



ESWRA General Assembly
Wednesday 12th April 2023
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy

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

AGENDA

ESWRA General Assembly 2023

Wednesday April 12th, 2022, 18:15 - 19:30 CET

NB: Internal rule, section 10 point 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.

Board Members: **Marcin Boryczko** (MB), Gdańsk University, Poland; **Inge Bryderup** (IB), Aalborg University, Denmark; **Elena Cabiati** (CE), Catholic University of Milan, Italy; **Emilio Jose Gomez Ciriano** (EGC), *Secretary*, University of Castilla-La Mancha; Spain; **Liz Frost** (LF), University of the West of England, **Koen Hermans** (KH), *Treasurer*, KU Leuven, Belgium; **Ephrat Huss** (EH), University of the Negev, Israel; **Florin Lazar** (FL), University of Bucharest, Romania; **María Inés Martínez-Herrero**, *Vice-Chair* (IMH) International University of La Rioja, Spain; **Alessandro Sicora** (AS), *Chair*, University of Trento, Italy; **Ozan Selcuk**, (OS) Recep Tayyip Erdogan University, Turkey; **Jon Symonds** (JS), University of Bristol, UK; **Karen Winter** *Chair-elect* (KW), Queen's University, UK. **In attendance** Claire Prater, ESWRA Executive Administrator.

Time	Item	Lead and working notes
18:15	1. Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">WelcomeFarewell for leaving Board membersIntroduction to New Board members and Chair	Chair Alessandro Sicora
18:25	2. Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">Notes of the General Assembly 2022Record of Board decisions 2022Matters Arising	Chair Alessandro Sicora GA action: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Approve the GA notes 2022Approve the record of Board decisions 2022
18.30	3. Finances <ul style="list-style-type: none">Financial Report 2022Audit certificate for inspection for 2022ESWRA Budget 2023	Treasurer Koen Hermans GA action: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Approve 2022 Accounts
18:40	4. ESWRA Strategy 2023 - 2028	Secretary Emilio Jose Gomez Ciriano Information
18:45	5. Annual Report	Secretary Emilio Jose Gomez Ciriano Draft available at the meeting
18:50	6. ESWRA Board roles and Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none">Update Board and Officer rolesUpdate Committee ChairsBoard vacancy in 2023	Secretary Emilio Jose Gomez Ciriano
18:55	7. Committees and working Groups	Secretary Emilio Jose Gomez Ciriano
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SIG Committee	Chair, Elizabeth Frost
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Research Resources and Member Services Committee	Chair, Marcin Boryczko
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Prizes and Sponsorship Committee Chair	Chair, Inge Bryderup
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nomination and Election Committee	Chair, Ozan Selcuk
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">External Relations	Chair, Florin Lazar
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Country Representation Committee	Chair, Ephrat Huss
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PhD Early Career SIG	Chair, Ozan Selcuk
19:15	Open Discussion	
19:30	END	

Notes of ESWRA General Assembly 2022

Wednesday April 7th, 2022, 18:00 - 19:30
KIT Royal Tropical Institute, Mauritskade 64

ESWRA members: Peter Sommerfeld, Elaine Sharland, Reima Ana Maglajic, Bruce Thyer, Aila-Leena Matthies, Sarah Banks, Paul McCafferty, Esther Mercado, Patricia Bonello, Maria A Dienaar, Teresa Bertotti, Kimberly Strom, Ana M Sobacan, Dietta Mauri, Guila Turrina, Silvia Fargion, Paola Enrica Limengelli, Francesca Corradini, Camilla Candi, Wim Nieuwenboom, Jean-Pierre Wilken, Annamaria Campanini (22).

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Total number of members present = 35 the meeting was quorate.

Item General Assembly Discussion

1 Welcome

Alessandro Sicora, ESWRA Chair, welcomed ESWRA members to the Association's General Assembly, the first to be held in person since 2019. He thanked Elaine Sharland Chair 2017 - 2019, Jean-Pierre Treasurer 2015 - 2019, Sofia Dedotsi, Vice-Chair 2017 – 2019, Francisco Branco, for all their work on the Board. They all stepped down in 2020. AS went on to thank Judith Metz, who is stepping down from the Board. Judith served on the Board from 2016 – 2022 and was Chair 2019 – 2022. Check date? Was it 2021, 2020, 2022?

AS introduced new Board members, **Marcin Boryczko**, Poland, **Melinda Madew**, Germany. He then reviewed the agenda and asked members whether they had any other items they wanted to raise. There were no questions or additional items.

Ian Shaw the founder of ESWRA addressed the meeting virtually.

