



GWI UPDATE 27 April 2016



Members from the Marbella branch, Spanish Federation of University Women

— Graduate Women International news —

Graduate Women International affirms support for gender equality in the IT sector on Girls in ICT Day
[Girls in ICT Day](#), celebrated on 28 April 2016, is an initiative by the [International Telecommunications Union \(ITU\)](#) to highlight the opportunities available for girls and women, and to encourage greater innovation and diversity in the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector. Graduate Women International (GWI) strongly supports gender equality in this industry, advocates for greater use of ICT for education access and outreach and is currently [developing grassroots initiatives](#) in this field. GWI is hosting a panel at the [World Summit for Information Society](#) on [Harnessing ICTs for Greater Access to education for girls and women](#). To register as a participant, remote or onsite, please follow [this link](#). Read the GWI press release for Girls in ICT Day [here](#).

— GWI member news —

GWI member Spanish Federation of University Women celebrates International Women's Day
In celebration of International Women's Day, 8 March 2016, the Marbella Branch of the [Spanish Federation of University Women \(FEMU\)](#) in collaboration with the the Town Hall of Marbella, held a lecture by one of their members Ms Eloisa Sánchez Amillategui, on: "*How colour has affected women according to the country where they live, and what colour can do for you*". It was also an opportunity to promote the work of AMUM as patrons of girls with few economic resources to enable them to enter university. Follow this link to see and hear the complete lecture (in Spanish)
<http://asociacionamum.blogspot.com.es/2016/03/conferencia-en-marbella-el-color-eloina.html>

— Advocacy —

GWI celebrated International World Book and Copyright Day, 23 April 2016

On 23 April 2016, International World Book and Copyright Day, Graduate Women International called for governments to continue developing literacy programmes, and for parents to embrace children's multichannel literacy skills in the increasingly digital world. In the [GWI press release for the day](#), it was emphasised that boys and girls need to acquire reading habits early in order to advance through life confidently, as well as the importance of books and reading as a bridge between cultures and generations.

GWI strongly urges policy makers to reinforce their commitments to ensure that all children have universal access to quality primary and secondary education, and girls in particular.

— Events —

Scholars at Risk Global Congress 8 - 10 June 2016 Montreal, Canada

The theme for the [Scholars at Risk](#) Global Congress, 8 - 10 June 2016, is *Universities in a Dangerous World: Defending Higher Education Communities & Value*. The Congress, held in Montreal, Canada, will focus discussion on two dimensions of the challenges facing higher education today. The first is the challenge of security, especially during conflict and violence; and the second is the challenge of upholding values in places where academic freedom, autonomy and related values may be limited. For more information on the 2016 programme and to register, please visit: www.scholarsatrisk.org/Montreal2016.

— Legacies —

As a non-profit, non-governmental organisation, GWI is sincerely grateful for all [donations](#) received from the wills of members and [patrons](#), which make a significant difference in enabling advocacy activities and projects. By leaving a gift in your will to GWI, you are supporting the organisation to continue its mission to increase access to lifelong education for girls and women globally. Please remember to update your legacy to GWI if you have already made one for IFUW.

— Other information and events —

May	16 – 19	Women Deliver Conference Copenhagen, Denmark
May	21	Graduate Women Scotland, AGM Dundee, Scotland
June	22 - 25	Empowerment for Personal and Professional Leadership Panama City, Panama
June	24 - 25	Canadian Federation of University Women AGM Ontario, Canada
June	24 - 27	University Women of Europe AGM and Conference Winchester, UK
July	21 - 23	3rd Network Gender and STEM Conference 2016 Newcastle, UK
August	08 - 19	Women's Human Rights Education Institute Intensive Toronto, Canada
Nov	28 - 30	5th International Conference of Women's Museums , Mexico City

August 21 – 23 **GWI General Assembly, Cape Town, South Africa (members only)**

August 24 – 26 **GWI Triennial Conference, Cape Town, South Africa (open to the public)**



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