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International Consortium for Social Development

15th Biennial International Symposium

*Seeking Harmony and
Promoting Social
Development in a World of
Conflict*

**Hong Kong, China, July 16th-
20th, 2007**



*Invitation from the Co-Chairs
Ce Shen & Angelina Tsang Yuen*

The International Consortium for Social Development (ICSD) invites you to participate in the 15th ICSD symposium. The conference will be held in Hong Kong, China, from July 16 to 20 of 2007.

This biennial symposium of ICSD is the major means for scholars, professionals, international agency representatives, government officials and others to come together to share professional papers, exchange views, and work toward the Consortium's goals. Since the inaugural symposium in 1980, people representing over 60 nations have gathered for ICSD symposia in various countries. We are looking forward to seeing you all in Hong Kong in July. Pre-conference and post-conference tours have been organized to different parts of China, including Beijing, Hangzhou, Xian and Yunman. You will be able to experience the vitality and dynamism of Hong Kong as well as the cultural richness and ethnic diversity of China.

Hong Kong is an international city that blends in the best from the East and West, creating a unique synergy and "personality". Hong Kong leads the global resurgence of Chinese culture, and stands at the forefront of an exciting new era where every moment in this exciting city is an unforgettable experience. It is also conveniently located at the southern tip of China and is regarded as the gateway to China.

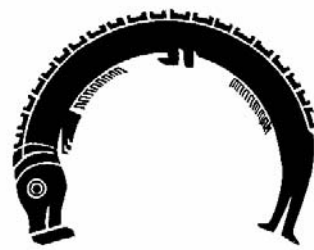
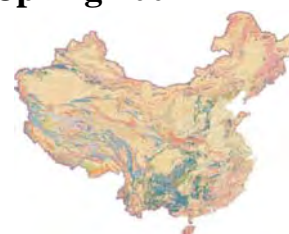
The pre and post conference tours to China will provide an opportunity to discover the mystique beauty and cultural richness of China, and to learn about the attempts that China has made in the area of social work and social development. In the last two and half decades, tremendous economic and social development has occurred in China. As social work professionals who are concerned about the quality of life for all people, we are impressed with the remarkable progress that has taken place in China since 1979. China's rapid development has attracted the attention of the entire world. The Symposium will provide members of ICSD the opportunity to see the phenomenal changes that have taken place and thereby acquire new insights and ideas for social development that they may apply to their own countries.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT - Frank B. Raymond

This Newsletter brings to you much good news regarding the International Consortium of Social Development. I will highlight some of this information and you will find more details on the news items in the reports from the various officers.

The planning for the 2007 Symposium in Hong Kong continues to go well. Over 450 abstracts have been submitted and over 250 persons had registered by April 11th. Around 100 people have registered for the pre- and post-conference tours throughout China and the numbers continue to increase. The program is shaping up to be one of the best in ICSD's history. Outstanding speakers have been selected, including the keynote speaker, Professor Amartya Sen, winner of the Nobel Prize in Economics. The papers accepted for presentation build beautifully upon the symposium theme—"Seeking Harmony and Promoting Social Development in a World of Conflict." The symposium Co-chairs, Professor Ce Shen, from Boston College, and Professor Angie Yuen, from Hong Kong Polytechnic Institute, have done a fantastic job in planning the conference. They have been assisted in this effort by an international planning committee and a local committee in Hong Kong. I greatly appreciate the fine work done by the co-chairs and these two committees.

I am pleased to let you know that the ICSD Executive Council has selected Monterrey, Mexico as the location of the 16th Biennial Symposium in 2009. Professor Kristin Ferguson, on behalf of the University of Southern California (USC), and Professors Manuel Ribeiro and Raul Lopez from the Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo Leon (UANL), submitted a superb proposal for the conference to be hosted at UANL and co-sponsored by USC.. Planning for that event is already underway.

Because of the change in the time of the year when CSWE holds its Annual Program Meetings (from Spring to Fall), the ICSD Board and Executive Council were not able to have their traditional face-to-face meetings in Spring 2007. However, the Executive Council did meet via conference call during the Spring to take care of essential business. The Board and the Executive Council will meet during the Symposium in Hong Kong (on July 16), and there will also be a membership meeting during the conference.

The ICSD regional Branches continue to grow and develop. The Asia-Pacific Branch has successfully completed the elections for its first officers. Congratulations to all those who were elected! (And many thanks to David Hollister, the Associate Secretary-General for Regional Branches, for assisting in the implementation of these first elections for the Asia-Pacific Branch.) Both the Asia-Pacific Branch and the European Branch are well along the way in planning their regional biennial meetings in 2008.

