



GWII Update – 02 September 2015



UWE President Edith Lommerse and other members at the UWE Conference

Graduate Women International news

Executive Director of GWII, Danièle Castle, was invited to attend the University Women of Europe (UWE)'s Conference, which was held from 27-30 August 2015 in Utrecht, Netherlands. The theme was 'The Art of Networking', and aimed to focus on finding ways for women to co-operate with other networks. The qualities, skills and values of networking are essential to empower women and girls, as job opportunities and public opinion on parity can be strongly influenced via networking mechanisms. Following the UWE Annual General Meeting, this was a successful way of bringing together women from all over Europe in an inspiring environment. More information on UWE can be found [here](#).

National Federation and Association (NFA) news

Women Graduates USA (WG-USA) One Day Conference 26 September 2015: "Ready, Set, Go, Connect" – Awareness and Action in a Global Society

The United Nations has stated that globalisation has given rise to a unique set of problems both in the United States and abroad. What are these problems? How do they impact all of us and particularly, women and girls around the world? This extraordinary one-day conference helps us make the connection between our daily lives and the world's most marginalised people and reveals how our advocacy on their behalf is in our collective best interests. Sessions include: Safe Access to Quality Secondary Education for Women and Girls, Reducing Labor Trafficking, Women, Peace and Security & Everyday Advocacy. To register and for more information on WG-USA, click [here](#)

Geneva, Switzerland NFA to hold a series of events exploring women and thought through the ages

The Association Genevoise des Femmes Diplômées des Universités (Geneva Association of University Women) is holding a series of evening events on the theme of historical feminine thought. Through stories, creative works, productions, reflections of women writers and women in literature, they will attempt to discover the universe that permeated the idea of 'resilience pillars' defined by these key female literary figures. There will be an opportunity to read texts, do presentations, share personal experience, and be entertained. Thematic specialists will attend each evening. The discussions will run from 17 September 2015 until 16 June 2016. Contact agfdu.ge@gmail.com for more details.

Advocacy

Women's World Summit Foundation: 17 days of Activism

The WWSF Rural women's Section has announced a new empowerment campaign '17 Days of Activism for the Empowerment of Rural Women and their Communities' 1-17 October. The 17-day initiative is about creating widespread multi-sectoral interest and increased action by women's groups and networks to gain support and bring their priorities and practices to the forefront of policy and programming. The 17 campaign themes invite rural women to rise and claim their right to development, equality and peace. More details on the 17 campaigns can be found [here](#).

Events

World of A Women Conference

The 2015 World of A Women Conference 'Inspiring Change' is the largest gathering in Egypt and possibly in the MENA region, dedicated to harness the collective power of women's talents, efforts and visions. The conference is taking place from 27 –29 October 2015 at the Royal Maxim Palace Kempinski, New Cairo, Egypt. Sign up [here](#).

Give the gift of membership!

Do you know a graduate woman who would like to join the leading women's international organisation that works to empower girls and women through access to lifelong, quality education and training? Give the gift of membership to join a global community of over 23,000 members in more than 100 countries, either as a GWI independent member or national member of one of over 60 National Federations and Associations (NFAs).

Other information and events

September 18 – 24	Bolivian Federation of University Women Professionals Meeting , Cochabamba, Bolivia
September 25 – 27	Women Graduates USA (WG-USA) AGM , Baltimore, USA
September 29 – 30	3rd UIA Associations Round Table Asia-Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand
October 16 – 18	Irish Federation of University Women, Annual Conference , Dublin
October 22-26	VAÖ DACH Meeting , Graz Austria
November 14 – 15	Finnish Academic Women's Association (SANL) AGM , Kaunianien, Finland
November 23 – 26	GWI Board Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland (board members only)
August 21 – 23 (2016)	GWI General Assembly, Cape Town, South Africa (members only)
August 24 – 26 (2016)	GWI Triennial Conference, Cape Town, South Africa (open to the public)

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