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Dear Presidents and CIRs:

I am writing to share new information and to reiterate what you may know already about our upcoming GA, Centenary Celebration, Conference and GWI Day.

Please share this letter with the members of your NFAs who are planning on being in Geneva.

Dedicated GA and Conference Website

<https://graduate-women-international.events.idloom.com/Centenary>

Event Venue:

The event will take place at Uni Mail Campus
Boulevard du Pont-d'Arve 40
1205 Genève

Transportation

Geneva has an excellent public transportation system. When you get to your hotel, please make sure that the front desk provides you with a transportation map and your complimentary mass public transportation pass that will allow you to travel for free.

Registration:

- Registration is now closed. We have more than 400 members registered and additionally, we have a large number of accompanying persons.
- Registration at the conference site begins on Wednesday, July 24 at 12:00PM and will end at 6:00PM. Registration will take place in Uni Mail Room MR 150.

- The tour desk will be open near this room – should you need help with your sightseeing.
- Registration will continue on Thursday, July 25 in the same room, MR 150 from 7:30 – 10:00 AM.
- Please bring a printed copy of your paid invoice with you to avoid potential problems.

We hope that you will register well in advance since the GA opens at 9:00 AM sharp.

GA Agenda and Four-Day Program

- The Agenda has been emailed to you and can also be found at: <https://graduatewomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Agenda-of-the-33rd-General-Assembly-FINAL-2-June-2019-v1.pdf>
- The four-day program can be found at: <https://graduatewomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/GWI-Programme-33rd-GA-and-Cenary-Conference-FINAL-2-June-2019-v1.pdf>.

GA – Related Calls and Circulars

If you do not recall seeing these, please go to:

<https://graduatewomen.org/members-login/constitutional-material/circulars/>

Voting at the GA

NFA delegates vote at the GA. We hope that by now you have sent your list of delegates to the GWI office. Credentials Statements are due to the GWI office by July 6, 2019 via email info@graduatewomen.org

- If you are a delegate and you cannot be at the GA, you can vote through a proxy. However, the GWI office must

receive this information in order for a proxy vote to be recognized by the Credentials Committee.

- The proxy form is posted on the website and can be found [here](#).

Online Voting

If no member of your NFA can be present at the GA, GWI will offer online voting a little closer to the GA.

- Instructions for online voting will be sent to you.
- Online voting only pertains to voting for Board and Committee members.
- Online voting does not include voting on resolutions as these are subject to change at the GA.

Candidates for Election:

- Candidates for the position of Vice President will have two minutes to speak– this is the one and only time that candidates can campaign for themselves.
- The candidate standing for election to the position of President will have 5 minutes to speak - this is the one and only time that she can campaign for herself.
- All candidates for committee positions including Convenor will have two minutes to speak– this is the one and only time that candidates can campaign for themselves.
- Candidates and their bios are posted at <https://graduatewomen.org/board-and-committee-nominees-2020-2022/>

Centenary Celebration:

- Celebration will take place the evening of Thursday, July 25, beginning at 6:30 PM, in the Lobby of Uni Mail.

- This 100th anniversary celebration recognizes that our diversity. We look forward to seeing you in your national dress, in a splash of color, to kick-off the festivities.

Peace through Education Conference

The Conference takes place on Saturday, July 27 – begins at 9:00AM sharp.

- Conference themes, Workshops, Seminars and Room numbers can be found at <https://graduate-women-international.events.idloom.com/Centenary/pages/Programme>
- Our list of speakers has grown and with the exception of a couple, all are posted with their bios at <https://graduate-women-international.events.idloom.com/Centenary/pages/speakers>

Swiss Culture Night Dinner Cruise

- The maximum capacity for the boat has been reached; registration is now closed.
- The cruise will take place on Saturday, July 27.
- Everyone who is going on the cruise should be at the dock – Geneve Paquis Rotonde- by 6:45PM at the latest.
- The ship will leave precisely at 7:30PM.

GWI Day

- GWI Day is scheduled on Sunday, July 28.
- This is a retreat for GWI members only and will feature counterpart meetings, workshops and seminars, discussion of future global conditions and how they will affect NFA countries, the role of graduate women in changing economic and social times and strategies to strengthen this role.

Canton of Geneva and GWI.

- Don't miss the GWI and Canton of Geneva flags flying over the Mont Blanc Bridge in public celebration of GWI's 100th anniversary.
- The large flags will fly before, during and after our four-day event and recognize GWI's place within International Geneva.

New Committee Meetings

- All Committees will meet on Sunday, July 28 – GWI Day.
- If you are standing for election for a committee position, please make sure that you attend
- In person Committee meetings are an infrequent occurrence since committee members live in different parts of the world.
- Do not miss this opportunity to get to know your peers and to begin planning work that will be undertaken during the next Triennium.

Transition Meeting for the Board

- The outgoing and incoming boards will meet to share information on Monday, July 29 at 9:00 AM in Uni Mail. The room number will be announced later.

New Board Meeting

- The new Board will meet on Monday, July 29 at 1:00 PM at the GWI office.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to write to me:
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Katharina, Stacy and I are looking forward to seeing very soon

Sincerely,
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