I take great pride in the continuing quality of ICSD's journal, Social Development Issues (SDI). The Chair/Treasurer of the SDI Board of Managers, Mary Rogge, resigned from this position in Spring 2007 because of other pressing commitments. Mary is owed a tremendous debt of gratitude for her many excellent accomplishments in this role over the years. Mona C. Struhsaker Schatz, the Director of the Division of Social Work at the University of Wyoming, graciously accepted an appointment to fill the position of Chair/Treasurer of the SDI Board of Managers. Michael Sherraden and Amanda Moore-McBride continue to do an outstanding job as editors of the journal. Under their direction, and with the support of a strong cadre of consulting editors, Social Development Issues has continued to improve and to become the leading journal in this field of inquiry. I am grateful to them for their superb contributions. As their terms of office will end soon, the SDI Board of Managers is currently in the process of selecting a new editor(s) of the journal.

Finally, I would like to express appreciation to all the officers of ICSD, including the officers in the Regional Branches, for the work they do on behalf of the organization. The accomplishments of ICSD occur because of the tremendous amount of time, energy and talent these individuals devote to their leadership roles. I hope you will join me in thanking them for all they do.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Hong Kong!

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For gift to an institution please contact Alberto Godenzi to determine fee schedule

From 26th to 28th of April the annual board meeting of The European branch of ICSD was held in the city of Iasi in northern Romania. The main theme for the meeting was the preparation of our next conference that will take place in this city next year. The conference will start Wednesday the 25th of June 2008 in the evening with a pre-conference and the opening ceremony and goes through 26 and the 27th. A optional tour from 28th in the morning til Sunday 29th evening with visits to the historical heritages in northern Romania will be highly recommended. The meeting was wonderfully hosted and prepared by rev Dan Sandu. Together with Dan we inspected the different venues for the conference and met possible partners. **Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi** and Dan Sandu will be our main partners for the local organizing of the conference. The main topic will be **European societies in transition; Social development and social work**. The invitation to the conference will be published on ICSD web page in early Autumn 2007. During this conference we hope to have some focus on the particular situation in Romania, a fresh member of the European Union from January 2007, where the economical situation is still very difficult and with an important emigration of skilled workers to the rest of Europe. Romania has a great population of gypsies and a number of children that lives under difficult situations and the country is transforming at a very fast speed. The main part of the social work in Romania is carried out by church organizations, and we had some really inspiring discussions about the role of the state vrs the church in this field, that we hope to continue at the conference.

The fonder of the European branch professor Harald Swedener will be memorized with the distribution of the first Harald Swedener award next year. For the moment the process of nominating candidates are going on.

We are really looking forward to meet many of you in Romania next year.

Roar Sundby
President of ICSD Europe branch.



From the Membership Chair

Golam M. Mathbor, ICSD Associate Secretary-General for Membership

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions about your membership status or if you want to let us know about a name or address change. It is easiest to reach me by e-mail (gmathbor@monmouth.edu). On behalf of ICSD let me again warmly welcome you as a continuing or new member. The ICSD membership period extends from January 1 through December 31 of any given year. Your current membership extends through the end of December 2006. Very soon, you will have the option to join or renew your membership electronically by visiting www.icsd.info or by mail to Dr. Golam M. Mathbor, ICSD Associate Secretary-General for Membership, Monmouth University, Social Work Department, 400 Cedar Avenue, West Long Beach, NJ 07764-1

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Brij Mohan published his new book, *Fallacies of Development Crises of Human and Social Development: The End of Hubris* (Atlantic Publishers)

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IUCISD Archives

David Hollister

In the late 1990's the IUCISD Board approved the University of Minnesota Social Welfare History Archives as the permanent location of the archive for IUCISD. This facility was newly constructed in 1999 by tunneling into the bluff on the west bank of the Mississippi River, which runs through the Minneapolis campus. It is a climate controlled facility housing eight major archival collections, with superb conditions for the preservation and retrieval of documents. Many IUCISD papers and materials have already been deposited. Members, board members, and officers are encouraged to keep the IUCISD archive in mind, when you have inactive files of IUCISD materials to which you no longer need ready access. Symposium papers, programs, minutes, correspondence, etc. are all welcome. Materials can be sent to: Professor David J. Klassen, 320 Anderson Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55108, USA.



Election of Officers and Board Members for the Asia-Pacific Branch of ICSD

The General Body of the recently formed ICSD Asia-Pacific Branch met during the Asia-Pacific Branch Conference at Pattaya, Thailand on October 20, 2006. In accordance with the Asia-Pacific Regional Branch Standing Orders, the convener of the Branch, Dr. Neela Dabir called for the election of the Board and Officers of the Branch. The President of ICSD, Dr. Frank Raymond, approved a Nominations Committee consisting of Dr. Neela Dabir, Professor Yasuo Hagiwara, and Dr. Miyuki Inaba. The Committee nominated a slate of officers and board members-at-large. One additional nomination for Member-at-Large was made from the floor. The body also requested that the general ICSD organization conduct this first Asia-Pacific election, and it approved that the election should be conducted by e-mail. Subsequent elections will be handled by the Asia-Pacific Branch itself. It was also agreed that a write-in space should be provided next to each nominee's name. The results of the election are as follows:

Officers

President of the ICSD Asia-Pacific Branch: Dr. Manohar Pawar, Australia
Vice-President: Dr. Jitti Mongkoluchaiarumya, Thailand
Secretary: Dr. Ernest Chui Wing-Tak, Hong Kong
Treasurer: Dr. Miyuki Inaba, Japan

Members at Large

Dr. Neela Dabir, India
Prof. Yasuo Hagiwara, Japan
Dr. Bambang Shergi Laksmono, Indonesia
Dr. Victor Viray, Philippines
Dr. Sharlene Furuto, USA (Hawaii)

Congratulations to the new board and very best wishes for the Asia-Pacific Branch!

