

ESWRA is the hub for social work research development, collaboration and exchange across Europe.

ESWRA's vision is to strengthen the development, practice and use of social work research to enhance knowledge about individual and social problems, and to promote just and equitable societies.

We strengthen social work research by:

- Speaking up for, and about, social work research with European policy makers.
- Enabling social work researchers to network and collaborate on innovation, funding and research issues.
- Driving the development of quality research methodology through activities such as training events and Special Interest Groups.
- Sharing European research news and information so that ESWRA members can keep up-to-date.
- Connecting with the European Commission & other associations to promote social work research.
- An annual conference where researchers can debate and critique the latest research and innovation from across Europe.

"The existence of ESWRA is important because it says to the public, to the policy makers, that there are serious people thinking serious things..."

Philippe Keraudren

Head of Unit in the European Commission Directorate General for Research and Innovation


ESWRA plans for 2017


In 2017, ESWRA will:

- Launch 'Research in Social Work', a new research-based monograph series on social work published by ESWRA and Policy Press;
- Create a new online directory of ESWRA Members' research expertise;
- Develop new online resources to showcase the impact of social work research;
- Hold new events aimed at enhancing research methodology and networking;
- Develop the ways it speaks up for social work research at the policy table;
- Take further steps to ensure that researchers from every corner of Europe can be ESWRA members and participate in the annual conference.



Find out more and become an ESWRA member at www.eswra.org

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ESWRA is registered as an association in Switzerland.



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ESWRA membership

ESWRA membership is growing, with now over 250 members drawn from more than 24 European countries. All members work in social work research, practice, policy or related fields.



ESWRA MEMBERS BENEFIT FROM:

- Networking with other researchers via member website & events
- Membership of Special Interest Groups
- Discounted rates at events
- Online access to European Journal of Social Work
- Regular member news

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

ESWRA has 14 Special Interest Groups. These groups enable ESWRA members to network and collaborate on specific issues. The groups meet at least once annually and regularly share information and discussion online.



ESWRA board and Officers

ESWRA is run by a Board elected by its members. There are 14 members of the Board. Current ESWRA Officers are:

CHAIR

Silvia Fargion
University of Trento, Italy



VICE-CHAIR

Ana Sobočan
University of Ljubljana, Slovenia



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Emilio Jose Gomez Ciriano
University of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain



The European Conference for Social Work Research

The European Conference for Social Work Research (ECSWR) is the biggest annual social work research event in Europe. It is growing every year with over 500 participants from 21 countries when it was hosted by the Catholic University of Lisbon in 2016. In April 2017, the 7th ECSWR will be hosted by Aalborg University in Denmark. The 8th ECSWR will be held in Edinburgh University 18th-20th April 2018.



ESWRA Finances January - December 2016

ESWRA INCOME 2016

Membership Fees	€21,000
Conference Fees	€198,000
Total Income	€219,000

ESWRA EXPENDITURE 2016

Conference	€120,000
Journal	€13,000
Staff	€18,000
Board	€17,000
Website	€5,000
Admin	€5,000
Other	€1,000
Added to reserves	€40,000
Total Expenditure	€219,000