



ESWRA General Assembly

Wednesday 5th May 2021

Virtual

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The Audit Certificate for ESWRA Finances will as is usual be available at the meeting.

AGENDA

ESWRA General Assembly

Wednesday May 5th, 2021 18:30 - 19:45 CET

NB: Internal rule: 10.2 The presence of not less than 5% of the members of the Association shall constitute a quorum and shall be necessary to conduct official business.

Item	Lead and working notes
1 Welcome Welcome to those present Introduction to New Board members	Chair Judith Metz
2 Outcome of votes for 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Notes from the GA 2019Record of Board decisions 2019Approval of accounts 2019Auditors for the ESWRA Accounts 2020	Secretary Emilio Jose Gomez Ciriano ESWRA's General Assembly 2020 was cancelled due to C-19 however the Board is required to consult the membership (General Assembly) to approve the items opposite. All points where approved by a quorum ESWRA members.
2 Record of decisions of the Board 2020 and Matters Arising	Chair Judith Metz VOTE: Approval of the record of decisions for 2020
3 Finances <ul style="list-style-type: none">Financial Report 2020Audit certificate for inspection for 20202021 Budget	Treasurer Koen Hermans VOTE: Approval of the 2020 Accounts
4 ESWRA Board roles and Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none">Update Board and Officer rolesUpdate Committee membership	Secretary Emilio Jose Gomez Ciriano
6 Committees and working Groups <i>one slides each 2-3 minutes followed by questions from the floor</i>	Secretary Emilio Jose Gomez Ciriano [Introduce each chair Moderate debate and keep time.]
committees SIG Committee Research Resources and Member Services Committee European Conference for Social Work Research Prizes and Sponsorship Committee Chair ESWRA Journal working group	Chair, Karen White Chair, Liz Frost Vice Chair Jon Symonds Chair, Elena Cabiati
5 Annual Report	Draft available at the meeting Open Discussion

ESWRA Record of Board Decisions 2020

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Decisions from April 2020 Board meeting

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of 12th ESWRA Board meeting, November 2019 were approved, as a fair and accurate account of proceedings.

Finances:

The Board approved the Budget for Financial year 2020

Roles on Board & Committees

The Board agreed to postpone both points below to the Autumn 2020 Board meeting

- the decision on the new Secretary and Chair-elect
 - the amendment to Internal Rule Article 5.1
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Internal Collaboration Temporary Working Group

The Board approved each of the three recommendations.

- Rename and reconfigure the Communications Committee and Resources committee
 - Review structures, mechanisms, and processes to support internal collaboration, and their effectiveness.
 - ES continues in roles as chair until the work is complete.
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ESWRA Journal

The Board Agreed to the continuation of the work on ESWRA Journal

Decisions from December 2020 Board meeting

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of 13th ESWRA Board meeting, April 2020 were approved, as a fair and accurate account of proceedings.

European Conference for Social work research

Bucharest

The Board decided against planning ECSWR 2021 Bucharest as a hybrid conference as there were still and will be uncertainties regarding COVID-19 regarding health & travel. The board decided that the planning for ECSWR 2021 Bucharest goes ahead as a virtual conference.

Conference finances

As 2020 is an exceptional year ESWRA will forgo the payment of the €20K fixed fee this will be passed on to members. In practical terms will mean less admin burden and bank transfers. However, in the future years ESWRA will retain the fixed conference fee of €20K and maintain the membership fee at the current levels.

In summary the Board agreed:

- That the ESWRA's fixed conference fee of €20K for 2020 should be waived and passed on to the participants of ECSWR 2021 in the form of ESWRA membership for 2021
 - That the ESWRA's fixed conference fee of €20K should remain in all future budgets
 - No change in the level of ESWRA membership fees for 2021
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Abstracts

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- All participants need to be informed that ECSWR 2021 will be a fully virtual conference.
 - All registered delegates need to ask whether they want to update their abstract, combined with clear instructions about how a revised submission or new submission will be handled. If completely new, then it needs to be reviewed again to maintain standards.
 - Further, JM agrees with IB and others that because we postponed the conference in 2020, we cannot design a completely new conference. But what we can do is add on a specific and focused sub-theme will COVID-19 situation and social research.
 - the structure / content of ECSWR 2021 should stay broadly the same.
 - to open a new subtheme on the topic of the impact of COVID-19 on people's lives, on the topics of our research

ECSWR 2022 Amsterdam

The Board agrees with the Amsterdam team, that the theme for 2022 should be reframed to take in to account all that has happened and reflect the changed situation.

