



GW I UPDATE – 4 September 2019



Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada recognises the Canadian Federation of University Women founding as an event of National Historic Significance.

— GWI 33rd Triennial and Peace through Education Conference —

As summer is slowly ending in Geneva, Graduate Women International (GWI) continues to drive momentum towards the future from the GWI 33rd Triennial Peace through Education Conference and Centenary Celebration. We appreciate all the messages from members around the world that continue to flow to the office, recognizing the tremendous success of this unique moment of international friendship between graduate women who believe in Peace through Education.

Once again, GWI shares its deepest appreciation to all, from membership to leadership, to staff, interns and volunteers, who gave their unsurpassed efforts to make this unique, once-in-a-lifetime event, such an enormous success. Very special thanks go to GWI volunteers: Catherine Annen, Catherine Bandle, Evgeniya Chanysheva, Marcelle Christen, Anastasia Corsini, Gabrielle Geiser, Anna Indermaur, Jasmine Jendoubi, Danièle Kaufmann, Agnieszka Knera, Brigitte Kruesi, Monica Chirita Lemenager, Ruth Nieffer, Lal Ovacik, Hillevi Perraudin, Ciara Rainsbury, Doris Sonderegger, Manuela Medeiros Tavares, Esther Um, Arielle Wagenknecht, Rosmarie Waldburger for their outstanding work, support and exemplary dedication. The success of this event is also yours!

— GWI Member News: the celebration continues! —

Government of Canada honours National Historic Significance of CFUW



Grace Hollett, CFUW President, and Sandra Millen, Past President, University Women's Club, Winnipeg, welcomed CFUW members to CFUW's 100 anniversary.

Just weeks after the GWI 33rd Triennial, Peace through Education Conference and Centenary Celebration, the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), one of GWI's three founding members, celebrated its own centenary. The event and the CFUW Annual General Meeting (AGM), took place 15-17 August at the Fort Garry Hotel, in Winnipeg, Canada, the very place where the CFUW founding meeting was held, in 1919. CFUW leaders, members and friends gathered at this exquisite and historical venue to celebrate the Power of Women Working Together.

Some highlights of the three-day event include:

- During the opening reception, Grace Hollett, CFUW President, and Sandra Millen, Past President, University Women's Club, Winnipeg, welcomed CFUW members to the organisation's 100 anniversary.
- During the AGM, Robin Jackson, CFUW Executive Director, spoke about CFUW's achievements over the last year. Senator, Marilou McPhedran, and Elizabeth May, Leader of the Green Party of Canada, spoke passionately about increasing women's participation in politics.
- To commemorate its centenary, CFUW awarded 100 of its members with the limited edition 100 anniversary gold pin for their outstanding contributions within CFUW and/or to the wider community; locally, nationally, or internationally in the fields of Education, Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Economics, Political Engagement, Organizational Leadership, Cultural Endeavours, or Social Innovation. [Click here to see the Notable Women Winners](#)
- The Government of Canada, through the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada (HSMBC), recognizes significant people, places, and events that shaped our country as one way of helping Canadians and youth connect with their past. An unveiling ceremony was held for the presentation of a commemorative plaque marking the recognition, by the HSMBC, of CFUW's founding as an event of National Significance. Through this notable recognition the HSMBC celebrates CFUW's 100 years of decisive leadership for recognition of women's equality. The plaque will be located in Winnipeg Centre where CFUW held its first meeting.
- As part of the centenary celebrations, CFUW introduced the Sage Awards. Sage Awards are awarded by each club to the current member who has the longest period of CFUW membership. This is a way to recognize and celebrate the commitment and dedication of members who have been championing the CFUW's mission for decades. These women will be honoured with a silver pin and certificate from the National Office to be given out by the individual participating Clubs.
- To celebrate CFUW's support of women's studies since 1919, Clubs, Councils and members have been invited to award, at both the local and national level, an additional \$100,000 in scholarships and awards during the anniversary year.

More information about the CFUW 100 anniversary celebration can be found on the [CFUW website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

GWl warmly congratulates CFUW on its successful event and for its extraordinary contributions to the empowerment of women for the past 100 years.

FEMU to hold an International Seminar in celebration of GWI centenary

To continue the commemoration of GWI's centenary, the Mexican Federation of University Women (FEMU) is organising an International Seminar on the "Empowerment of Girls and Women through Education" to be held 28-30 November 2019 in Mexico City, Mexico. Specialized papers on the subject will be presented with the objective of elaborating a comprehensive analysis at the national and international level to understand substantive equality from a feminist perspective. Themes such as the History of GWI, the place of FEMU within GWI, the empowerment of women and girls through education, Non-Governmental Organisations and international mechanisms for women's and girls' empowerment and public policies proposed by the university will be explored during the session. For more information about the event, please visit the [FEMU website](#).