2 General Assembly Business

- Notes from the GA 2021 Approved
- Record of Board decisions 2021 Approved

3 Finances

- Auditors for the ESWRA Accounts 2021 found that the Financial Statements referred to, present the financial position of ESWRA fairly and the results of its operations and cash flow for the year 2021 conformed with the accounting principles generally accepted in the Netherlands. The certificate is available on request at info@eswra.org.
- ESWRA Accounts for financial year January 1st – December 31st, 2021. Approved
- ESWRA Budget for financial year January 1st – December 31st, 2022. Approved

**European Social Work Research Association
Profit and loss account for the year 2021**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
	€	€
Member contributions	1.231	2.122
Conference and Events	80.492	
Other income		
Total net Proceeds	<u>81.723</u>	<u>2.122</u>
Conference and Event costs	1.430	1.000
SIG Funding		
Journal	10.818	4.024
Gross turnover result	<u>69.475</u>	<u>-2.902</u>
Expenses		
Board Charges	184	1.741
Administration costs	37.052	36.549
	<u>37.236</u>	<u>38.290</u>
Operating result	32.239	-41.192
Financial costs	280	296
Result	<u>31.959</u>	<u>-41.488</u>

4 ESWRA Board roles and Committees

Emilio Jose Gomez Ciriano, ESWRA Secretary, reminded the members how the ESWRA Board was managed noting that Board members are elected by the members and that there are 15 Board members. There are four officer roles namely: Chair; Treasurer; Secretary; and Vice-Chair, and currently a Chair-elect. Board members' terms are usually three years. On occasion and for reasons of continuity, Board members extend their term either for 1 year by Board consent or by re-election for another 3-year period. The following changes will take place after the ESWRA Board Meeting on Saturday 9th April 2022, having been approved by the Board at their meeting on Tuesday 5th April 2022.

- **Karen Winter** was re-elected for a 3rd mandate for 3 years April 2022 – 25. KW is appointed as Chair elect. KW will serve in this capacity for 1 year and will assist the Chair in their duties and fulfilling the role of Chair in case of their absence, incapacity, or resignation. Karen will succeed **Alessandro Sicora** as Chair after ECSWR 2023 Milan. Terms: Chair-elect April 2022-23, Chair April 2023 -25.
- **María-Inés Martínez-Herrero** is appointed to succeed **Jon Symonds** as Vice Chair. Ines will serve two years stepping down after ECSWR 2024 Vilnius. Term: Vice-Chair April 2022 – 24.
- **Koen Hermans** was re-elected for a 2nd mandate for 3 years April 2022 – 25, he is appointed for a 2nd term as Treasurer will serve for 3 years. Term: Treasurer April 2022 – 25.

According to point 6.5 of the internal rules the following Board members become committee Chairs.

- **Liz Frost** was re-elected for a 2nd mandate for 3 years April 2022 – 25. She is appointed the new Chair of the SIG Development Committee succeeding **Ines Martinez**. Term: Chair SIG Development Committee April 2022-25.
- **Marcin Boryczko** is appointed as the new Chair of the Research Resources and Member Services (RRMS) Committee succeeding **Liz Frost**. Term: Chair RRMS committee April 2022 – 25.
- **Ozan Selcuk** is appointed as the new Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, succeeding **Marcin Boryczko**. Term: Chair Nominations committee April 2022 – 25.

5 Committees and working Groups.

Each of the committee Chairs' summarised their activities since the last GA in 2021.

ESWRA Journal - Inge Bryderup

IB reported that in parallel to finalizing the contract between Policy Press (PP) and ESWRA (which has now been signed), the editors have established a timeframe and plan for managing the first two calls for the ESWR Journal. IB told the meeting that the official presentation of the journal will take place on April 7th at

the Royal Tropical Institute. The Board thanked IB and the Editorial Board of the ESWR journal for their excellent work.

Members Services & Research Resources Committee – Liz Frost

LF explained that last year she and IMH had worked together to encourage SIGS to put forward their proposals for 2-hour online seminars, each included both presentation and audience engagement. The two seminars took place in January and February 2022 and were well received and attended, highlighting the importance of these type of events. LF said that new members are required for the Members Services & Research Resources Committee.

SIGS development committee – Inés Martínez-Herrero

IMH said that two new SIGs had been established: “Social work with young people experiencing extrafamilial risk and harm” and “Social work and the more than human”. IMH emphasised the importance of reviewing the SIGs guidance to ensure SIGS are focused on research and inclusivity. The challenge is also to have a manageable number of SIGS. The Board thanked IMH for her work.

Country representation committee - Ephrat Huss

EH reported on her contacts and zoom meetings with several social work boards and connections with New Zealand, South Africa, and America. The Board thanked EH for her work.

