Dear Friends,

The Special Committee for the Hegg Hoffet Fund would like to invite all members and other participants who are attending the GWI 33rd Triennial Centenary Celebration and Conference in July 2019, to come to our Hegg Hoffet Shop which will be in a room adjacent to the registration for the General Assembly and Conference at the University of Geneva.

The Hegg Hoffet Shop is sent up by and run by members of the Committee and other members of GWI.

The idea is to sell ‘small’ items that members and participants of GWI 33rd Triennial Centenary Celebration and Conference bring along for sale in the shop to participants of the General Assembly and Conference. The proceeds of the sale entirely go to the GWI Hegg Hoffet Relief Fund for Refugees.

The items can be anything, like set of nice postcards, beautiful calendars, pretty scarfs, linen tea-towels, cushion covers, small salt & pepper sets, mats, or inexpensive nice jewellery, to name but a few. Bear in mind many participants will be travelling by air, so the items must be light and easy packable.

The items for sale are priced by the members of the Committee. The price of the items will be in Swiss francs and if possible, in Euros.

As you no doubt know GWI’s Hegg Hoffet Fund assists graduate women (and in special cases tertiary women students) who have been displaced as a result of war, political upheaval or other serious emergencies. Arriving in a new country, most face complex challenges to integration, among them language difficulties, unemployment, rejection of foreign qualifications and the need for retraining.

The Hegg Hoffet Fund provides short-term grants for refresher courses for re-entry into the candidates’ professional field (or if that is not possible, training courses leading to some other employment), and for language training and other courses to assist with integration into their new countries.

So, at the start of the meetings at the University of Geneva bring along your item(s) for sale to the Hegg Hoffet Shop and look to see what you would like to buy, all for the benefit of the Hegg Hoffet Fund. (Please plan to bring all items yourself as the GWI office cannot receive items beforehand. Thank you.)

Sincerely,
Terry Oudraad, Convenor - GWI Special Committee Hegg Hoffet Fund