ECSWR 2024

Approval was given for Vilnius University, Department of Social Work and Social Welfare, to host ECSWR 2024.

Prizes and Sponsorship Committee

No books should be submitted for the ESWRA Awards for outstanding publications

Roles on the Board

Jon Symonds and Elena Ciabiti to seek re-election to give stability to the Board

Alessandro Sicora approved as Chair-elect.

Emilio Jose Gomez Ciriano approved as Secretary.

ESWRA Journal

The Board endorsed the establishment of an ESWRA Journal in conjunction with Policy Press. The Journal Development working group with IB as Chair will carry the work forward.

Members Services & Resource Development Group

At the end of the discussion the **Board agreed** that:

- The current access level to resources for members and non-members should be maintained.
- ESWRA does not need to develop its own conference platform.
- Start work on creating resources such as webinars etc. bearing in mind limited resources.

1. Profit and loss account 2019 and 2020 (see attachments)

The final profit and loss account 2019 and 2020 has been drafted by the ESWRA Accountant. It shows the impact of postponing the conference in 2020. (loss of 41.192). the accountant confirmed that the financial situation of ESWRA is healthy and that we can deal with such a one-off loss (below, Balance sheet as per December 31, 2020).

European Social Work Research Association
Profit and loss account for the year 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	€	€
Member contributions	2.122	48.384
Conference and Events		23.094
Other income		
Total net Proceeds	<u>2.122</u>	<u>71.478</u>
Conference and Event costs	1.000	1.060
SIG Funding		
Journal	4.024	5.756
Gross turnover result	<u>-2.902</u>	<u>64.662</u>
Expenses		
Board Charges	1.741	13.104
Administration costs	36.549	36.074
	<u>38.290</u>	<u>49.178</u>
Operating result	-41.192	15.484
Financial costs	296	615
Result	<u>-41.488</u>	<u>14.869</u>

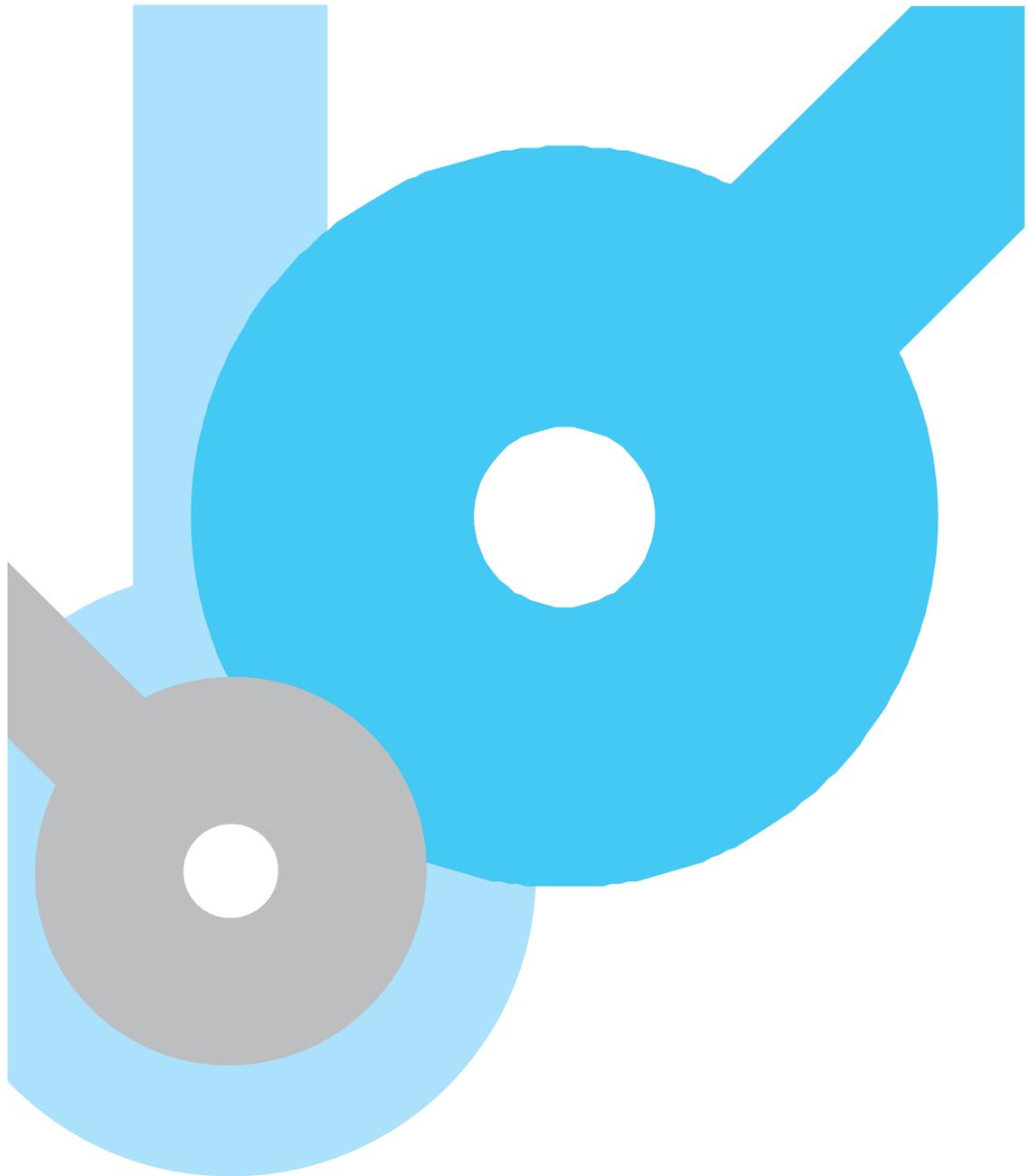
European Social Work Research Association
Notes to the profit and loss account for the year 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
	€	€
Conference and event Cost		
Other Conference costs		
Award Prizes	1.000	1.060
	<u>1.000</u>	<u>1.060</u>
Administration costs		
Printing and shipping	364	489
Website	4.440	4.440
UK Office	26.389	25.533
Accountancy	4.356	4.719
Trademark		
Other Costs	799	692
Depreciation	201	201
	<u>36.549</u>	<u>36.074</u>
Financial costs		
Bank Charges	275	280
Paypal Charges	21	20
Currency loss		315
	<u>296</u>	<u>615</u>