(Submitted by David Hollister, Associate Secretary-General for Regional Development)

Historic Memorandum of Understanding

Community and Family Services International Catholic University of America



Dr. Abas Candao (center) of Bangsamoro Development Agency signs Memorandum of Understanding on Social Work Education in Conflict-Affected Areas with Dr. Frederick Ahearn (left) of the Catholic University of America and Dr. Steven Muncy (right) of Community and Family Services International. The signing was witnessed by (standing from left) Instructor Mildred Salgen of Cotabato City State Polytechnic College, Prof. Bagian Aleysa Abdulkarim of Western Mindanao State University, Prof. Edna Tubilan of Mindanao State University and Noraida Abdullah Karim of CFSI. The Catholic University has agreed to waive all tuition fees representing a counterpart contribution of 70 million pesos (US\$1,350,000) over six years in support of the peace process.

Davao City, Philippines—A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the Catholic University of America and a local consortium led by the Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA) and Community and Family Services International (CFSI). The collaboration aims to contribute towards peace, reconstruction and development in the conflict-affected areas of Mindanao by strengthening social work education and leadership. The local consortium includes the departments of social work at Mindanao State University (MSU), Western Mindanao State University (WMSU), and Cotabato City State Polytechnic College (CCSPC).

The Catholic University of America, in partnership with the consortium, will offer a ten-course Masters degree in Teaching of Social Work (MTSW) in Cotabato City. The course offering is open to social workers teaching and/or working in conflict-affected areas in Mindanao. The course will prepare social work educators and practitioners to become trainers in community development and community-building with the aim of increasing local capacities to facilitate the effective return and resettlement, as well as betterment of individuals and families displaced by armed conflict. Successful students will receive the MTSW degree from the Catholic University of America. The Catholic University has agreed to waive all tuition fees representing a counterpart contribution of 70 million pesos (US\$1,350,000) over six years in support of the peace process between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.



Message from the Secretary General

Alberto Godenzi

The preparation of the 2007 ICSD conference in Hong Kong was our major focus over the past 12 months. We originally planned to hold the biennial meeting in Hangzhou and already disseminated marketing materials at various conferences. However, when we learned from our partners in Hangzhou that the Chinese government would restrict the number of foreign participants to about one hundred, we knew that this would not provide sufficient capacity for the growing number of scholars and practitioners interested in debating new trends in international social development. Thanks to ICSD's strong Asian network and specifically due to our colleague Professor Angelina Tsang Yuen from the Department of Applied Social Sciences at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, we were able to relocate our conference venue to Hong Kong. Angie Yuen and Ce Shen, faculty member at the Boston College Graduate School of Social Work, were willing and excited to serve as the co-chairs of our 15th Symposium.

As you know, the title of our conference is "Seeking Harmony and Promoting Social Development in a World of Conflict." This general theme emerged in conversations that started in Recife during a luncheon with our Chinese friends at the 14th Symposium. The location and the general topic created a huge response from across the world. We are proud to say that we received a record number of paper and poster submissions and based on the quality of the submissions, we are expecting a stellar event.

Let me express a heartfelt welcome and a word of caution to the many conference participants for whom this event will be their first ICSD symposium. The past has shown that, as evident in the careers of many of our long-time members, ICSD conferences have the potential to become an addiction. The global exchange of ideas and actions, the commitment to a just world, and the warmth and joyfulness inherent in ICSD events is truly unique. To prove my point further, a large section of paper submissions came from our Brazilian and Indian friends, hosts of the two most recent ICSD symposia.

ICSD acquired an excellent reputation through distinguished people, memorable events, and our acclaimed journal *Social Development Issues*. Michael Sherraden's editorial leadership over the past three years and the alliance with Lyceum substantially enhanced the quality of our publication. It has been a delight to work with Michael and his team and the same holds true for the collaboration with the entire ICSD leadership, and especially with its visionary and effective President Frank Raymond.

I look forward to seeing you all in Hong Kong. Before I close, let me share with you a brief and somewhat embarrassing experience. When I had lunch in Recife with the President of Hangzhou University, he asked me how many Chinese universities I could name. After mentioning three Chinese institutions, my mind went blank (and I can't even blame the delicious Caipirinha). Dr. Hu was a bit puzzled about my response and started to name dozens of US universities. I promised him that I will do my homework before the 2007 conference.