



## GWI UPDATE 15 June 2016



*Graduate Women Victoria scholarship recipients*

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### — Graduate Women International news —

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#### **Exciting speakers at Graduate Women International Triennial Conference, Cape Town, South Africa!**

The Honourable Minister Matsie Angelina Motshekga and Professor Jonathan Jansen, the well-known academic and human rights activist, are two of Graduate Women International (GWI)'s exciting speakers at the [GWI Triennial Conference 24-26 August 2016](#). Matsie Angelina Motshekga is the South African Minister of Basic Education. She has been a lecturer at the University of Witwatersrand and the Soweto College of Education. Jonathan Jansen is Vice Chancellor and Rector of the University of the Free State and President of the South African Institute of Race Relations. His book *Knowledge in the Blood: Confronting Race and the Apartheid Past* (Stanford 2009) was listed as one of the best books of that year by the American Libraries Association. To register for the conference on the theme 'At the Crossroads of Education, Human Rights and Gender' please register at: <http://gwiconference.org/>

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### — GWI member news —

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#### **GWI member Graduate Women Victoria holds its annual Scholarship Presentation Day**

Graduate Women Victoria (GwV), a branch member of the [Australian Federation of Graduate Women](#) (AFGW) and a global member of GWI held its Scholarship Presentation Day in the Reading Room of the Fitzroy Town Hall, Melbourne, Australia. 14 students received awards amounting in total to \$60,000. Every year GwV raises funds through the generosity of its benefactors to support women academically and empower them through education up to the highest levels. Read more about the association [here](#).

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### — Advocacy —

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#### **Call for women's meaningful participation in the peace process in the Arab Region**

The League of Arab States has presented a [Regional Action Plan for Women, Peace and Security](#) as part of the United Nation's review of [Security Council resolution 1325](#). The Action Plan calls for meaningful participation of women and girls at all levels of decision-making to build and preserve peace in conflict areas and to combat terrorism. Afflicted by armed conflicts and an alarming surge in terrorist extremism in several countries, the Arab region has seen some of the worst forms of sexual and gender-based violence

during conflict, from the abduction and sexual enslavement of young girls under the Islamic State, to early and forced marriages as a result of displacement. GWI advocates for the empowerment of [women in the peace process](#) as integral to maintaining stability and peace.

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## — Events —

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### **Gender Summit Europe 8-10 November 2016, Brussels, Belgium**

[The Gender Summit](#) is a platform for evidence-based and consensus-led dialogue between scientists, policy makers, gender scholars, and key stakeholder groups in science endeavours. The [Gender Summit Europe](#) 2016 coincides with important policy developments in Europe and globally that look towards science knowledge and technological innovation to create a better future for all. This year's Gender Summit aims to open up dialogue on how understanding of sex/gender issues in research and innovation can also ensure sustainable and effective development. Abstracts can be submitted [here](#). Deadline for submission is 1 July 2016.

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## — Membership —

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[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 some 20,000 members in 80 countries, either as a GWI independent member or national member of one of our National Federations and Associations (NFAs).

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## — Other information and events —

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June	22 - 25	<a href="#">Empowerment for Personal and Professional Leadership</a> Panama City, Panama
June	24 - 25	<a href="#">Canadian Federation of University Women AGM</a> Ontario, Canada
June	24 - 27	<a href="#">University Women of Europe AGM and Conference</a> Winchester, UK
July	14 - 15	<a href="#">Australian Higher Education Summit</a> Melbourne, Australia
July	21 - 23	<a href="#">3<sup>rd</sup> Network Gender and STEM Conference 2016</a> Newcastle, UK
August	08 - 19	<a href="#">Women's Human Rights Education Institute Intensive</a> Toronto, Canada
Nov	28 - 30	<a href="#">5<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Women's Museums</a> , Mexico City, Mexico

**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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