European Social Work Research Association
Balance sheet as per December 31, 2020

	<u>31-dec-20</u>	<u>31-dec-19</u>		<u>31-dec-20</u>	<u>31-dec-19</u>
	€	€		€	€
Assets			Liabilities		
Fixed assets	352	553	Equity	63.118	104.607
	60.920				
Liquid assets		104.054	Current liabilities		
			Accounts Payable	-1.846	
			Accrued Liabilities		
Total	<u><u>61.272</u></u>	<u><u>104.607</u></u>	Total	<u><u>61.272</u></u>	<u><u>104.607</u></u>

DRAFT Annual Report



Annual Report 2020

Message from the ESWRA Chair

2020 has been different than anyone could have expected, due to the enormous crisis in the shape of COVID-19. Like any other association in the world, the main question for the ESWRA board was how to run our association on a daily basis, working towards the goals of the Association, while dealing with the consequences of the global lockdown which we are still facing. This Annual Report reflects on how we dealt with the crisis as well as the progress we made on the ESWRA goals.

There are two matters which I would like to highlight. First the decision on the postponement of the 10th conference. Following the spread and trajectory of the coronavirus around the world, it became increasingly clear that it was not possible to continue with the existing plans for the conference in Bucharest. The organising committee, the ESWRA board supported by an informal group of supportive members had to decide to postpone **the conference in Bucharest to May 2021**. We were extremely sad and disappointed that we had to take this decision. However, we are sure that this decision is in the best interests of both the world health situation and the health and wellbeing of all delegates, colleagues, families, and friends.

Second the decision of the ESWRA board to launch an ESWRA journal provisionally entitled *European Social Work Research*-in partnership with Policy Press. After an extensive exploration and long debates within ESWRA and with the wider community, the Board concluded that there is space and need for another publication outlet for social work research. At the time of writing, the Journal working group is preparing the final proposal and the editorial team. We are proud to have come to a decision to further develop the infrastructure for social work research.

I would like to end with expressing my gratitude to everybody who contributed to the work of ESWRA the past year. We are still in uncertain times, thanks to your support, ESWRA will continue to represent the importance of social work research in our world.

