



## IFUW Update – 10 September 2014

INVITACIÓN AL SEMINARIO

ONU MUJERES

Federación Mexicana de Universitarias AC

19 de septiembre de 2014  
18:00 - 20:00 hrs.  
Museo de la Mujer  
República de Bolivia 17,  
entre Brasil y Argentina, Col. Centro,  
Del. Cuauhtémoc, C.P. 06620, México, D.F.  
Entrada gratuita

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En las últimas décadas, la región de América Latina ha presenciado un progreso significativo por lo que concierne la educación. Sin embargo, algunas barreras aún persisten, obstaculizando el acceso de las mujeres y de las niñas a la educación e impidiendo también el alcance de la igualdad de género. Las prácticas no actualizadas de enseñanza afectan directamente la calidad de la educación y a eso se suman también los prejuicios culturales y la situación socio-económica de cada país. Les invitamos a explorar con nosotros cómo mejorar y transformar la vida de las mujeres y de las niñas a través de la educación. En el seminario se discutirán los siguientes puntos:

- Cómo lograr la igualdad de género en la educación secundaria - políticas exitosas
- Cómo aumentar la tasa de participación de las mujeres y de las niñas en las ciencias, la tecnología, la ingeniería y las matemáticas (STEM)
- Educación continua y segundas oportunidades - alfabetización y espíritu emprendedor

## International Federation of University Women news

On 19 September 2014, IFUW, the Mexican Federation of University Women (FEMU), UN Women Mexico/ONU Mujeres and the Women's Museum in Mexico City will hold a seminar on "Quality Education: Transforming the Lives of Girls & Women in Latin America". The region has seen substantial progress in education over recent decades. However, there are still several gender equality issues, which act as barriers of access to education for girls and women. Join us to explore progress in transforming the lives of girls and women through education. For further information please visit IFUW's [seminar page](#).

### [University Women Europe \(UWE\) Conference 2014](#)



Over 70 members gathered for the UWE Conference 2014 on 4-7 September 2014 in Bucharest, Romania. The conference theme was "Quality Education for All in Europe" and aimed to create a UWE vision of the demands for high quality education in the 21st century and widen knowledge on the legal, political and administrative procedures of the European institutions. Amongst a number of high level speakers, Mrs. Monica Macovei, Member of the European Parliament (MEP), opened the conference with insights on the future of education in Europe. IFUW's President, Catherine Bell, began proceedings on 6 September, with a presentation on the future of IFUW and the opportunities to work together in Europe on the empowerment of girls and women through secondary, tertiary and continuing education. Caroline Staffell, International Development Manager, IFUW, led a workshop on building membership, with the active participation of members who identified strategies to attract new members and build engagement. Following the UWE Annual General Meeting, Edith Lommerse, President, is now joined by Isabelle Trimaille (France) and Elena Flavia Castagnino (Italy) as the new Vice Presidents. IFUW was

pleased to have the opportunity to interact with members from across Europe and see their enthusiasm to collaborate in Europe and beyond.

### **IFUW Board meetings**

The next Board meeting will take place in Geneva, Switzerland, from 23 – 28 October 2014. Unless otherwise specified, Board meetings are open to all IFUW members as observers. The meeting will start at 2pm on the 23rd. The Education Committee (EdCom) will have a closed meeting in Geneva from 26 – 28 October. If you are interested in attending the Board meeting, please inform [Lorraine Mangwiro](#) of your dates of arrival and departure. The following Board meeting will take place in 2015.

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## **National Federation and Association (NFA) news**

### **USA**

Women Graduates USA (WG-USA) will host its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Salt Lake City, Utah, on 12 – 14 September 2014. The theme for this year's meeting is "Reach out and CONNECT". It will focus on connecting with IFUW, individual members, trailblazing individuals and organisations and important advocacy issues. The 2014 AGM will emphasise the international aspect of WG-USA and will stress the role of the individual as an advocate for certain policy changes at the national and international level, and incubate possibilities for local and state activities related to these programme priorities. Read more on the WG-USA [website](#).