Nominations and Elections Committee Marcin Boryczko

MB reported that EF, KW and KH have been re-elected and Melinda Madew (EH-Ludwigsburg Evangelische Hochschule Ludwigsburg) has been elected to the Board Term: April 2022 – April 2025 on-line. The Board thanked MB for his work.

Prizes and sponsorship committee – Elena Cabiati

EC said that the committee produced the “Ethics and procedure document for the revision process”. And explain how the rules of the ESWRA publication awards have been revised. This year the number of submissions has been slightly below the average. The Board thanked EC for her work.

European Conference for Social Work – Jon Symonds

ECSWR 2022 Amsterdam, JS thanked the hosts for their hard work under difficult circumstances to bring together a well-attended conference.

ECSWR 2023 Milan the conference team are working towards delivering a successful conference. The call for abstracts will be issued in June 2022.

The University of Vilnius has been approved by the Board to host ESCWR 2024.

6 **Annual Report**

The ESWRA annual report was presented to the GA. There were no comments on the draft.

7 **Open Discussion**

Points raised by Reima Ana Maglajic and Annamaria Campanini

- ESWRA should be striving for broader representation multiple voices
- ESWRA should stretch it’s goals making sure that there is greater representation on the Board
- Reach out to black and Asian and other minorities and commit to changes that can be monitored over time
- English language had predominance, and so some voices will not be heard.

Alessandro Sicora thanked the members present for taking part in the General Assembly and encouraged those with further comments or suggestions for ESWRA’s development to contact the Board with these by email at info@eswra.org.

The General Assembly 2022 closed at 19:30

April 2022 Board Decisions

Minutes and matters arising

Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the Board Minutes from January 25th and February 2nd, 2022, noting the Board meetings as a fair and accurate record of the proceedings.

Matters arising

The meeting acknowledged the Executive Administrator was due a pay rise. The Board agreed in principle to a pay increase for CP in line with the university professional service pay scale to be applied in 2023. The Board asked the EA to submit a proposal at the Autumn Board meeting.

Roles and Responsibilities

The new appointments to the Board were approved as follows:

- **Karen Winter** was re-elected for a 3rd mandate for 3 years April 2022 – 25. She is appointed as Chair elect. Karen will serve in this capacity for 1 year and will assist the Chair in their duties fulfilling the role of Chair in case of their absence, incapacity, or resignation. Karen will succeed **Alessandro Sicora** as Chair after ECSWR 2023 Milan. Terms: Chair-elect April 2022-23, Chair April 2023 -25.
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Ukraine

The Board agreed to provide a slot at the conference discuss how the invasion of the Ukraine by Russian troops is affecting social work research. The delegates will be told of the arrangements during the opening ceremony before the keynote speeches. ESWRA has published a paragraph on its website condemning war. The Board agreed that no other statement would be issued. However, discussions about the war in Ukraine and similar world events and ESWRA's response are ongoing and will be reflected in the ESWRA's wider communications strategy.

Committee and working groups.

Members Services & Research Resources and the SIG Development committees worked together to encourage SIGS to put forward their proposals for 2-hour online seminars, each included both a presentation and audience engagement. The two seminars took place in January and February 2022, and were well received and attended, highlighting the importance of these type of events. **The Board agreed** that the seminar series should continue.

ESWRA Strategy 2023 – 2028

The ESWRA Secretary highlighted the importance of developing the new strategy. He gave Board members some working sheets to develop the strategy. As time was limited the Board agreed to discuss the strategy more in depth in the second part of the meeting on Saturday.

Matters arising day 2.

The Board agreed in principle that the Autumn Board meeting will be held in person in Milan.

European Conference for Social Work Research

ECSWR 2023 Milan

Should the local organisational committee be organising a hybrid conference as a decision cannot be left to the last moment. **The Board agreed** that ECSWR is a face-to-face conference. While some on-line element might be useful, ESWRA is not planning a full hybrid conference.

November 2022 Board Decisions

The minutes

The minutes from the Board meeting held April 2022 were approved with no amendments.

Matters arising

1.4.1 Executive Administrator

- i. The Board agreed a 10% pay increase in line with inflation, effective from January 2023. This is not an annual increase.
- ii. The Board agreed to renew the executive Administrators' contract for a further 3 years. 2023 contract renewal 14th August 2023 – 13th August 2026.

1.4.2 EJSW

The Board decided to discontinue online access to the EJSW as the ESWR journal will be available online.

Finance

- Final accounts from ECSWR 2022 Amsterdam were approved by the Board on the condition that the calculation error (which was found), was rectified.
- ESWRA budget for financial year 2023 was approved by the Board.

ESWRA Strategy 2023-2028

The Board agreed the text of the ESWRA Strategy 2023-2028, with minor amendments. The final draft will be available to the Board for its final approval (according to the procedure in Internal rule art. 9.4) by the end of 2022.

