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IFHE COMMITTEES HARD AT WORK!

Message from the President, Carol WARREN

Dear IFHE Members,

In the past few months there has been much progress with the work of IFHE and committees have been very active. The Executive Committee held an online Webinar meeting with fourteen EC Members able to participate. We managed to find a suitable time and despite being 7am for some and 10pm for others, it worked and was very successful. It allowed for us to maintain our focus on key

tasks and to discuss the progress of important IFHE work, which occurs in-between annual meetings. We also welcomed Baphetsile MAMBA, our new Executive Member from Africa.

Early planning under the guidance of Joanne PEARSON, has begun for the 2014 Annual Leadership Meeting to be held in Fulda, Germany from 21st – 25th February. A new initiative will be the “market”, which will provide the opportunity for more

members to actively participate by submitting a poster abstract.

The Council 2014 Organising Committee continues to work diligently to bring us a Council Meeting full of interest and activities when we visit London, Ontario next year. The Pre-Council Symposium will be of interest to those of you wishing to submit a paper and as you will read on page 6, the types of proposals are many and varied.

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IFHE ANNUAL MEETING 2014

21st – 25th February 2014

University of Applied
Sciences

Fulda, Germany

IFHE Council 2014

18th – 24th July 2014

London, Ontario, Canada

“The 20th Anniversary of
the Year of the Family
2014”

Pre-Council Symposium

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Taking the opportunity to present and publish your work is not only important for your own professional learning, but it is also an important avenue to add to the Home Economics body of knowledge. This is essential for the sustainability of the profession. I hope you have had a chance to read the “bumper” edition of the International Journal of Home Economics (IJHE), which includes some of the full papers from Congress 2012. Thank you to Donna PENDERGAST for her continued work as editor of the IJHE.

As you will read on page 3 of this newsletter, IFHE has survived for more than 100 years, largely due to the extensive network of committed Home Economists who have provided countless hours of voluntary work to the Federation. We are forever grateful for this support however we can only survive into the future with the continued support from members, especially through membership fees. So far this year, membership income is significantly lower than usual so we urge all members to assist us with reminding and encouraging colleagues to forward their membership dues to the IFHE Office. Our hardworking small team of office staff needs your support, so please let’s all see what we can do to help with advocating the value of IFHE Membership.

I continue to be impressed with the dedication and commitment of members throughout the world and it was my pleasure to attend the CAHE conference in April, held in Barbados. The ARAHE biennial congress is also a highlight and I look forward to meeting up with many of you soon in Singapore.

Carol WARREN

IFHE President (2012 - 2016)

ANNOUNCEMENT - CALL FOR NOMINATION OF IFHE PRESIDENT-ELECT 2014 - 2016

Based on the IFHE Constitution the term of IFHE Past President Prof. Dr. Geraldene HODELIN will end in July 2014. The delegates of the IFHE Council 2014 will elect a new President-Elect for the term 2014 – 2016. In 2016 the President-Elect will take over the IFHE Presidency for the next four years (2016 - 2020).

In July 2013 the IFHE President Carol WARREN will publish the Call for Nomination for the President-Elect for the term 2014 – 2016. The deadline for the nomination of a candidate will be January 2014.

We would like to ask all IFHE Members to think about IFHE Members who might be willing and suitable to take over the office of the IFHE President-Elect 2014 - 2016 and President 2016 - 2020.

IFHE ANNUAL LEADERSHIP MEETING 2014

The **IFHE Annual Leadership Meeting** will be held February 21st – 25th, 2014 in Fulda, Germany.

Fulda is a baroque city located in the middle of Germany, 100 kilometers from Frankfurt. The venue will be the University of Applied Sciences Fulda, which is located not far from the city centre.

An IFHE Symposium will be conducted on Saturday, February 22nd, with the theme: **“Solidarity between young and elderly citizens creating and living a joint future - Contributions of older persons”**.

There will be a “Call for Member Presentations” related to this topic coming soon. More information about the Annual Leadership Meeting, Symposium Programme, and the “Market of Presentations”, as well as booking conditions, will be available in the September Newsletter and at www.ifhe.org

UNDERSTANDING IFHE MEMBERSHIP – A MATTER OF URGENCY

Asking for support!