Judith Metz, Chair of ESWRA

The European Social Work Research Association

Country names will be added

ESWRA was founded in 2014 to create a hub for social work research development, collaboration, and exchange across Europe. ESWRA currently has 500 members from across Europe and beyond, its foundation arose from overwhelming levels of engagement in the European Social Work Research Conference. ESWRA's vision is to take forward the development, practice and utilization of social work research to enhance knowledge about individual and social problems, and to promote just and equitable societies.



Goals of the association

BENEFITS

To promote social work research which will have beneficial consequences for practitioners, service users, educators, researchers, graduate students, and those responsible for service development and delivery.

HIGH STANDARD OF RESEARCH:

To foster and maintain the development of high levels of social work research and knowledge production across the European community of nations.

RESEARCH CAPACITY and LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

To enhance both capacity and learning opportunities within and across the European social work community.

RESEARCH METHODS FOR SOCIAL WORK:

To provide an environment for the application of research methods and approaches by those from a wide range of disciplines within and beyond the social sciences, in forms which have relevance for social work practice and research.

NETWORKS AND COLLABORATION:

To build and work with networks of social work researchers within Europe and actively foster links between European and wider international research networks.

ESWRA MEMBERS BENEFIT FROM:

- Networking with other researchers
- Membership of Special Interest Groups
- Online access to the European Journal of Social Work
- Regular member news
- web-based resources

The European Conference for Social Work Research

The European Conference for Social Work Research is the largest annual social work research event in Europe. It brings together members and colleagues to share and promote social work research and build collaborations for future work together.

In 2020, the 10th annual conference had been organised to take place in Bucharest, Romania, but due to the impact of COVID-19, had to be postponed. As a result of the unprecedented disruption across Europe and the rest of the world, there was no annual conference in 2020.

In response, our planning for the conference involved several adjustments to ensure that we could meet in 2021, despite the uncertainty of the times. After careful consideration of different factors, and working closely with the University of Bucharest, we reorganised the format so that it could be delivered online in 2021. This will be the first time the annual conference has been delivered in this way and we will be collecting feedback to incorporate learning about new methods of planning and delivering conferences in the future, whether these are in-person, or online.

We have continued to have interest and strong applications to host the conference in the years ahead and are pleased to have agreements in place for the conference up to and including 2024. Plans are already underway to bring the conference to Amsterdam in 2022, Milan in 2023, and Vilnius in 2024. We continue to work to ensure that the conference represents all regions of Europe and if you would like to enquire more about hosting the conference at your institution, please speak to us at the conference, or email us at info@eswra.org

Vice Chair: Jon Symonds

SIG Development Committee

Karen Winter is the Chair of the SIG Development Committee which supports and oversees the work of 24 Special Interest Groups. These groups, led by SIG convenors, enable ESWRA members to network and collaborate on specific issues. The Special Interest Groups meet at least once a year at the European Conference for Social Work Research and regularly share information and discussions online. The SIG Development Committee issues a handbook containing guidelines for SIG convenors, produces a twice yearly SIG newsletter and facilitates the work of SIGs at the annual conference through events that enable all SIG members to develop their ideas together.

Chair: Karen Winter

Members services & Research Resources committee

After a restructuring of ESWRA committees in 2019-20, The Resources Development Committee has become the 'Membership Services and Research Resource Committee, (MSRRC) chaired by Liz Frost. This new committee continues to be made up of both ESWRA board members and general members.

Initially the MSRRC was given the tasks of considering whether and what research resources should be available to members only, and researching and reporting back on whether a permanent online infrastructure was a good investment for ESWRA. The Committee decided it was important to go 'back to basics' for the former of these, and by studying the constitution of ESWRA itself, came to understand that the benefits of the organisation should be as open as possible, providing they did not render membership pointless. After researching the latter point, MSRRC advised the Board that the massive variety of platforms being used across different European countries, made the adoption of a single one by ESWRA too excluding and potentially divisive.

Since these early activities, the MSRRC has made it a priority to liaise with other committees, particularly the current Conference Committee, and the SIGs committee, to understand their 'membership services and research resource' needs and to encourage their members to contribute videos of their activities to the website, to disseminate what we are currently doing. This has been enthusiastically taken up, and any member or interested person can now find out more about the conference, and the activities of contributing SIGs, in video form, on the website.

Developing a robust data base for members research activities is ongoing, developing from the very useful

foundational work put into place by the last Committee. Communication with all committees to keep under review and respond to membership needs is also a continuing priority.