European Conference for Social Work Research

ECSWR 2023 Milan

As rooms are limited, the LOC sought agreement from the Board that 20 SIG events was enough, and no more SIG events would be added to the programme.

ECSWR 2024 Vilnius

The Board approved the ECSWR 2024 Theme "*Envisioning future: social work research and discourse in the age of industry 4.0*" with a minor amendment in the theme text paragraph 1 line 5 where it was agreed to delete the word 'clients' and replace with 'Social work users'

Hosts for ECSWR 2025 and 2026

The Board approved:

- 1) the two proposals received for the conferences to be held in 2025 and 2026.
- 2) ECSWR 2025 Katholische Stiftungshochschule, Munich, University of Applied Sciences Germany and ECSWR 2026 Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Scotland, UK.

Roles on Board & Committees part 1 and part 2

Roles on the Board:

- The Board approved Elena Cabiati as ESWRA Secretary effective April 2023 – April 2025.
 - The Board approved Inge Bryderup as Chair of the Prizes and Sponsorship Committee, effective immediately.
- For purposes of continuity, the Board approved extensions (allowable under ESWRA bylaws Article 7.4) for the following Board members:

- Alessandro Sicora November 2023 – April 2024.
- Inge Bryderup term for one-year April 2023 – April 2024.

Also, for the purposes of continuation, the Board approved to put forward the following for re-election with a view to gaining renewed mandates:

- Marcin Boryczko, Florin Lazar, María Inés Martínez-Herrero.

Election timetable:

The Board agreed the elections for 2 Board vacancies (1 ordinary & 1 Doctoral) and 3 re-elections to take place early next year.

ESWRA Profit and loss account for FY 2022

European Social Work Research Association Profit and loss account for the year 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	€	€
Member contributions	1.230	1.231
Conference and Events	70.960	80.492
Other income		
Total net Proceeds	<u>72.190</u>	<u>81.723</u>
Conference and Event costs	500	1.430
SIG Funding		
Journal	6.088	10.818
Gross turnover result	<u>65.602</u>	<u>69.475</u>
Expenses		
Board Charges	11.989	1.001
Administration costs	37.244	37.052
	<u>49.233</u>	<u>38.053</u>
Operating result	16.369	31.422
Financial costs	304	280
Result	<u>16.065</u>	<u>31.142</u>

Estimated Income and Costs for FY 2023

ESWRA ESTIMATED INCOME 2023	Euro €
Membership Fees	€ 48.000,00
Conference	€ 20.000,00
Total estimated income 2023	€ 68.000,00

ESWRA ESTIMATED COSTS 2023	Euro €
Office	€ 45.000,00
ESWR journal	€ 3.200,00
ESWRA awards	€ 1.000,00
Website	€ 4.500,00
2 Board meetings	€ 12.000,00
SIG	€ 1.000,00
Total estimated costs 2023	€ 66.700,00



ESWRA STRATEGY 2023-2028

March 2023

1. INTRODUCTION

ESWRA (European Social Work Research Association) is currently the main hub for social work researchers in Europe.

Social work research is, thus, at the very core of its identity and this makes ESWRA different from other similar organisations.

Prior to the formation of ESWRA in 2014, there was no single Europe-wide network devoted to promoting social work research and building capacity across its many domains and contexts. Interest in developing an Association was evident in successful European Conferences for Social Work Research that took place in 2011 and 2012.

Building on this growing interest, and in 2012, leading academics convened a working group to develop a proposal for an Association. When the proposal was presented to the 2013 European Conference for Social Work Research it was given overwhelming support. On 17th April 2014, the European Social Work Research Association was formally launched.

Its establishment reflected the vision of its academic leadership who foresaw the importance of bringing together scholars and practitioners to develop and exchange new knowledge that would support social work policy and practice and contribute to enhancing social justice, solidarity, and human rights.

Its central function was (and is) to provide a core international space for developing high quality research and innovative research methods in social work to address new and old challenges. The European Conference for Social Work Research (ECSWR) and the Special Interest Groups (SIG's) are ESWRA's most widely known achievements.

Informed by the ESWRA strategy (2017-2022), a primary focus of ESWRA has been on establishing its identity, profile, membership base and infrastructure. The European Conference for Social Work Research (ECSWR) and the Special Interest Groups (SIG's) are ESWRA's most widely known achievements.

The new strategy for 2023-2028 is presented by ESWRA for approval by the board and ratification by the General Assembly. It defines the main guidelines for the continuity of the Association for the next five years. It reaffirms the goals of ESWRA, along with its underpinning principles, and identifies the mechanisms to ensure that these goals are achieved as well as the principles adhered to. Annual operational plans set out specific actions to ensure that each mechanism is effectively activated, with timescales and associated responsibilities.

