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- ISSWOV was founded in Budapest, 1988, by the participants of the first International Conference on Work Values initiated by Prof. Dov Elizur, an organizational psychologist from Israel, and Prof. Istvan Magyari-Beck, from the Budapest University of Economics. Prof. Elizur was nominated as the first ISSWOV president in Budapest, 1988.
- The organization aims to advance the study of work and organizational values and related aspects of the organization; to encourage the exchange of ideas and interaction among scholars engaged in the study of work and organizational values; to collect, generate, preserve, decipher, and disseminate data and information relating to work and organizational values, and to encourage and initiate publications concerning research on work and organizational values.
- ISSWOV organizes an international conference every two years. The first international conference took place in June, 1988, in Budapest, Hungary. The subsequent international conferences were in Prague, Czech Republic (1990), Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic (1992), Barcelona, Spain (1994), Montreal, Canada (1996), Istanbul, Turkey (1998), Jerusalem, Israel (2000), Warsaw, Poland (2002), New Orleans, USA (2004), Tallinn, Estonia (2006), and Singapore (2008).
- The organization publishes an internal newsletter twice a year. Also, ISSWOV publishes the proceedings of the international conferences. It is affiliated with the International Journal of Cross Cultural Management.
- The main countries which our 700 members come from are:

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Denmark, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Ukraine, USA, Venezuela.