



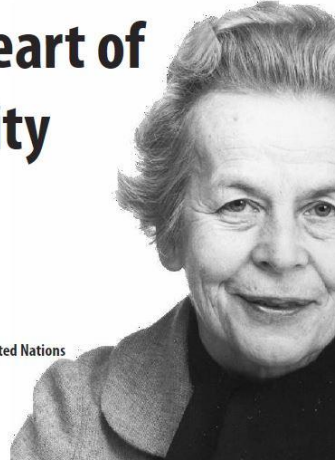
**GWI UPDATE    10 February 2016**

## Women at the Heart of Peace and Security

### 11th International Helvi Sipilä Seminar

March 17th 2016  
4:45-6:00 pm  
Conference Room 11, GA Building  
United Nations Headquarters, NY

A side event organized by Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations  
in cooperation with Finnish Federation of Graduate Women FFGW •  
National Council of Women of Finland NJKL • Coalition of Finnish Women's  
Associations NYTKIS • Finland National Committee for UN Women •  
Young Women's Christian Association of Finland YWCA



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### — Graduate Women International news —

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**GWI is proud to announce Emirates as the official airline partner for the GWI international conference**  
Graduate Women International (GWI) is proud to announce [Emirates](#) as the official airline partner for the [GWI Triennial Conference, Cape Town, South Africa, 24-26 August 2016](#). Emirates is offering a discount to GWI Conference delegates who have confirmed and paid their registration fee, with 10% off on the prevailing lowest online fare on Business Class and on Economy Class return fares. The promotion code to be used will be given upon receipt of Conference registration fee payment. The GWI conference, centred on education, gender and human rights, is still offering an early bird registration rate. To register, and for more information, visit the GWI Conference website [here](#).

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### — GWI member news —

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#### **60<sup>th</sup> Commission on the Status of Women side and parallel events in the process of finalisation**

The 60<sup>th</sup> Commission on the Status of Women (CSW60) programme of side and parallel events is beginning to take shape. GWI has a large number of delegates going from its national federations and associations (NFAs) from around the world, to advocate on key women's issues, form partnerships, strategise and network. GWI is compiling an information pack on CSW60 for its delegates which will explain more about the Commission and its mandate, as well as a calendar of events. Among those events organised by NFAs are the [11<sup>th</sup> annual Helvi Sipilä seminar, taking place on 17 March](#) (see above) and [Women Graduates – USA \(WG-USA\)](#) are hosting three parallel events. We are keen to share contact details of GWI members attending with other organisations so we can put you all in touch. See more on CSW60 in upcoming issues of the Update!

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### — Advocacy —

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#### **First official International Day of Women and Science announced for 11 February 2016**

The new 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development underlines the importance of investing in women and girls' empowerment through and in science. Worldwide, [women only account for 28% of science](#)

[researchers](#). To achieve greater innovation and gender equality in this sector, women and girls need the same access to science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) as boys. To draw attention to this gender gap, UNESCO has called for an annual International Day of Women and Girls in Science. GWI supports women and girls in STEM through a number of different activities, through its 8 March 2016 [International Women's Day](#) theme to promote more women secondary STEM teachers, and by celebrating Girls in ICT Day on 28 April 2016, which highlights the need for more girls and young women in the sector for diversity, innovation and employment opportunities.

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## — Call for applications —

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### **Next generation women leaders - three-day workshop in Paris from May 12-14, 2016**

McKinsey is offering women across Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa the opportunity to explore the importance of women in leadership and the impact women leaders are having on the economy. In particular, McKinsey wishes to attract women who actively seek ways to maximise their own potential, enjoy problem solving and creative thinking, and who thrive when working with other people. Successful applicants to this three-day workshop will be able to discuss leadership style and participate in group sessions, workshops, and dialogue. [Apply here](#). Application deadline: 8 March 2016



— This Valentine's Day, give the gift of education —



This Valentine's Day, do better than chocolate - give a community a gift for a lifetime. GWI provides scholarships and mentoring support to young women from rural areas of Uganda to become qualified teachers and ambassadors for girls' education, through study at Makerere University. [Join our GlobalGiving](#) campaign to raise \$50,000 and donate now to support 50 women student teachers in 2016. You can read more about GWI's project Teachers for Rural Futures [here](#).

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## — Other information and events —

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March	01	<a href="#">International Higher Education Forum 2016</a> London, UK
March	09 - 11	<a href="#">Future Sense- Universities Shaping the New Era</a> Canberra, Australia
April	07 - 08	<a href="#">Bricks and Clicks for Europe</a> Galway, Ireland
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	21 - 23	<a href="#">3<sup>rd</sup> Network Gender and STEM Conference 2016</a> Newcastle, UK
Nov	28 - 30	<a href="#">5<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Women's Museums</a> , Mexico City

August 21 – 23

**GWJ General Assembly, Cape Town, South Africa (members only)**

August 24 – 26

**GWJ Triennial Conference, Cape Town, South Africa (open to the public)**



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