



## *IFUW Update – 18 July 2013*



## **IFUW Conference Countdown**

As IFUW celebrates 94 years of women's education, friendship and service, the countdown to our 31st Triennial Conference is under way. With one month to go until Istanbul, all committees, volunteers, board, LAC and staff are finishing preparations. Have you finished yours?

Making choices from among the crowded Conference programme can be difficult, especially perhaps when it comes to parallel sessions of the Interdisciplinary Seminars and Workshops on the Theme Days. To help you make a pre-conference choice, the abstracts and descriptions of the Seminar and Workshop presentations are now available on the conference documentation website at: [http://ifuw.org/members\\_new/conferencedocumentation/](http://ifuw.org/members_new/conferencedocumentation/)

## **Reminder to ALL Council Members, Voting Delegates and Alternate Voting Delegates**

Please note that all Council Members, Voting Delegates and Alternate Voting Delegates have to be registered as Full Fee Delegates to be able to participate in Council, and the Conference business and plenary sessions, and thus to be able to vote. If you are a Council Member, a Voting Delegate or an Alternate Voting Delegate and you have registered only for the Theme Days, please contact the DEKON office to upgrade your registration to a Full Fee delegate. This means that you will have to pay DEKON an additional EUR 250 i.e. the difference between the Theme Day fee and the Full Fee. Theme Day participants will not be able to attend the other conference days.

***To read or download the forms and for more information please visit the Members Only section, [Official Documents and Publications](#) for more information, circulars and forms***



*Susan Phillips (volunteering for the day) and Kimberly Addison preparing ballot for the 31st Triennial Conference in Istanbul in August*

## IFUW and Social Media

WIL U B MY FRIEND?

We can't bring all of our members to Conference, so let's bring Conference to all of our members. Invite your friends and colleagues to follow along as well. Tweet the conference using hashtags #IFUW and #IFUWconf. Respond to our tweets on @IFUWWomen.

"Friend" us on Facebook, join our LinkedIn community or follow us on Twitter:



**You asked for an introduction to Twitter:**

<http://www.courtneyheard.com/how-to-get-started-using-twitter-for-business-part-3-tweeting/>

Follow us on [www.twitter.com/IFUWWomen](http://www.twitter.com/IFUWWomen)

CEDAW continues this week in Geneva and you can follow the Tweets with #CEDAW. For IFUW to serve its members, the office needs your input. CEDAW sessions where NGOs can speak discuss one country at a time. For IFUW to be most effective, we need collaboration between the UN representatives and member affiliates.

From the Tweetosphere:

**UN Geneva** @unisgeneva14h

#CEDAW, the UN's Women's Rights body, meets with NGOs and National Human Rights Institutions: [goo.gl/8rD0F](http://goo.gl/8rD0F)

**IFUW will tweet the 31st Triennial Conference!**

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# IFUW is Listening

"When I opened IFUW web page 'find an NFA', I noticed that the old information is still there."

It has come to our attention that the information on one of the affiliate pages was out of date which we have now corrected. In order for all members to use the IFUW network easily, please check and inform us if your details need to be updated on our website.

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## Advocacy

### CALL TO ACTION

Members are invited to [submit written communications](#) to the [Commission on the Status of Women](#) (CSW) with information on alleged injustices and human rights violations against women in any country. Examples of claims include arbitrary arrests of women, domestic violence, unfair employment practices and discrimination against women under immigration and nationality laws. The submissions deadline is 1 August 2013.

CSW58 : <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/58sess.htm>

[http://www.unwomen.org/2013/06/call-for-communications-allegations-of-human-rights-violations-affecting-the-status-of-women-2/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+ungen+%28UN+gender+equality+news+feed%29](http://www.unwomen.org/2013/06/call-for-communications-allegations-of-human-rights-violations-affecting-the-status-of-women-2/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+ungen+%28UN+gender+equality+news+feed%29)

To read the CSW 57 - 2013 - Official Report:

[http://www.un.org/ga/search/view\\_doc.asp?symbol=E/2013/27](http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=E/2013/27)

### BEST PRACTICE - GERMANY

Our members in Germany share their learning points from their MINT project. This project aims to encourage girls to get involved in Mathematics, Informatics, Natural Sciences and Technology (MINT) fields and to support to women who choose them.

