

Dear Lilia

I have just found out you will be celebrating a quarter of a century of being on the world map of academic social survey research - first with the ISSP since 1994 and then with the ESS since 2005. Congratulations!

I am just sorry that Sir Roger Jowell – co-founder of the European Social Survey (ESS) – is no longer with us as I am sure he would have liked to pass on his admiration for ASA's involvement in both important surveys. As I worked closely with him for 18 years as his PA, I know how much he held you personally in high regard – as well as how much he appreciated his friendship with you that spanned many, many years.

But all I can do – on Sir Roger's behalf as well as my own – is to thank you for your current involvement in the ESS as Bulgaria's National Coordinator and for your years of commitment to the world of social survey research generally.

Warmest wishes – Mary Keane

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