

REPORT UWE-PRESIDENT 2007/2008

Communication:

- All UWE-members, which are on the UWE-list serve, received the bimonthly newsletter. Many members have joined the UWE-list serve this year. I would like to thank Arielle Wagenknecht, who translated all the newsletters in French and Fernanda Wessels and Anuschka Bakker for their bimonthly reports on the European Women's Lobby respectively the Council of Europe.
- The UWE-representatives were regularly informed on formal UWE issues, like the call for candidates, the review of the Constitution and by-laws etc.
- The UWE-website is updated monthly. During the year I have added the heading organisation, which includes the formal UWE documents, like the constitution, the minutes of the GA and the profiles of the UWE-executive. I would like to thank Anamaria Vera (IFUW Geneva Office) for the way she has managed the UWE website.

Visits:

Internal: 2007

- September Irish Federation in Belfast
- October
- Bulgarian Association in Sofia
 - The UWE-secretary has represented the UWE during the Celebration of the 85th Anniversary of the Austrian Federation in Vienna.

2008

- April
- Swiss Annual Members Meeting in Fribourg
 - German Annual Meeting and Conference Chancengleichheit in Freiburg (together with the UWE secretary)
- May Dutch Association; Presentation on UWE and lobbying during the celebration of the 90th Anniversary
- June
- Slovenian Association in Ljubljana (together with the UWE secretary)
 - Croatian Association in Zagreb (together with the UWE secretary)
 - The UWE-secretary has represented the UWE during the meeting of the African Regional Grouping (FUWA) in Uganda

External: 2007

- September Workshops RECON (Reconstituting Democracy in Europe Project) working programme 4: Gender Justice and Democracy in Europe (Queens University, Belfast)
- October EWL (European Women's Lobby) Annual Conference in Borovets (together with the UWE Vice-President)

2008

- February 52nd CSW (Committee on the Status of Women) at the UN in New York (together with the UWE Vice-President)
- May
- Dutch Charter "More Women in the decision making bodies" in Amsterdam
 - European Movement 60 years in The Hague

Annual UWE-event:

- Initiate the arranging of a hosting country for the 2008 event
- Biweekly contact with the LAC 2008 (Turkish Cypriot Association of University Women) since March 2008
- Prepare and monitor the budget for the 2008 event
- Call for candidate countries 2009
- Preparing the strategic session for Friday September 12 in Kyrenia together with Eileen Focke (the Netherlands). I would like to thank Eileen for preparing the Open Space meeting and her tremendous contribution to the UWE Road Map.
- Encouraging as many countries as possible to participate in the UWE-event 2008
- Stimulate nominations for the position of UWE Vice-President and treasurer

UWE structure and strategy:

- Initiated the review of the UWE Constitution and by-laws; the UWE secretary has done a marvellous job in initiating, gathering and reviewing all the amendments.

I would like to thank Anne Negre for reviewing the UWE Constitutions and By-laws from a legal point of view and Anne Harris-Hennon for translating them from French into English.

- Initiated the draft profiles for the UWE executive positions
- Creating the UWE Road Map 2008-2010 together with Eileen Focke.

UWE executive:

- A very fruitful meeting of the UWE executive and the UWE-secretary took place on January 12th in Amsterdam
- The UWE-secretary and President met about once a month to update each other and to divide the tasks for the coming month