2. ESWRA MISSION AND VISION

ESWRA's mission is to promote **high quality, critical and inclusive** social work research for the advancement of knowledge, practice and social justice in a way that aspires to high scientific standards. Is guided by and relevant to, but also critical towards, issues that arise in and impact upon everyday social work practice. It recognises, connects to, and integrates different kinds of knowledge, informed both by research and by the experiences of those coping with difficulties and practitioners working with them.

3. MEMBERSHIP OF ESWRA.

Membership of ESWRA is on **an individual basis** and open to all who accept and engage with the Association's mission, including those who do not live or work in a European nation state. Distinctively, ESWRA aims to bring together scholars and practitioners from diverse countries, where social work has developed in different ways and with varying social work research traditions within their specific social contexts.

4. GOALS OF ESWRA.

1. 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. (G1)

2. HIGH STANDARDS OF RESEARCH: To foster and maintain the development of high levels of social work research and knowledge production across the European community of nations. (G2)

3. RESEARCH CAPACITY and LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES: To enhance both capacity and opportunities within and across the European social work community. (G3)

4. 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. (G4)

5. NETWORKS COLLABORATION AND CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIAL WORK: To build and work with networks of social work researchers within Europe which will increase research capacity and generate new ideas that make a positive contribution to social work **and social justice** and actively foster links between European and wider international research networks. (G5)

5. UNDERPINNING PRINCIPLES.

The following key principles underpin the approach taken to each of the above goals:

1. INCLUSIVITY: ESWRA will operate in ways to be as inclusive as possible of researchers and practitioners from every country of Europe and every gender, ethnicity, religion, disability, sexuality, culture, socio-economic and political background in the operation of its affairs. (P1)

2. PARTICIPATION: ESWRA will encourage the participation of its members in all its activities and in shaping the Association's future. (P2)

3. TRANSPARENCY: ESWRA will be transparent in the management of its affairs, including its governance and finances and the reasons for decisions taken by the Board. (P3)

4. IMPACT AND VISIBILITY: ESWRA will promote a strong public presence for social work research to inform developments and bring benefits within the social work and wider policy, practice, service user and research communities. (P4)

5. SUPPORTIVENESS AND DIVERSITY: ESWRA will encourage and support new research initiatives and will contribute to developments in the recognition of and consolidation of social work research especially in countries where social work research is just emerging and/or faces obstacles to its development with the aim of avoiding any kind of cultural colonialism. (P5)

6. MECHANISMS

The following mechanisms are intended to promote achievement of the above goals, and adherence to the above principles. Additional mechanisms are also intended to ensure the growth and sustainability of the Association itself.

Note: For each mechanism cited below, the specific goals or principles addressed are indicated by G1, G2, P1, P2 and so on.

A) European Conference for Social Work Research.

i. Continuing to host the annual flagship European Conference for Social Work Research Conference (ECSWR) bringing together researchers and practitioners across Europe and internationally; and promoting the development and exchange of high-quality social work research. (G1-5, P1, P2, P4)

ii. Ensuring and enhancing the quality of the conference presentations through ensuring rigorous review of abstracts by the international expert review panel and safeguarding sufficient programme time to allow for substantive presentations and discussion. (G2, G4 G5, P1, P2)

iii. Developing the pre-conference programme by providing a forum for SIG engagement, debate, networking, and capacity development. (G1-5, P1, P2)

iv. Establishing a suitable inclusive model for conference themes/subthemes ensuring that each conference includes as a matter of course a theme on research methodology and methods development and innovation. (G4, P1, P3, P4, P5)

v. Ensuring that the conference is an instrument for enhancing a sense of belonging and identity among participants and at the same time sensitive to and respectful of the different social work traditions and narratives that co-exist in Europe and beyond (G3, G5, P1, P2, P5)

B) Special Interest Groups and Research Networks.

i. Providing support to SIGs and to convenors, including where possible targeted funds to support specific SIG activities and developments. (G1-5, P1, P2)

ii. Consulting and working with SIGs to enhance participation including among under-represented groups. (G1, G5, P1, P2)

iii. Enabling and supporting the visibility of the SIGs by encouraging them to build communities using different ESWRA initiatives throughout the year: for example, SIG online seminars and preconference events, and publicizing relevant events held by other groups including other SIGs and related networks affiliated to ESWRA. (G1-5, P1, P2)

iv. Connecting SIGs with the book series, journals, and seminars online. (G2, G4, G5, P2, P4, P5)

v. Enabling interaction and communication within SIGs, among SIGs and with other ESWRA structures and activities so that ideas, proposals, and outputs can develop in a way that aligns with the visions, aims and objectives of ESWRA. (G2-G5, P2-P5)

vi. Supporting the development of SIGs by promoting their reliable, inclusive, transparent and democratic functioning and, at the same time, generating channels of communication and accountability between SIGs' convenors and the ESWRA board (G2, G3, P3, P4).