As a professional global network with a longstanding history, IFHE is based on committed members around the world.

The IFHE Activities on a national, regional and global level as well as in the many Committees are conducted by volunteers, elected IFHE officers such as liaisons, chairs, co-chairs, delegates or members of the Executive Committee and the IFHE Representatives at the UN agencies. They are engaged to improve and strengthen the international network of Home Economists and promote Home Economics. Additionally many experts contribute to the screening processes of article abstracts for Journals, for the IFHE Congresses, and are involved in preparation of IFHE Congresses and IFHE Councils. They all spend a great deal of time and personal money to support the network and to keep IFHE alive. We would like to increase the awareness for all IFHE Members of the commitment of so many volunteers in IFHE.

Although the IFHE work is done mostly by IFHE Members on a voluntary basis, there is also much administrative work and regular work to do.

These tasks are undertaken in the IFHE Office by the IFHE Office staff.

Payment of Membership fees are important for the future of IFHE

To realise all IFHE Activities and run the IFHE Office, IFHE is reliant not only on human resources but also on financial resources. The IFHE Membership Fees are the main and most important source of income. IFHE generates a small amount of income from IFHE Conferences and funds. Therefore it is very important that a high number of IFHE Members pay their IFHE Membership fee annually and on time. A special thank you to those of you, who pay their IFHE Membership fee on time by 31st March every year.

It seems that some Home Economists are only interested to participate at IFHE Congresses to present their research results and receive benefit and recognition for their professional career. Perhaps they may not understand the way that IFHE works and that financial resources are necessary not only in congress years but also in the years in between:

- to publish the IFHE Newsletters, Press Releases, Statements and E-Journals,
- to update the IFHE Website and Member Database,
- to conduct IFHE Meetings and conferences,

- to support all IFHE Officers, Committees and IFHE Representatives at the UN,
- to keep IFHE **ALIVE**.

Additionally IFHE Members in some countries are facing economic problems and may not be able to pay the fee at the moment.

As Home Economists it should be evident that IFHE cannot absorb missing membership fees from a large number of IFHE Members who join for one year only, the year when an IFHE Congress is held. The consequence of missing membership fees from many IFHE Members is obvious!

Request for support

We would like to ask all IFHE Members for their support to discuss the importance of the payment of IFHE Membership fee **annually** with their colleagues at their work place, at universities, colleges and at meetings and motivate all of them to pay the IFHE Membership Fee, **which is for individuals 14 Euro Cent per day (€ 50 annual) or 7 Euro Cent per day (€ 25 annual) in developing countries or 6 Euro Cent per day (€ 20 annual) for students.**

Thank you in advance for supporting the IFHE finances and the IFHE future! Benefits for members please see the IFHE website section "membership"

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EC MEMBER REGION OF AFRICA

Submitted by Baphetsile MAMBA, EC Member Region of Africa

My name is Baphetsile MAMBA. I began teaching in 1981. When Swaziland Home Economics Association (SHEA) twinned with Ontario Family Studies Home Economics Educators' Association (OFSHEA) in 1987, I participated as a core author and secretary for the Writers Committee of the Twinning Project for Swaziland's Home Economics Book Writing. In 1990 I was a Twinning project delegate at the Canadian Home Economics Annual Conference, Toronto, after attending a teacher's pre-conference workshop. I was also a regional chairperson for SHEA.

As a student at the University of New Brunswick (1995) I received the EDUPLUS International Student Award and presented a paper on the influence of International Media on Swazi Culture, at a pre-conference workshop and attended the CHEA Conference in Edmonton. In 2001 I obtained a Graduate Diploma Certificate in Pre-Vocational Education and was stationed at Matsapha Swazi National High School in the Prevocational department.

From 2000 – 2012 I was President of SHEA, and also served as Swaziland Home Economics Education Panel member, involved in reviewing the country's curriculum and drawing the current syllabus used in the country. In 2009 as member of the Organising Committee for the 4th IFHE Africa Regional Conference I participated at the Pre-Conference IFHE Workshop and Conference.

From 2002 I served as Lutsango Lwaka Ngwane (LLN) Women Vocational School member and in 2010 was coopted as the LLN National Executive Committee Member. LLN is a national adult womens' traditional organisation, responsible for the political, social, economic and cultural advancement of women in Swaziland. A Training award through LLN in Rural Women Empowerment offered by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in 2012, resulted in a turning point in my teaching career.

