

Antonina Dashkina activity in INGO Conference April 2016 – April 2017

During the period of one year I visited Strasbourg 4 times and had 14 working days spent in CoE on INGO Conference business.

My position is a Vice-President of the Conference and the member of the Bureau along with 2 other Vice-Presidents elected for this position.

The Bureau prepares the agenda for the meetings of the Conference of INGOs and its Standing Committee and implements the decisions taken by these two bodies. It also implements the internal and external communication policy of the Conference of INGOs defined by the Standing Committee.

It ensures that all INGOs enjoying participatory status and interested in the work of the Conference of INGOS are involved in it.

It happened that one Vice-President Ms Laura Fratti representing World Association of Women Entrepreneurs attended meetings only once after her election. Another Vice-President Israel Menash representing Catholic Education Association was absent most of the time and was dismissed from his position at the annual meeting in January 2017.

This meant that that the main load of the work was placed on our President Anna Rurka. And my support was crucial in making agendas of the meetings, running them. The amount of organisational work, correspondence, skype conferences was quite substantial.

During meetings and presentations I was also explaining the IFSW structure and rules which I recommended to use to INGO Conference. I cannot imagine our organisation allowing the elected member of the Board not to be present at the meetings AT ALL and to continue holding this quite important status.

During this year the President of INGO Conference Anna Rurka visited Romania, Moldova, Russia, Poland with the fact finding visits. In April it will also be Ireland and in May – Cyprus. I was always providing information about our member organisations so that our voice could be heard. For April visit to Ireland on my recommendation Irish Association of social workers is commissioned by Council of Europe to organise this important visit.

In April 2016 in Moscow and October in Vladivostok the Russian Union of social workers and social pedagogues organised big events with active participation of the Council of Europe. Information and invitations were sent to IFSW Europe members but unfortunately nobody could be present.

Several documents which were adopted during this year:

- CONF/PLE(2017)RES1
Resolution on 'Protecting the freedoms of association and expression in Turkey under the State of Emergency'
- CONF/PLE(2017)REC1
Recommendation on 'Surveillance of lawyers: the need for standards safeguarding client confidentiality'
- CONF/PLE(2017)DEC1
Support for the letter of the Council of Europe Secretary General on the proposed legislation which would decriminalise certain domestic violence in the Russian Federation
- CONF/PLE(2017)DEC2
Declaration 'The European Social Charter is central to the dialogue between the Council of Europe and the European Union (Turin Process)'
- Migration Roadmap 2017-2018
- CONF/PLE(2016)REC1 (EN) (RO) (RU)
Recommendation on the protection of human rights defenders in the Transnistrian Region
- CONF/PLE(2016)REC2
Recommendation on health care - older persons

During this year I always felt support of Fernanda Rodrigues whom I reported and informed after each of my visits to Strasbourg. I would like to thank her.