FEMU " Empowerment of Girls and Women through Education" international seminar

— GWI Peace through Education Triennial —

Reports of GWI Representatives to the United Nations and Specialised Agencies

GWI is represented at four key United Nations (UN) centres in Geneva, New York, Paris and Vienna, where our UN Representatives champion the GWI mission by participating at UN meetings and reporting back on various on-mission topics being discussed by international policy makers. During the GWI Triennial General Assembly, they were invited to give a report of their activities over the past triennium.

Stacy Dry Lara, GWI Executive Director, represented **Geneva**, where GWI promotes its mission on behalf of GWI affiliates at the Human Rights Council (HRC) held each March, June and September. GWI submitted nine written statement and 10 oral statements to the HRC during the last triennium. Issues addressed include barriers to education, child widows, early and forced child marriage, rights of indigenous people, peace building, corruption, learning methods for the elder, social inclusion and institutes of higher learning responsibilities to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). GWI more recently convened a panel discussion on the topic of women and corruption. Also, in Geneva, GWI participates in the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the Universal Periodic Review having submitted 43 reports on GWI affiliates under review during the triennium. In Geneva, GWI actively participates with the Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) Committee on Status of Women (NGO CSW) and the Committee on Human Rights.

Representing **New-York**, Maryella Hannum emphasised the work she does alongside fellow UN representatives, Dr. Sophie Turner Zaretsky and Dr. Maureen Byrne, to further the GWI mission through the UN mechanisms and agencies. Shortlisting, the team is active with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), UN Women; CEDAW; the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF); and the High-Level Political Forum. As a team they further the GWI mission with their active participation in the UN Major Groups which are sectors of society formalized as the main channels through which broad participation is facilitated in UN activities as related to 2030 Agenda. Each representative serves an active role in the NGO CSW, New York; Maryella Co-Chairs the Logistics Committee & Youth Engagement; Sophie is on the Handbook Committee Maureen contributes to the Zero Draft Committee, integrating the voice of GWI into the outcome document.

Representing **Vienna**, Elisabeth Francis highlighted that issues addressed by the UN agencies in **Vienna** have a particular focus on organised crimes, sustainable development, and alleviating corruption. The UN representatives represent GWI at the main conferences and participate on the UN committees. This includes attending the annual Commission on Narcotic Drugs; the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and participating in the DNP Education Partnership with the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs. Elisabeth also maintains GWI's relationship with the Committees on Peace, NGO CSW, Vienna, NGO Committee on Ageing; and Sustainable Development. She highlighted the non-proliferation of armaments and partnerships, and the participation of women in peace negotiations. Another area arranged for GWI was to make young people aware of violence in cyber space.

In a report delivered by Clémence Mathiaud, GWI Jr. Office Administrator, the work of **Paris** UN representatives, Dominique Ciavatti and Eliane Didier, highlighted UNESCO sessions in which GWI participates including conferences, workshops, seminars and forums on gender equality; science; artificial intelligence; mobile learning and inclusive education. The team is planning to attend the September 2020 conference on challenging economies; and creating a better future and better rights for girls. This also provides an opportunity to meet with representatives from other countries.

— Call for applications —

Graduate Women New Zealand Post Graduate Scholarships

Women who are New Zealand citizens are eligible to apply for scholarships for study towards a post graduate qualification, preferably a masters or doctorate. Applicants must be enrolled at Massey University Albany campus or AUT North campus for their programme of study. Several scholarships between \$2,000 - \$10,000 are offered. Application are opened from 1 September 2019 to 31 March 2020. Please click [here](#) for more information on the application process.

Mariam K. Chamberlain Fellowship

The Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR), located in Washington, D.C, conducts and communicates research to inspire public dialogue, shape policy, and improve the lives and opportunities of women of diverse backgrounds, circumstances, and experiences. In honor of pioneering feminist economist Mariam K. Chamberlain (MKC), IWPR offers a fellowship in public policy to a promising scholar each year. The Mariam K. Chamberlain Fellow contributes to a variety of research projects to inform policies affecting women. Applicants should have at least a bachelor's degree, preferably in a social science discipline (such as sociology, psychology, education, or public policy), statistics, economics, mathematics or women's studies. Graduate work is not required. Compensation for the fellowship is \$33,300 before taxes and deductions over the 9-month period. **Application timeline to be announced [here](#).** Applicants selected for interviews will be contacted by mid-April or earlier. More information about application requirements is available [here](#).

— GWI Triennial, Conference and Centenary Photos —

Photos of the GWI 33rd Triennial, Conference and Centenary Celebration are currently being collected. They will be shared soon through a secured repository on the GWI website. Do you have pictures from the GWI 33rd Triennial, Peace through Education Conference and Centenary Celebration that you would like us to share? Please email them to info@graduatewomen.org. Stay tuned!

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