Office will be looking forward to interests and active participations from the members and regions of ICSW. ICSW regions can organize a symposium or workshop on the topic that is related to their own regions and members can also contribute through individual or collaborative presentations in oral and poster sessions.

ICSW Global Office also welcome if any ICSW member/region submit a proposal for a roundtable/symposium/workshop where we can discuss ICSW's current issues and trends, challenges and key issues and share situations of each region.

There are many ways to participate in the Joint World Conference on Social Work Education and Social Development. ICSW Global Office ask for your interest and participation.

Thank you!

Call for Nomination – ICSW Global Election

ICSW Global Office is calling for nominations for various positions that become vacant in 2022.

Positions that become vacant in the Management Committee:

- 1) Treasurer
- 2) Member of the Management Committee – coming from members who pay five shares or below

The Vice President will be elected from the two members of the Management Committee at the GA.

The global election for the Supervisory and Advisory Board (Regional Presidents) will also be take place together with the elections for Management Committee. Regional Presidents from the following regions have served their term and cannot be re-elected:

- 1) Central and West Africa
- 2) East and Southern Africa
- 3) Middle East and North Africa
- 4) South East Asia and the Pacific
- 5) Europe

The nominations close on 19th August 2022. Candidates should send their one-page statement and nomination document to the Executive Director at alopez@der.uned.es

The announcement has been distributed to all ICSW members via email on May 1st. If not received, please contact kyunji@icsw.org

More Activity at ICSW - Save the Date!

The People's Global Summit

Title: Co-building a New Eco-Social World – Leaving No One Behind

Date: 29th June to 2nd July 2022

Organized by IFSW and UNRISD
The summit is planned to be held online.

The People's Global Summit is planning to take place in the late June to early July this year. This event is a response to the need for change in line with overcoming and escaping the global COVID-19 pandemic.

ICSW also plays a role in the summit as a partner organization, and everyone can participate in the event. If you are interested, you can visit the website and register: [Register – Co-Building a New Eco-Social World \(newecosocialworld.com\)](https://newecosocialworld.com)

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For more information about SWESD, please visit <http://swesd2022.com/>

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