



IFUW Update- 17 April 2013

News from Geneva



The spring season is ushering many changes at the IFUW offices.

We are very sad to announce that Susan Phillips, long-time staff member in Geneva, handed in her resignation and will be leaving May 6th after twenty years within IFUW. She has seen its great years and its less great years and been a vital staff member who has built strong relationships within the organisation. She will be sorely missed. Sue is leaving to pursue other career opportunities.

Sue will be replaced by Kimberley Addison, who joins us as administrative assistant. Kimberley will have had a five week handover period by this time and is already working with Sue to learn the ropes before Sue leaves. Kimberley is a Boston College graduate, has worked in the field in Ghana and in the United States and is passionate about ethics and social justice.

Resolutions Process

The Resolutions Committee has been busy considering the proposed Resolutions and consulting with the proposers and seconders. We are now ready to move on to the next stage in the process.

The twelve Policy Resolutions for discussion and voting on at Conference are posted on the IFUW website. You will have received [Circular 5/2013](#), giving you the website link and full instructions. You will notice that some are in a slightly different format this year. The Board has decided that Resolutions from years past have formed the policy of IFUW and this will not change; some Resolutions submitted are on the same subject as previous Resolutions and so these have been written in the form “re-affirm and update”.

In considering how to vote on Resolutions NFAs must be informed as to what has been already accepted as policy; thus some Resolutions will now appear more wordy than before. The previous Resolutions that are to be re-affirmed will be written out in full and the “new” part, the part on which NFAs will vote, will be written after the phrase “and wishes to update it with the following”. To make matters clearer, the part which is to be voted on is typed in blue.

The online amendment process will now commence. NFAs who would like to propose amendments must do so on the relevant form (website link will be posted in the Circular) and submit them to the

Resolutions Committee who will collate, consider and send the amendments to the original proposers and assist with ensuing negotiations. It is anticipated that this process will be amicable and agreeable; if, however, an amendment is rejected by the original proposers, the amendment proposers do have the opportunity to present the amendment at the Conference itself if they so desire. The Conference will decide whether proposers have to accept the amendment. No other amendments apart from minor typographical ones will be permitted at Conference; this is because many NFAs have mandated their delegates to vote in a certain way on Resolutions documented and amendments confuse their instructions.

There will also be time allocated at the Conference for discussion of the resolutions with the proposers and seconders. This will help to clarify and explain the issues and help delegates make up their minds on how to vote. [Circular 5/2013](#) explains the process fully.

Resolutions and the amendment form and are available to view and download at:

http://ifuw.org/members_new/resolutions-2013/

Margaret Tait
Convener, Resolutions Committee
April 2013

IFUW website and nominations

The IFUW website has already begun to change to align with data privacy laws, to make the site easier to use, and to provide members with information and tools. We have thus developed a [closed members' section](#), behind which all the conference material will be posted.

Should you need instructions on how to sign up for the member's section please contact IFUW directly at ifuw@ifuw.org.

IFUW News and Announcements

On-line discussion

IFUW is pleased to announce that Week 2 of the on-line discussion on "Women, Ageing and Financial Literacy" is still live and we encourage you all to participate and to help publicise the current discussion with other members by suggesting they sign up to the Discussion Network by filling in the IFUW Discussion subscription form.

The discussion will continue over the next two weeks and at the beginning of each new week, we will be sending out questions for that week's discussion. At the end of each week, the moderators will provide a summary of the answers. A comprehensive summary will be released at the very end of the discussion. We look forward to a lively and interesting discussion and encourage you all to share your experience and knowledge.

"Bring a Delegate to Conference"

As we approach the deadlines for registration for the Istanbul Conference the IFUW Membership Committee with the LAC proposes this new campaign.

There are a number of NFAs which pay their dues and maintain their membership of IFUW but are not able to send a delegate to conference.

For those of us who do attend the conferences, we will understand that this is a sad loss – to the NFA itself, its leadership and for IFUW. Also, this year we will be welcoming the Zambian (reaffiliation) and the Niger Association (new) as members.

With this in mind, the IFUW Board and the LAC invite both NFAs and individual members to consider contributing towards a fund to assist bringing one or more delegates from these NFAs to conference. The funds will be used only for delegates who are able to attend the full conference, provide an undertaking to participate fully in the programme of events and report back to their NFA in a meeting on their return home. The delegates will be from lower income and low middle income countries. To participate please send an email to memcom@ifuw.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

NFA Reports

Please note that NFA Reports are due in this week. You may send them to susan@ifuw.org if you have not already done so.

Profit from early bird registration for the 31st Triennium **Conference, Istanbul 2013** before April 30th 2013! You can learn more and register by visiting www.ifuw.org or on the official conference page at www.ifuw2013istanbul.org/.

Call for Applications: The IWFM Elizabeth Neuffer Fellowship, Women Journalists

Deadline: May 1

The Elizabeth Neuffer Fellowship is designed for a woman journalist working in print, broadcast or digital news media to spend seven months in a tailored program that combines access to MIT's Center for International Studies and media outlets including The Boston Globe and The New York Times. With this flexible structure, the fellow will have opportunities to pursue academic research as well as to hone her journalistic skills by covering topics related to human rights and social justice.

The Elizabeth Neuffer Fellowship is open to women journalists worldwide whose work focuses on human rights and social justice. Journalists working in the print, broadcast and Internet media, including freelancers, are eligible to apply.

For more information, please visit: <http://iwfm.org/neufferfellowship/index.php/applyonline/>

2. Call for Participation: 6th International Summit on Conflict Resolution Education From June 12 – 15, the 6th International Summit on Conflict Resolution Education will take place. The summit is entitled "*Bridging Cultures: Education for Global Citizenship and Civic Engagement*"

The summit is aiming to involve:

Those interested in Civic Engagement, Conflict Resolution Education (CRE)/Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)/peace education (PE), global education, citizenship education, democracy education, and the role and impact of migrating populations/communities, including policy makers, practitioners, researchers, educators, college and university faculty, staff, and students, K-12 educators, public health officials, gender based violence prevention practitioners, local, national, and international policy makers, and individuals who work with youth serving organizations.

For further information, please visit:

http://www.creeducation.org/cre/global_cre/about_global_network/6th_intl_cre_summit_2013/

Upcoming events

- [15-26 April: 18th session, Committee on Migrant Workers, Geneva](#)
- [17-19 April: Second session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals](#)
- [22-26 April: 46th session, Commission on Population and Development](#)
- [24 April: Partnering for innovative solutions for sustainable development](#)
- [20-29 May: 2013 Resumed Session, Committee on NGOs](#)
- [1-25 July: Substantive Session, Economic and Social Council](#)
- [1-4 July: AMR: Science, technology and innovation \(STI\) and culture for sustainable development and the MDGs](#)
- [15 July: Informal Interactive Hearings on Migration and Development](#)

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