C) Research, Resources, Expertise and Capacity Development.

i. Providing, making available via the ESWRA website and regularly updating a range of resources to develop research capacity and promote high quality research production, knowledge exchange and capacity development. This may include announcements of/links to existing resources and development of new ones such as podcasts on dedicated topics. (G1, G2, G3, G4, P2, P4)

ii. Developing a programme of ESWRA events and activities (in addition to ECSWR and SIG's) for capacity development of current and future generations of social work researchers. Events may focus, for example, on the development of knowledge and skills related to research design, methodology and methods, research ethics, and research bidding and writing. (G1-5, P1, P2, P4)

D) Promotion of High-Quality Social Work Research.

i. Promoting the profile of social work research and of ESWRA within the membership community and externally, through developing and sustaining a high quality and effective web and social media strategy (G2, G3, G4, G5, P1, P2, P3, P4).

ii. Developing and promoting the ESWRA book series with Policy Press, to disseminate high quality social work research across Europe and internationally, with beneficial consequences for practitioners, service users, educators, researchers, graduate students, and those responsible for service development and delivery. (G1, G2, G4, P1, P4)

iii. Strengthening the liaison between SIGs, the ESWRA book series and the online seminars. (G2, G4, G5, P2, P4, P5)

iv. Supporting and promoting the development of the European Social Work Research Journal'. ESWRA's flagship journal by encouraging ESWRA members and SIG's to participate to disseminate high quality social work research. Promoting peer reviewed Special Issues linked to the ESWRA Conference and maintaining good relationships with other European social work journals. (G1, G2, G4; P1, P4, P5)

v. Facilitating ESWRA events and activities (in addition to ECSWR and SIGs) focused on the development, presentation, and exchange of high-quality research on social work issues of high current topical priority. (G1, G2, G4; P1, P4)

vi. Promoting the profile of and ensuring highest quality applications for the annual ESWRA Awards Scheme for Outstanding Publication in European Social Work Research, and Outstanding Publication in European Social Work Research based on a Doctoral Thesis/Dissertation. (G2, G3; P1, P2, P4)

E) Voice, Visibility, and impact.

i. Participating in European Commission consultations, including on research priorities and the contribution of social research, to strengthen the voice and visibility of social work research at European policy level. (G1, G5, P4)

ii. Maintaining and strengthening relationships with the EC Directorates related to aims and priorities of ESWRA in the areas not covered by the EASSH. This includes providing ESWRA position papers, regular updates, and open letters on specific issues. (G1, G5, P4)

iii. Mapping and developing links with national social work research associations in Europe for cooperation where appropriate. (G1, G5, P1, P2, P4)

iv. Continuing exchange and collaboration as appropriate with the major European professional social work and social work education organisations, including developing a Memorandum of Understanding with EASSW/European IFSW. (G1, G3, G5, P1, P4)

v. Strengthening the relationship with the EASSH by actively participating in their meetings, General Assembly and their position papers which are related with the aims of ESWRA so that social work research can be made visible in the field of Social Sciences and the Humanities. (G1, G3, G5, P1, P4)

vi. Engaging and collaborating as appropriate with non-European social work research associations and networks, to enhance the profile of social work research on international platforms and agendas. (G1, G5, P4)

vii. Continuing to develop ESWRA's outward-facing communications with the wider public, policy, practice and education communities including the Association's website. (G1, G5, P4)

viii. Keeping an updated ESWRA registered logo and name in the EU transparency register.

F) Association Sustainability, Inclusivity and Transparency

i. Consolidating and keeping under review the financial model for the Association, including new ways to grow ESWRA finances, in order to ensure medium- and long-term sustainability. (G1-5, P1-5)

ii. Continuing and developing an active strategy of communications, member benefits and country engagement to encourage and grow membership among scholars/others engaged with social work research across Europe. (G1-5, P1-4)

iii. Continuing to monitor country representation within the ESWRA membership and actively promote participation in ESWRA of researchers, practitioners, and educators from under-represented European countries. (G1-5, P1)

iv. Facilitating conference participation for individuals from low-income countries, including through reduced conference fee. (G1-5, P1, P2)

v. Developing diverse and innovative event/activity formats, to include virtual meetings (such as webinars) in order to widen and maximize participation. (G5, P1, P2)

vi. Continuing and further developing effective communication with ESWRA members to encourage participation and engagement, including through the Association website, social media, regular newsletters, information and updates, and annual meetings of the General Assembly. (G1-5, P1, P2)

vii. Publishing on the website the Record of Decisions of the ESWRA Board, including a summary of reasons for decisions on the Association website. (P3, P4)

viii. Publishing on the website and presenting annually to the General Assembly the Association's Annual Report and Financial Report. (P3, P4)

ix. Establishing secure and suitably accessible archive and data protection policy. (P3



