**Kerala Social Work Practitioners Congress (KSWC 2018) and National Conference: 10-11 Aug 2018 at Loyola College, Trivandrum**

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 five years. It has chapters in all the districts of Kerala state and undertake many initiatives for the development of the profession and professionals. 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 Network of Professional Social Work Associations) and Prof. Gandhi Doss (President, INPSWA) has participated. The second meeting was held at two venues in Palakkad in Aug 2018 where Adv. Joice George MP and Padmasree Kurian Melamparambil, two renounced professional social workers were the chief guests. Beginning this year KSWC plans creating a platform for Social Work practitioners, educators and research scholars from anywhere in India for sharing of knowledge through presentations. Annual General Body of KAPS also will be held on 11 Aug 2018.

The main **objectives** 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. Discuss various strategies for professional growth.
4. 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. 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 2018**

The theme of KSWC 2018 is **‘Integrity and Competence for Improving Human Relations in Professional Social Work Practice’**. Practitioners from different areas get opportunity to share their experiences in the form of presentations. Professional social workers have a great role in the modern society especially in Indian situation. The roles and responsibility have become more complex. Integrity and competence are two requirements for the growth our profession in order to improve and prove ourself in all fields.

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 to gather under the banner of a professional association with the slogan ‘Together we grow”. Also the social work profession is undergoing major transformation all levels- local and global. The deliberations in the Congress and National Conference intend to focus the competency of social work practice by learning from others through its formal and informal sessions.

**Important Activities in KSWC 2018**

1. Input sessions on the main theme
2. Conference and paper presentations
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 trip

**Call for Papers on Social Work Practices:**

Papers are invited for the national conference. Papers can be based on conceptual, research or practice areas related to different fields of social work. We invite abstract to our email “kapsannualcongress@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 20 Jul 2018. Once the abstract is received, the acceptance will be communicated shortly after review by committee. The participants have to register for the programme using the registration form.

**Sub themes for Paper presentations**

1. Child Rights
2. Correctional Social Work
3. Health Social Work (iv) NGO Administration
4. Disaster Management
5. Women Empowerment (vii) Geriatric Social Work
6. Social Justice and Social Action
7. Community Development
8. Social Work practice in Protection of environment
9. Enhancing competency in School Social Work
10. Indigenous People
11. Ecological Social Work
12. CSR (xv) Social Entrepreneurship (xvi) School Social Work

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 4000 to 5000 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 ‘kapsannualcongress@gmail.com’.

**Professional Social Workers from any field can participate in the program. This year onwards KAPS is giving opportunity for maximum two students from all the social work training institutes to participate in the program.**

**Registration**

The event is of two days 10&11 Aug. The Registration for the event is Rs.600 for two days ie. 10&11 Aug. Registration fee include food, Conference kit, nominal accommodation and certificate of participation only. Registration fee for professional social workers from Kerala attending the only for the second day is Rs.250 (for attending KAPS AGM and general programs on second day).

Interested Social Workers can register for the event by filling the attached registration form (take Demand Draft in favour of ‘Kerala Association of Professional Social Workers’ payable at Kottayam). Personal cheque won’t be accepted. Filled registration forms with DD may be sent to KAPS Secretariat, 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, K.KRoad, Kottayam (IFSC Code: SBIN0001891).

**Venue of the Program:** Venue of the program is **Loyola college, Trivandrum** which is well connected by road, rail and air. The college is located at Sreekaryam Jn on Trivandrum- Kollam highway. Nearest rail way station is Trivandrum central (10 Km). Nearest airport is Trivandrum International airport at a distance of 12Kms.

**Organizers Details**

The third Kerala Social Work Practitioners Congress is organized by KAPS, Loyola College Trivandrum, ASSK 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  **Loyola College of Social Sciences:** Loyola College of Social Sciences (affiliated to Kerala University) founded in 1963, is one of the premier institutions in India offering Social Work training. The college has been re-accredited by NAAC in its 3rd cycle, with CGPA 3.72 out of 4 with Grade A.  **ASSK:** It is the association of Schools of Social Work in Kerala, a network of social work educators for the development social work training.  **INPSWA:** India Network of Professional Social Work Associations is the network of all professional Social Work Associations in India through which the associations are affiliated to IFSW. |

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| **Local Organising Committee 3rd KSWC**  *Dr.Jayachandran (President, KAPS Tvm Chapter)*  *Dr.Sabu P Thomas SJ (Loyola College)*  *Dr.Sonny Jose (Head, Dept. of Social Work, Loyola College)*  *Mr.George T ( Secretary, KAPS Tvm Dt.Chapter)*  *Fr.Saji (Loyola College)*  *Ms.Francina P X(Loyola College)*  *Dr.Jasmine Sarah Alexander*  *(Loyola College)*  *Ms. Amrutha (KAPS Tvm Chapter)*  *Fr.Dr.Johson Palakkappilil,*  *President, KAPS*  *Dr.IpeVarughese (GeneralSecretary, KAPS)*  *Dr.Anish KR, (Treasurer, KAPS)*  *Mr. BenoyKattayil (Vice President KAPS)*  *Mr. Abdul Rahiman ( Jt. Secretary, KAPS)*  *Dr.Jose Antony (President ASSK)*  *Dr.Rajiv SP ( Gen. Sec, ASSK)* | **Members in Advisory Board of KSWC**   1. *Dr.Jose Antony(ASSK)* 2. *Dr.Rajiv (ASSK)* 3. *Cherian P Kurian (Idikki)* 4. *Dr. Mary Venus (Ernakulam)*   *5. Fr. Joye James (Trivandrum)*  *6. Mr. Kochukrishnakurup (Kollam)*  *7. Mr. Varghese Chacko*  *8. Dr. Suseel Samuel(Kottayam)*  *9. Mr. Santhosh P Thomas(Alappuzha)*  *10.Ms. Honey Dileep (Kozhikode)*  *11.Dr.Jaya Cherian (Thrissur)*  *12.Mr. Biju John T (Kannur)*  *13.Mr. Thankachen M M (Kasargod)*  *14.Mr. Subairullavan (Malappuram)*  *15.Dr. Joby Babu (Idikki)*  **Important Contact Numbers:**  Dr.Ipe Varughese 09446448215  Dr.Sonny Jose 09895364053  Dr.Jasmine Alexander 09961560558  Dr.George T 09447577012  Fr.Dr.Prasanth 09447155564 |