



To: National Presidents, CIRs, Secretaries and Treasurers
From: IFUW Headquarters
Subject: Conference Information and Deadlines

With the shift to electronic communication, information is now reaching a wider segment of the membership. Material that was once sent every six to eight weeks in printed format only to national leaders is now posted on the IFUW website and circulated through IFUW's email networks. With information going out in so many ways, some leaders may miss important announcements. Beginning this month, we will send electronic circulars via nfa-leaders@ifuw.org whenever there is material requiring action by national presidents and CIRs. Announcements of interest to the wider membership will continue to be posted through the other avenues, so you may receive some information twice.

Conference Registration

Registration for the 30th IFUW Conference will open next week. With the financial crisis and fluctuating currencies, the local tour operators were unable to provide 2010 prices until the beginning of this month. The last of the information is now arriving, so everything will be in place in the next few days.

The IFUW Board and Mexican Federation are planning an exciting conference. The five-day programme from 5 to 9 August will be filled with interesting presentations, interdisciplinary seminars and interactive workshops. There will be a special training programme on building sustainable multigenerational organizations. The training will start with a full-day session on 3 August, followed by parallel sessions during the conference and a half-day post-conference session on 10 August. A young member's programme is also planned. Social events during the conference will include a fabulous Mexican party and a gala dinner in an exclusive 18th century setting. The two IFUW Councils will meet on 4 August and 10 August.

A wide range of inexpensive day and half-day tours in Mexico City and the surrounding area will allow members to experience Mexico's rich cultural past and present. Three longer tours will take members to more distant parts of the country. One pre-conference tour (organized by Swiss members, but open to all IFUW members) will visit Aztec ruins and hispanic colonial cities north of Mexico City. One post-conference tour will explore Oaxaca, a southern region of colonial charm with archeological vestiges of the Zapotec and Mixtec pre-Columbian cultures. A second post-conference tour will have as its base Merida, a 17th century Spanish colonial city in the Yucatán peninsula, doorway to some of the finest Mayan ruins. More information about the tours, as well as registration fees and speakers can be found on the conference website - <http://ifuw.org/ifuw2010/>. The site is updated weekly, so check back often.

This year IFUW marks its 90th birthday. Founded in 1919, IFUW's first conference in July 1920 brought together members from fifteen countries. Today we have national affiliates and independent members in 100 countries. We hope that many will be able to join us in Mexico to celebrate this occasion.

Deadline for the Submission of Resolutions and Nominations - 5 February 2010

We would like to remind national affiliates that the deadline for submitting both resolutions and nominations for IFUW's Board of Officers and Standing Committees is 5 February 2010. You will find links to the submission forms and details on the conference website: <http://ifuw.org/ifuw2010/>. Anyone experiencing problems with the forms should contact ifuw@ifuw.org.