



IFUW SURVEY OUTCOME AND NEW PROGRAMME FOR ACTION PROCESS

The IFUW Board of Officers and Status of Women Committee (SWC) would like to thank the many members who took part in the 2008/2009 Programme Survey. Dr Marcia Penn, the consultant from the USA who developed the survey, provided the initial analysis. There was general agreement that the current mission of IFUW, "to empower women and girls through lifelong education for leadership, decision-making and peace" is appropriate and should be continued as the organization moves forward. There was also positive confirmation as to the value and creative uses of IFUW's Programme for Action (PfA) at the national and local level, but a clear desire that themes should be developed as a result of discussions and findings from the Triennial Conference and other interactive communication methods.

As a result, the IFUW Board and SWC have adopted a new process for developing the next PfA, which will give NFAs and members a greater voice. In April 2009, the SWC will issue a first call for programme development input from NFAs and members. This will be followed by two on-line discussions to help identify priority issues for IFUW's work. Several sessions at the 2010 Conference in Mexico City will offer participants an opportunity to define programme priorities further before the adoption of a new PfA. The new PfA material will then be developed following the Conference based on input from this process. More information will be available soon. The full survey analysis can be viewed at:

<http://www.ifuw.org/docs/2009-survey-analysis.pdf>.

NEW DATES FOR 30TH IFUW CONFERENCE - 5 TO 9 AUGUST 2010

In response to the global economic situation, the IFUW Board of Officers and the Mexican Federation of University Women have made every effort to streamline the Conference and minimize costs. As a result the core Conference has been reduced to five days, with the two IFUW Council Meetings and a selection of single to multi-days tours offered pre- and post-Conference. The new dates are 5 to 9 August 2010. Participants will be offered an exciting programme, with a wide choice of activities. Further details on registration and costs will be available at <http://www.ifuw.org/meetings/2010.shtml> by 1 May 2009.

CALL FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR PAPERS FOR 30th IFUW CONFERENCE - DEADLINE 30 JUNE 2009

The Status of Women Committee is now accepting abstracts for papers to be presented at the 30th IFUW Conference in Mexico City, 5 to 9 August 2010. Twelve seminars will be offered as part of two thematic days with keynote speakers, seminars and workshops addressing *Advancing Women Through Lifelong Learning*, *Challenges to Women's Empowerment in the 21st Century*, *New Challenges for Sustainable Development*, and *Towards a Just Society*. This is the first and only call for papers. The deadline for submission is 30 June 2009. No abstracts will be accepted after the deadline. Those wishing to submit a paper will find individual seminar topics and submission guidelines attached. They are also available for downloading from <http://www.ifuw.org/ifuw2010/seminars/>.

BINA ROY PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT GRANTS - APPLICATION DEADLINE 30 JUNE 2009

The 2009 Bina Roy Partners in Development Programme (BRPID) competition is now open. Grants ranging from 1000 to 2000 Swiss francs will be offered for a twelve-month period beginning 1 September 2009. Under the new guidelines, national federations and associations (NFAs) in developing countries with a gross national income (GNI) of less than US\$10,000 are eligible to apply. All

applications must be for new projects related either to [IFUW's Strategic Priorities](#) or to the [IFUW Programme for Action](#). The application deadline is 30 June 2009. The BRPID grants will be awarded on a competitive basis and will no longer be linked to IFUW dues. The IFUW Projects Committee will closely monitor the projects selected and will offer assistance with establishing evaluation frameworks. Grants will be paid in three instalments, the second and final payments upon submission of a mid-term report (four to six months after the commencement of the project) and a final report (within two months of the completion of the project period). IFUW will advance 15,000 Swiss francs for the 2009 grants. Donations from IFUW NFAs, branches and individual members received during 2009 will fund projects the following year. The new approach is expected to strengthen NFA project development and implementation capacity and to increase ability to attract outside funding. Additional details and application forms can be found at: <http://www.ifuw.org/brpid/index.shtml>.

IFUW EMPOWERING WOMEN POSTER COMPETITION - DEADLINE 28 APRIL 2009

Only a few weeks are left to submit entries for IFUW's poster competition designed to raise awareness of the challenges facing women and girls in access education and leadership positions in today's world. All IFUW members are automatically eligible to participate. Each NFA may sponsor up to two entries from artists who are not members. The deadline is 28 April 2009. Full details are available at <http://www.ifuw.org/postercomp/>.

HEGG HOFFET COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Hegg HOFFET Fund for Displaced Women Graduates provided three grants in 2008: to a Sudanese refugee in Egypt for computer courses, to a Pakistani doctor in Egypt for language courses, and to a Colombian doctor in western Canada for expenses related to nurses' training. The Hegg HOFFET Committee would like to thank the NFAs and local branches who donated a total of 1315 Swiss francs in 2008 to the Fund, which assists women graduates (in special cases tertiary women students) who have been displaced as a result of war, political upheaval or other serious emergencies. They would especially like to thank the Swiss Association and the Canadian Federation for their continuing support of the programme. In addition to raising funds, Committee Members promote personal links between NFAs and the grantees. Prior recipients have provided positive feedback about the success of the grants and the importance of these contacts. Efforts are now underway to advertise the Fund more widely, both through IFUW affiliates and through UN refugee agencies. Additional information about the programme is available at <http://www.ifuw.org/hegg-hoffet/>.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE SETS PRIORITIES FOR 2009

The Membership Committee met virtually this year, using a phone conference and an on-line team planning tool. Committee Members have been corresponding with potential affiliates in Benin, Ghana, Malawi, Mozambique, Sudan and Tunisia. Applications are already under consideration from groups in Niger and Hungary. The Greek Association has also asked about re-affiliation. Ensuring that new groups are sustainable is a key concern, as many of IFUW's smaller associations are struggling. The Committee has developed a business plan to assist NFAs, which it plans to test in the coming months with some of the new groups. Priorities for 2009 include finding ways to increase NFA reporting of activities, increasing awareness of IFUW among higher education institutions and promoting greater involvement of young members, at both the international and national levels.