ESWRA Annual Report for Financial Year

1st January – 31 December 2022

Message from the ESWRA Chair

ESWRA Chair: Alessandro Sicora

ESWRA has continued working to achieve its objective that is, as stated in our bylaws, “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”. This has been done through all available means, the “traditional” avenues such as the annual conference, the SIGs, etc. and the new ventures including the online seminars and the new journal: ‘*European Social Work Research*’.

After the Covid pandemic the 11th European Conference for Social Work Research 2022 in Amsterdam convened in its traditional in person format. The excitement of being together again in a physical space was intense and visible. 546 delegates attended and 221 presentations and 36 posters were presented.

Throughout the year a series of online seminars have been organized on selected topics which were very well received by ESWRA members. This new initiative represents an innovative way to develop the scientific debate on social work, offer a fee-to-members resource which can be accessed across Europe (and the rest of the world). Creating more connections in our community.

European Social Work Research, ESWRA journal in partnership with Policy Press, started its activity. Its Editorial Team, the Editorial Board and the International Advisory Board have worked to prepare the first issue to be presented at ECSW 2023 Milan, in April 2023. *European Social Work Research* is a new arena for scientific debate for the benefit of the wider community of social work scholars, researchers, and practitioners.

Thank you to everyone who made the 11th European Conference for Social Work Research, the journal *European Social Work Research*, the online seminars, and all the other activities promoted by ESWRA possible. Creating connections and bridges between people has always been the core of the commitment of ESWRA in developing social work scientific debate. 2022 has been a year of renewed commitment and successes achieved by ESWRA and represents another step towards continuous and constant improvement.

ESWRA finances January – December 2022

Treasurer: Koen Hermans

ESWRA Income 2022

Membership direct fees	€1,230.00
Conference 2022	€70,715.00
Royalties	€245.00
Total Net Proceeds	€72,190.00

After the postponement of ECSWR in 2020, ESWRA has consolidated its financial position due to the success of the annual European Conference for Social Work Research. The financial report for 2022 shows a surplus of €16,065.00. The surplus is added to ESWRA’s reserves which are used to underwrite the conference and support ESWRA activities, such as ECSWR series, Special Interest Groups, IT and the day-to-day administration of the Association. ESWRA anticipates another successful year in 2023.

ESWRA Expenditure 2022

Conference & Event costs	500
EJSW	€....6,088
Gross Turnover result	€65,602.00
<u>Expenses</u>	
Administration costs	€37,244.00
Board	€11,989.00
Total expenses	€49,233.00
Operation Result	€16,369.00
Financial costs	€ 304.00
Result	€16,065.00

European Social Work Association

ESWRA was founded in 2014 to create a hub for social work research development, collaboration, and exchange across Europe. ESWRA currently has over 600 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 Social Work Research journal
- Research in the Social Workbook series
- ESWRA Seminars
- Regular member news and online resources

The European Conference for Social Work Research

ESWRA Vice Chair: María Inés Martínez Herrero

The European Conference for Social Work Research (ECSWR) is the biggest annual social work event in Europe. The 11th ECSWR was hosted by Faculty of Applied Social Sciences and Law (FASSL), University of Applied Sciences Amsterdam. The conference was well attended with over 500 delegates taking part, there were 17 SIG events with 286 participants taking part. This was the first face to face conference to take place since 2020. The 12th ECSWR 2023 is hosted by Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy. Looking ahead:

- 13th ECSWR 2024 will be hosted by Vilnius University, Vilnius, Lithuania
- 14th ECSWR 2025 will be hosted by Katholische Stiftungshochschule Munich, University of Applied Sciences Germany
- 15th ESCWR 2026 will be hosted by Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Scotland, UK.

Special Interest Groups

ESWRA has 26 active 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. There is a twice-yearly SIG newsletter.

ESWRA Publications

Book Series

The ESWRA/Policy Press book series is co-edited by John Gal (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) and Anna Gupta (Royal Holloway University of London). The primary Policy Press link is Isobel Bainton. To date, the series has published 9 books and we are moving to an output of 2-3 titles per year. This year has seen the publication of three new titles, with a fourth on schedule to be published by the end of the year. Five new titles are currently scheduled for publication in the next two years.

ESWR journal

In 2022 Policy Press and the [European Social Work Research Association](#) announced an exciting new journal for 2023: *European Social Work Research*. The journal had a successful launch at ECSWR 2022 Amsterdam conference making it possible to promote and market the journal to a broad and very relevant audience.

