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## **NEW IFUW HIGHER EDUCATION NETWORK - [highered@ifuw.org](mailto:highered@ifuw.org)**

Members are invited to join IFUW's newest member email network - [highered@ifuw.org](mailto:highered@ifuw.org). This network will link professors, lecturers, researchers, women active in higher education governance, and others interested in issues concerning women in higher education. From February through June 2009, the network will offer members an opportunity to share concerns, ideas, experience and information to help prepare IFUW's participation in the 2009 World Conference on Higher Education. IFUW has been asked to contribute on two themes: "Equity, Access and Quality: Women in Higher Education Governance" and bringing a gender perspective to "The contribution of higher education to a sustainable future through education, research and innovation". Members interested in joining the network can subscribe by sending a message stating their name, city, country and national affiliate (or independent member number) to [highered-sub@ifuw.org](mailto:highered-sub@ifuw.org).

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## **WOMEN & EMPLOYMENT: WOMEN WORKING IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD**

For three weeks, from 2 to 26 February 2009, the [discussions@ifuw.org](mailto:discussions@ifuw.org) network will look at aspects of employment and the labour market as they affect women in a globalized world. Members will share their own experiences in the job market, look at how globalization impacts our individual lives and how we can work toward a more just process of globalization. Members who wish to join this discussion can subscribe by sending a message stating their name, city, country and national affiliate (or independent member number) to [discussions-sub@ifuw.org](mailto:discussions-sub@ifuw.org).

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## **IFUW WORKING GROUP ON EDUCATION ADVOCACY APPOINTED**

The IFUW Board of Officer has confirmed the appointments of the following members to the Working Group that will develop an Education Advocacy Handbook to be used by NFAs to improve education in their respective countries: Evelyn Aremu (USA); Alice Baucom (USA); Christine Bucher (Switzerland); Marianne Haslegrave (England, IFUW Vice-President); Tanguil Hincal (Turkey); Madeleine Mattarozzi Laming (Australia); Dorothy Meyer and Alice Kagoda (Status of Women Committee); Marianne Haslegrave and Phyllis Scott (IFUW Vice-Presidents). The Handbook is expected to be completed by March 2010.

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## **IFUW EMPOWERING WOMEN POSTER COMPETITION - DEADLINE 28 APRIL 2009**

IFUW is seeking submissions of graphic art for a series of postcards and posters to raise awareness of the challenges facing women and girls in accessing education and leadership positions in today's world. All IFUW members – both members of NFAs and independent members – are automatically eligible to participate. Artists who are not members may participate if sponsored by one of IFUW's national federations or associations. Entries are sought in the categories of education for the girl child, adult literacy for women, gender equality in higher education, empowering women for leadership and decision-making, and gender equality and peace. The grand prize for the overall winner will be a choice of a paid conference enrolment fee for the 30th IFUW Conference in Mexico City or a cash prize of 500 Swiss francs. A prize of 100 Swiss francs will be given to the first place winners in each of the other four categories. Encourage your own members or artists in your local community to take part. One art school is using IFUW's competition for a class project. Complete competition deadlines and entry forms can be found at <http://www.ifuw.org/postercomp/>. The deadline for submission is 28 April 2009.

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## **IFUW JOINS EUROPEAN INITIATIVE TO STRENGTHEN THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN SCIENCE**

IFUW has joined the Hellenic Association of University Women (SEE) and other partners in submitting a multi-faceted project proposal to the European Union for funding. The project seeks to strengthen the role of women in scientific research and scientific decision-making. If accepted, the project will open a Europe-wide dialogue looking at factors limiting the participation of women in research and research decision making. Proposed activities include public events to bring women scientists close to the general public, networking and the development of guidelines for a gender policy for research centres and universities. IFUW's contribution will be to organize a session during the 2010 Conference where outcomes from the project can be shared. The proposal is currently under consideration by the European Commission. Willemijn van der Meer, President of the University Women of Europe, is our liaison. The Hellenic Association, IFUW's former affiliate in Greece, is in the process of re-affiliating to IFUW.

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## **CHANGES IN IFUW STAFF**

IFUW's Finance Officer, Christine Marijan will retire on 7 February after 35 years of service. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Christine for all she has contributed to the Federation. Our new Finance Officer is Elly Fischer. She may be contacted at [elly.fischer@ifuw.org](mailto:elly.fischer@ifuw.org). Elly brings a strong background in both accounting and financial analysis.

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