**Kerala Social Work Practitioners Congress (KSWC 2017)**

**19-20 Aug 2017 at Palakkad**

The Kerala Social Work Practitioners Congress is an initiative of Kerala Association of Professional Social Workers (KAPS). KAPS formed in the year 2012 had notable achievements in the past three years. It has chapters in all the districts of Kerala state and undertake many initiatives for the development of profession. The first meeting of KSWC was held in 2016 at BCM College, Kottayam in which Prof. Mariko Kimura the Vice President of IFSW, Mr. Sriganesh (Secretary General, INPSWA-India Net work of Professional Social Work Associations) and Prof. Gandhi Doss (President, INPSWA) has participated. The annual General Body of KAPS also will be held on 20 Aug 2017.

The main objective of KSWC :

1. Share and exchange experiences among social work practitioners, educators, researchers and development practitioners in different areas for strengthening the social work profession.
2. Provide a platform to social work professionals across the country and from other countries to gather, discuss and deliberate on the issues related to social justice, social work education, research, practice and the problems faced by social work professionals
3. To discuss various strategies for professional growth.
4. To bring the fraternity of professional social work practitioners together to share, discuss and deliberate upon the issues related to the social work education, practice and research.
5. To understand the strength of our profession, areas where problems are faced and share the practice knowledge so that it will be useful for other practitioners.

**Theme of KSWC 2017**

The theme of first KSWC is ‘**Professional Social Work Practice – Opportunities in India and Abroad**’. Practitioners from different areas get opportunity to share their experiences in the form of presentations. The change in the life of common people and people from other sectors have put more responsibility for social workers.

Social Workers are being utilized in a wider way for improving human relation aspects and for the development of society in different dimensions. KSWC is a wonderful opportunity for Social Workers especially in Kerala to gather under the banner of a professional association. The role of a social worker ranges from removing poverty, improving wellness of people and discovering development pathways. Also the social work profession is undergoing major transformation from local to global level. The deliberations in the practitioners congress intents to cover mainly the scope of Social Work practice in India and abroad

**Important Activities in KSWC 2017**

1. Input session on Opportunities for Social Workers in India
2. Input session on opportunities abroad for social workers
3. Sharing by district chapters
4. Practice Experience sharing presentations
5. Prepare action plan for next year
6. Common discussion and sharing by participants
7. Annual General Body
8. Cultural Evening
9. Site seeing tri

**Call for Experience Sharing presentations of SW Practices:**

Papers are expected to be based on practice experiences in different fields of social work. We invite abstract to our email “socialwork.kaps@gmail.com”. The abstract should not exceed 400 words and it should include the author’s name, designation, affiliating institution, mailing address, contact no., e-mail ID, title of the abstract and text. The abstracts will be accepted till 12 Aug 2017. Once the abstract is received, the acceptance will be communicated shortly. The participants have to register for the programme using the registration form.

We propose to have two kinds of presentation **oral as well as poster presentation.** Only selected papers will be accepted for presentation and should be accompanied by power point presentation and full paper in detail.

The selected full papers will be published in KAPS online journal- ‘Kerala Journal of Social Work’. The length of full paper including tables, diagrams, illustrations, references etc. should not be more than 5000 to 6000 words. The full paper should be in English and typed in *MS-Word.* Bibliographical references should be given at the end of the text in the *APA format*  Abstracts/ full paper may be submitted through email at ‘socialwork.kaps@gmail.com’ A committee will review the abstracts and the papers.

**Registration**

The event is of two days 19 & 20 Aug. The Registration for the event is Rs.450 for two days ie. 19 & 20 Aug. Registration fee include food, Conference kit, nominal accommodation and certificate of participation only. Registration fee only for the second day is Rs.250.

Practitioners can register for the event by filling the attached registration form (take Demand Draft in favour of Kerala Association of Professional Social Workers Kottayam). Personal cheque won’t be accepted. Filled registration forms with DD may be sent to Department Social Work, BCM College, Kottayam-686001, Kerala, India. Registration fee can be transferred online also to A/c No. 33607666456, State Bank of India, KKRoad, Kottayam (IFSC Code: SBIN0001891).

**Venue of the Program:** The program is spread in two venues. The programs on 19 Aug will be held at PSSP ( Near KSRTC and Mercy College) Palakkad. The programs on 20 Aug will be held at Town Hall (Annexe) Palakkad which is very near to PSSP. Nearest rail way stations are Palakkad (1 Km) and Palakkad Jn. (5 Kms). Nearest airport is Coimbatore at a distance of 60 Kms.

**Organizers Details**

The second Kerala Social Work Practitioners Congress is organized by KAPS and INPSWA. Details of the organizations are as under:

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| **Kerala Association of Professional Social Workers (KAPS)**  Kerala Association of Professional Social Workers (KAPS) a non - profit, non- political organization of professionally trained Social Workers dedicated to the promotion of standards and enhancement of the status of the social work profession. KAPS was formed in 2012 following the concerns of professional social workers having an organisation. KAPS functions in the state of Kerala having chapters in all the districts. It is a founder member of India Network of Professional Social Work Associations (INPSWA) affiliated to IFSW. Its Secretariat is located at Department of Social Work, BCM College, Kottayam. The positions of President, General Secretary and Treasurer are held by Fr. Dr. Prasanth Palakkappillil (Principal, S.H College, Thevara),Dr.Ipe Varughese (Head, Dept. of Social Work, BCM College, Kottayam) and Dr.Anish KR (Head, Dept. of Social Work, Rajagiri College, Ernakulam) respectively.  Mr. Benoy Kattayil and Mr. Abdul Rahiman are the Vice President and Jt. Secretary.  **Local Organising Committee**  *Fr.Dr.Johson Palakkappilil,*  *President, KAPS*  *Dr.Ipe Varughese (GeneralSecretary, KAPS)*  *Dr.Anish KR, Treasurer, KAPS*  *Mr. Benoy Kattayil (Vice President KAPS)*  *Mr. Abdul Rahiman ( Jt. Secretary, KAPS)*  *Dr.Jose Antony (President ASSK)*  *Fr.Dr. Norby Paul ( Gen. Sec, ASSK)* | **Members in Advisory Board of KSWC**   1. *Dr.Jose Antony(ASSK)* 2. *Fr. Norby Paul (ASSK)* 3. *Cherian P Kurian (Idikki)* 4. *Dr. Mary Venus (Ernakulam)*   *5. Fr. Joye James (Trivandrum)*  *6. Mr. Kochukrishnakurup*  *7. Mrs.Mahitha Vipinachandran*  *8. Mr. Varghese Chacko*  *9. Dr. Suseel Samuel*  *10. Mr. Santhosh P Thomas*  *11.Ms. Honey Dileep*  *12.Mr. Devasia Joseph (PROSA)*  *13.Mr. Bibin*  *14.Mr. Saseendradas*  *15.Mr. Biju John T*  *16.Ms. Francina P X*  *17.Mr. Thankachen M M*  *18.Mr. Subairullavan*  **Local Organizing Committee Members:**  *Mr. Sajeevan K P*  *Mr. Madhu K*  *Ms. Soumya Titto*  *Ms.Drishya* |