



IFUW Update - 11 October 2012

UNESCO High Level Debate

Sustainable Peace for a Sustainable Future



On the occasion of the International Day of Peace on 21 September, 2012 an event was held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City at which **Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO** chaired a Debate on Culture of Peace and Non Violence as it pertains to Sustainable Peace for a Sustainable Future. **Madam Bokova** stressed when peace is failing in many societies it is the:

“responsibility of all to defend human dignity by promoting quality education for all, building bridges of dialogue for respect and tolerance, and giving all individuals the capacity to fulfill their aspirations.”

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon urged both men and women *“to be relentless in standing for our common values, for peace and human rights.”*

Others participating in the debate were prominent educators and peace advocates including: Forest Whitaker, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador; Lakshmi Puri Wole, Deputy Executive Director of UN Women; Arjun Appadurai, Professor New York University; Jeffrey Sachs, Professor Columbia University; Nasser David Khalili, Chairman, The Maimonides Foundation and Wole Soyinka, Noble Laureate and member of UNESCO High Level Panel on Peace and Dialogue among cultures.

You can read about UNESCO and Education and Peace by going to unesco.org/education/literacy and you may also wish to read about the winners of the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes 2012 in the Booklet entitled *Cultivating Peace*.

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IFUW Representative
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NFA News and Announcements

UWAS Gender Studies Book Prizes 2012



The UWAS Gender Studies Book Prizes 2012 were awarded to Ms Amaria Ponniah and to Ms Michelle Chong, both of whom majored in Sociology in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) at the National University of Singapore, NUS. They each received a book-prize of S\$2,500/- .

The awardees are amongst the best female students who took the Gender Studies module and were selected based on the prize-winning essays they submitted.

UWAS V-P Ms Irene Boey presented the awards to the recipients at a ceremony at NUS on Saturday August 25th, 2012.

Amaria and Michelle were introduced to UWAS Executive Committee members at a special dinner on August 29th. UWAS and IFUW congratulate both women on their outstanding achievements.



UWAS Gender Studies Book Prize recipients: (standing: 1st on the right: Michelle Chong, sitting: 2nd from right: Amaria Ponniah).

FEMU-AFFDU Meeting in Madrid

October 12 to 15 2012



Maria Luisa Maillard, President of The Spanish Federation of University Women, SFUW, would like to announce the Spanish -French meeting taking place in Madrid from October 12 to 15, 2012.

The programme includes:

October 12

Pick up at the airport and transportation to hotel
Lunch -invitation by the Spanish Federation at a local restaurant
Guided tour of the Madrid of the Austrias Dynasty
Thyssen Museum
Return to the hotel

October 13

Prado Museum
Guided tour of the Madrid of the Borbon Dynasty
Lunch and relax
At 17h SFUW Meeting at the historical Atheneo in Madrid
Dinner with Flamenco Show

October 14

Guided visit to Segovia
Lunch at a typical restaurant
Afternoon at the Escorial and return to Madrid-dinner and hotel

October 15

Farewell and transportation to Madrid airport

For more information contact SFUW President Ms Maillard at: mluisamaillard@telefonica.net or
AFFDU President of the Bordeaux branch, Ms Bazelaire at: ginette.bazelaire@laposte.net or visit the
UWE web page at: www.ifuw.org/uwe/index

JAUW - call for 2013-2014 International Fellowship Programme

JAUW is pleased to announce the call for 2013-2014 International Fellowship Programme. The programme offers funding to help pre-doctoral or dissertation-level students from IFUW and its NFA's when they have found that it is preferable or very important for them to stay in Japan to pursue the subject of their ongoing study/research.

Please visit the JAUW page on our website at: <http://www.ifuw.org/what/fellowships/national/jauw/>

Sign up to join the new online discussion

We are pleased to announce that the next e-mail discussion will begin on **Monday 15th October 2012**. The topic of this discussion will be: **"Women and Women's Coalitions: What do women's coalitions need to be more effective and how can they achieve more influence in order to enhance the positions of women and girls?"**

Please contact info@ifuw.org to be part of the discussion.

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