Chair: Liz Frost

Prizes and Sponsorship committee

The Prizes and Sponsorship committee consist of 4 members, 2 Board members and 2 members of the Association. The Prizes and Sponsorship Committee develop and pursue an effective strategy to promote the profile of, and to ensure that applications for the ESWRA Annual Awards are of the highest quality.

Every year ESWRA seeks nominations for two Annual Awards for Outstanding Publications: the ESWRA Award for an Outstanding Publication in European Social Work Research and the ESWRA Award for an Outstanding Publication in European Social Work Research based on a Doctoral Thesis.

The Committee support the development and the promotion of outstanding social work research papers around Europe. Nominations must demonstrate a significant contribution to social work research against the following criteria: carried out in a demonstrably new area of research, demonstrates methodological innovation, makes a significant conceptual or theoretical contribution to its field, has a (potential) impact for policymakers, practitioners, educators, and other research users.

Year after year, the number, and the source of the nominations for the EWSRA awards is increasing. The Committee is engaged in a rigorous review process of the research papers with the aim to select outstanding social work research publications.

The members of the committee are also committed to the development, co-ordination and implementation of sponsorship initiatives approved by the Board

Chair – Elena Cabiati

ESWRA Publications Series

In 2016 ESWRA launched its book series 'Research in Social Work' published by Policy Press. The series forms a collection showcasing some of the best social work research in Europe. The editors of the series are Anna Gupta and John Gal. Books published as part of the series examine current, progressive, and innovative research applications of familiar ideas and of new models in social work research. Four books have already been published in the series. These are 'Research and the Social Work Picture', by Ian Shaw (2018), 'Social Work and the Making of Social Policy' edited by Ute Klammer, Simone Leiber and Sigrid Leitner (2019), 'The Settlement House Movement Revisited', edited by John Gal, Stefan Köngeter and Sarah Vicary (2021) and 'Interprofessional Collaboration and Service User Participation', edited by Kirsi Juhila, Tanja Dall, Christopher Hall, and Juliet Koprowska (2021). We look forward to launching 'Adoption from Care', edited by Tarja Poso, Marit Skivenes and June Thoburn at ECSWR 2021 and to publishing 'Involving Service Users in Social Work Education, Research and Policy' edited by Kristel Driessens and Vicky Lyssens-Danneboom later in the year. Four further titles are slated for publication 2022 and we are actively encouraging new proposals from ESWRA SIGS.

Series co-edited by John Gal and Anna Gupta

ESWRA finances

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ESWRA Finances 2020

The final profit and loss account 2020 shows the impact of not being able to organise a conference in 2020. This causes a loss of € 41,192.00. Given the healthy financial situation of ESWRA, the Association can deal with such a one-off loss. The Board decided that for those members who have paid their membership fee as part of the conference subscription in 2020, the membership will be automatically extended in 2021. The membership fees that have been collected as part of the subscriptions of the Bucharest Conference 2020 will be taken into account in the budget of 2021.

[Treasurer Koen Hermans](#) -

ESWRABoardandOfficers

ESWRA is run by a Board elected by its members.

There are 15 members of the Board. Current ESWRA Officers and members are:

Chair

Judith Metz
University



Vice Chair

Jon Symonds
University of Bristol,
United Kingdom



Chair-elect

Alessandro Sicora
University of Calabria,
Italy



Secretary

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



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Koen Hermans
KU Leuven
Belgium

Inge Bryderup,
Chair, ESWRA Journal Development Group
Alborg university

**Liz Frost, Chair, Member Services and
Research Resources Committee**
University of the West Of England, UK

**Florin Lazar, External Relations
Committee**
University of Bucharest, Romania

**María Inés Martínez-Herrero, Member
Services and Research Resources
Committee, SIG Development committee**
University of Essex, UK

**Florian Spensberger, ESWRA Doctoral, Co-
chair, PhD & Early Career SIG, Ludwig-
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Germany**

Marcin Boryczko,

Chair, Nomination and Election Committee
Gdańsk University, Poland

Elena Cabiati, Chair,

The Prizes and Sponsorship Committee
Catholic University of Milan, Italy

**Ephrat Huss, Chair, Country
Representation Committee**

University of the Negev. Israel

**Karen Winter, Chair, Special Interest
Group Development Committee**
Queens University, Belfast, Northern
Ireland UK

**Ozan Selcuk, Co-chair, PhD & Early Career
SIG, Member ESWRA Journal
Development Group**

Recep Tayyip Erdogan University, Turkey

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