### **Canada**

The Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) has written to the Canadian Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada to call for a public inquiry into the deaths and disappearances of Aboriginal women and girls in Canada. CFUW urged the Minister to implement an action plan to confront the gender-based, racial violence against the patterns of 1,200 missing and murdered aboriginal women over the past three decades. Read the letter in full [here](#).

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## **Advocacy**

### **International Literacy Day 2014**

8 September 2014 marked International Literacy Day, an annual UNESCO event aimed at raising awareness for the global literacy shortfall. The theme of this year's Day was "Literacy and Sustainable Development", which focussed on the role of literacy in empowering people so that they can make the right decisions in the areas of economic growth, social development and environmental integration. Read more at the UNESCO [website](#). IFUW released a [press release](#) calling on governments and policy makers to commit to immediate, concrete legislative and result-orientated action for the eradication of illiteracy, especially amongst girls and women.

### **Universal Periodic Review: Stakeholder deadline**

**For the attention of:** IFUW National Federations and Associations (NFAs) in [Bulgaria](#), [Panama](#) and [USA](#)

**Body:** United Nations Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review (UPR)

**Action:** Stakeholder submission on the national human rights situation in the above-named UN member states. The countries will be reviewed at the 22<sup>nd</sup> session of the UPR in April - May 2015. Further information on the content and format of the submissions can be viewed [here](#).

**Deadline:** 15 September 2015.

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## **Proposals & Workshops**

**Nominations Open for 2015 Elsevier Foundation Awards in Physics and Maths**

The Elsevier Foundation Awards for Early Career Women Scientists in the Developing World were launched in 2012 by The Elsevier Foundation, The World Academy of Science (TWAS) and the Organisation for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD) to celebrate the achievements of women scientists in the early stages of their careers, with the aim of creating role models for other women to follow- a step which is critical for retaining top talent and building a stronger research culture in developing countries. Five Awards are given annually, one each to a female scientist from one of five regions. This year's five awards are in physics and mathematics. Nominations are invited from senior academics, including OWSD members, TWAS Fellows, International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) visiting scientists and staff, national science academies, national research councils and heads of departments/universities both in developing and developed countries. More information on eligibility criteria is available [here](#).

Deadline for nominations: **17 October 2014**.

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## Did you know?

If all women had a primary education, there would be 15% fewer child deaths, while if all women had a secondary education, child deaths would be cut in half, saving **3 million** lives. Read more [facts](#) on why educating girls and women is a must!

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## Other information and events

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| September 12 - 14 | <a href="#">Women Graduates USA AGM</a> , Salt Lake City, USA   |
| September 19      | IFUW and the Mexican Federation of University Women (FEMU), in partnership with UN Women, seminar on " <a href="#">Quality Education: Transforming the Lives of Girls &amp; Women in Latin America</a> ", Mexico City, Mexico |
| September 19 - 20 | <a href="#">IFUW workshop on "Building Membership &amp; Visibility"</a> , Mexico  |
| September 26      | <a href="#">Pacific Graduate Women's Network (PGWNet) Council Meeting</a>   |
| September 26-28   | <a href="#">New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women (NZFGW) Conference 'Women Empowering Women as Leaders'</a>   |
| September 28- 30  | <a href="#">Third Forum on NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO, Bulgaria</a>   |
| October 9         | IFUW and Association Genevoise de Femme Diplômées des Universités (AGFDU) <a href="#">film screening and panel discussion</a> (English), Geneva, Switzerland  |
| October 16        | IFUW and Association Genevoise de Femme Diplômées des Universités (AGFDU) <a href="#">film screening and panel discussion</a> (French), Geneva, Switzerland   |
| November 17-22    | <a href="#">Global Education Conference</a> , Virtual Forum   |

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