Our members from Turkey and Finland have previously shared their project experiences on [www.ifuw.org/members\\_new](http://www.ifuw.org/members_new) under the toolkit section of the website. Send us more best practices so we can share what your NFA is doing.

### Finland, Indonesia, Nepal, Sierra Leone

Members from these countries may find the following of particular interest: The Human Rights Committee is currently in session in Geneva (8-26 July). This committee is a body of [independent experts](#) that monitors implementation of the [International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights](#) (ICCPR) by states.

Session schedule: <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/hracs108.htm>

How can IFUW members participate? <http://www.ccprcentre.org>

## Erratum – CHITRA GHOSH AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING UNIVERSITY WOMEN 2013

The Following Award has been announced by Prof Chitra Ghosh, past president of IFUW and IFUWA. The award is neither proposed nor floated by the Indian Federation.

We are still looking for submissions to be sent to Professor Chitra Ghosh at the following address: [ghoshbos@cal.vsnl.net.in](mailto:ghoshbos@cal.vsnl.net.in)

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### Other Information

- **Hyderabad, India** is the location of the **12th Women's Worlds (WW)** in 2014. WW will be hosted by the University of Hyderabad and is headed by Prof Rekha Pande. The theme for this conference is "**Gender in a changing world**". WW hope to achieve a lot with the varied views, experiences and sharing of women from around the globe. The conference will move from Hyderabad, India to Brazil for the 13th Woman's World (WW) in 2017. For more information please see <http://womensworld2014india.com/ws/>
- UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon [announced](#) the appointment of Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka from South Africa as the new Executive Director of [UN Women](#), the organization leading UN's work on advancing gender equality and women's rights. Ms. Mlambo-Ngcuka became a Member of South Africa's Parliament in 1994 and was the first female Deputy President of South Africa from 2005 to 2008. To read an interview with Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, former South African deputy president, newly appointed as the head of UN Women go to [m.aljazeera.com/story/20137141...](http://m.aljazeera.com/story/20137141...)
- **UNESCO launches a call for projects driven by Young People.** On Monday 15 July 2013, UNESCO launches a call for projects in order to identify and support 15 action projects (3 by region) which will be "certified" with the label "8th UNESCO Youth Forum" and implemented *by, with* and *for* young women and men between the 8th and the 9th UNESCO Youth Forum (October 2013-October 2015).

Thus, the selection and adoption of these 15 projects, which are expected to be in line with the [UNESCO Youth Strategy 2014-2021](#), will be one of the major outcomes of the

8th UNESCO Youth Forum, to be held at the Organization Headquarters, Paris, France, from 29 to 31 October 2013, under the theme “Youth and Social Inclusion: Civic Engagement, Dialogue and Skills Development.”

All details on the call for proposals of action projects by clicking on [8th UNESCO Youth Forum](#)

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## Upcoming events

- [1-25 July: Substantive Session, Economic and Social Council](#)
- [9 – 27 September Human Rights Council, Geneva](#)
- [8 - 26 July CEDAW 55th session](#)
- [15 July: Informal Interactive Hearings on Migration and Development](#)
- [18 July: Google Hangout on Youth and the Post-2015 Development Agenda](#)
- [12-15 August: Open-ended Working Group on Ageing, 4th session](#)
- [23 September: High-Level Meeting on Disability](#)
- [25 September: Special event to follow up on efforts on MDGs](#)
- [26 September: High-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament](#)
- [3-4 October: High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development](#)
- [21 October - 1 November: Universal Periodic Review Session 17](#)

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