European Social Work Research (ESWR) is the flagship journal of the European Social Work Research Association (ESWRA) and is dedicated to the development, practice, and utilization of social work research. It is the only Europe-wide journal to focus uniquely on social work research and its intended audience is scholars, students, practitioners, policymakers, and other researchers who have an interest in social problems, social work and the contribution that social work makes to just and equitable societies.

ESWR seeks to include high-quality research articles examining:

- **All major social work practice areas**, including (but not limited to): vulnerable children and families; mental health; addictions; disability; migrants, refugees, and immigrants; employment and unemployment; health care and hospital social work; criminal justice; and sustainable social development.
- **Contemporary challenges facing social work** and the communities it serves, among them: poverty; social exclusion; discrimination and oppression; inequalities, injustice and relationships of power; abuse, trauma, violence and conflict; cultural, political and environmental hazards.
- **Developing and strengthening effective social work** practices, organisations, programmes, policies, or movements for achieving positive change and empowerment.
- **Developing and strengthening the social work profession**, including social work education, and training; professional identity, ethics and values; and interprofessional practice.

Inaugural issue – due March 2023, Special issue – due June 2023, Open issue – due October 2023

ESWRA Seminar Series

The series has gone from strength to strength over the past year ESWRA has facilitated 7 seminars all of which were well received.

- Using arts-based methods in participatory social work research. Creative genograms, conflicted fish, and integrating stress and coping. *Contributor: Ephrat Huss*
- Exploring the Role of Social Work in upholding the Human Right of older people in Car Homes – COVID19 AS A Catalyst for Change? *Contributors: Prof. Sarah Donnelly and Prof. Janet Carter Anand, Ines Maria Martinez Herrero, Prof. Alisoun Milne, Kathryn McKay, Daniela Soitu*
- Writing for publication. *Contributors: Liz Frost, Marcin Boryczko, Lars Uggerhøj, Ozan Selçuk*
- Fish, photos and body maps: Visual data collection in social work research. *Contributor: Prof Mariette van der Merwe*
- Beyond the pandemic: Exploring social work ethics and values as a contribution to a new eco-social world. *Contributors: Sarah Banks & Lynne Cairns, Durham University, UK; Teresa Bertotti, University of Trento, Italy; Michelle Hei Yan Shum, Hong Kong Baptist University; Ana M. Sobočan, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia; Kim Strom, University of North Carolina, USA; Jane Shears, IFSW Ethics Commissioner; María Jesús Úriz, Public University of Navarre, Spain*
- Teaching human rights in Social Work Education: Experience sharing and research collaboration across Europe. *Contributors María Inés Martínez Herrero (International University of la Rioja, Spain), Eglė Šumskienė (University of Vilnius, Lithuania), Caroline Bald (University of Essex, UK), Emilio Gómez Ciriano (University of Castilla la Mancha, Spain), Marcin Boryczko (University of Gdansk, Poland).*
- Research Beyond Borders. *Contributors: Kris Clarke, Associate Professor/ University of Helsinki; Melinda Madew, Professor/ Protestant University of Applied Sciences Ludwigsburg, Liz Frost (Associate Professor/UWE Bristol) and Marcin Boryczko, Associate Professor/University of Gdańsk.*

With the support of the Special interest Groups and ESWRA members the series will continue, and we look forward to many more interesting and thought-provoking seminars.

ESWRA Board 2022

ESWRA is run by a Board elected by its members. There are 15 members of the Board. Current ESWRA Officers and members are:

Chair: Alessandro Sicora, University of Calabria, Italy

Chair Elect Karen Winter Queens University, Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK

Vice Chair 2019 22 Jon Symonds University of Bristol, UK

Vice Chair 2022- 24 María Inés Martínez-Herrero

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

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Florin Lazar	University of Bucharest, Romania
Ozan Selçuk	Recep Tayyip Erdogan University, Turkey
Florian Spensberger	Ludwig-Maximilians Universität München, Germany
Melinda Madew	University of Applied Sciences Ludwigsburg, Germany

The Committees of the Association

There are 8 committees supporting ESWRA's goals and members, these are:

Members services & Research Resources committee	Chair: Marcin Boryczko
SIG Development Committee	Chair: Liz Frost
Prizes and Sponsorship committee	Chair: Inge Bryderup
Country Representation Committee	Chair: Ephrat Huss
External Relations Committee	Chair: Florin Lazar
Nomination and Election Committee	Chair: Ozan Selcuk
PhD & Early Career SIG	Chair: Ozan Selcuk
ECSWR committees	Chair: María Inés Martínez Herrero

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