Presently I work part time with LLN, as a program officer tasked with Initiating Life Improvement Practice (LIP) for rural women. Teaming with the



Photo: Baphetsile MAMBA, Nigeria
(Source: IFHE)

Agricultural Rural Development Assistance (RDA) in the program for professional guidance resulted with assistance from the Taiwan Technical Mission in Swaziland in issuing sweet potato leaf cuttings to plant. Presently one of the LIP groups allocated a two-hectare field by the local chief for growing sweet potato.

I am looking forward to joining LLN full time to concentrate on the Rural Women Life Improvement Program and strengthening the partnership between SHEA and LLN.

As a new member of Executive Committee representing Africa Region I look forward to making a positive contribution to the organisation.

SAD NEWS

IFHE has been informed that Ms Omena Uzezi OGHENEJABOR, Nigeria passed away after a brief illness. Omena was a committed educator in the field of Home Economics who served as a member of the IFHE Executive Committee from 2012 – 2013. She worked at the Headquarters of the Ministry of Education, Home Economics Unit in Nigeria.

It is, indeed, a great loss for her family and the Home Economics Community in Nigeria, Africa and the IFHE.

IFHE will remember her!



Photo: Omena Uzezi OGHENEJABOR
(Source: OGHENEJABOR)

IFHE COUNCIL 2014

Submitted by Joanne E. MACKIE and Shirley N. JONES

Hamilton Home Economics is pleased to host the International Federation for Home Economics 2014 Council at Brescia University College, London, Ontario, Canada from Friday 18th July to Thursday 24th July 2014.

“The 20th Anniversary of the Year of the Family 2014” is the theme of the Pre-Council Symposium July 18th and 19th. You will find the “Call for Papers” on page 6 and at www.ifhe.org

There are opportunities for paper, roundtable and symposia proposals. Send your proposals to ofsheea@ofsheea.ca before 27th October 2013. For more information please see page 6.

Included in your Council registration fee is the “Taste of Ontario” BBQ. The evening in the countryside will be informal Canadian style featuring locally grown products and talent.

Brescia’s new residence is to be completed by September 2013. Bedrooms have queen-sized beds as seen in the photograph included in this newsletter. Bathrooms are ensuite or shared with one other bedroom. Your full breakfast in the marche style dining room is included in the bedroom price. Noon and evening meals can be taken in the same dining hall since eating elsewhere will require transportation. Meals will be paid for individually so everyone can eat according to his or her tastes and preferred meal sizes.

Photos IFHE: View in a typical Room and Bathroom



Photo: Dining Hall at Brescia College
(Photos – Source: <http://www.ifhe.org/1044.html>)

Some IFHE Members have expressed an interest in travelling in Canada before or after the Council Meeting. For those interested in train travel see www.viarail.ca. Interest was also expressed in camping. Check Google Camping London Ontario Canada Area for choices and reservations. There are many other parts of the country to explore. McCarthy’s Party www.mccarthyparty.com conducts delightful 7, 8, 9 and 12-day tours of Canada’s 10th Province, Newfoundland and Labrador. Check the internet as well for travel in Canada’s other eastern Maritime provinces, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island or take a train or plane to Montreal and Quebec City where people do speak English, but French is the official language.

There will be an opportunity to tour our host city, London, Ontario, on the Thames River, which features forests, farms, aboriginal and settlement history as well as the University of Western Ontario, with which Brescia College is affiliated and Fanshaw College. And of course, there is a modern city as well! Detailed information with the programme, costs and registration will be published in August 2013.

Please add to your signature on your e-mails, Facebook[®] and Twitter[®] accounts the advertisement for Council 2014.

International Federation for Home Economics Council 2014

Brescia University College London Ontario Canada

18th to 24th July 2014

We look forward to welcoming you to “our neck of the woods” (a Canadianism meaning our small spot in the world. During your stay be on the lookout for other such sayings).

CALL FOR PAPERS – IFHE PRE-COUNCIL SYMPOSIUM 2014

Submitted by Joanne E. MACKIE and Shirley N. JONES

On behalf of the **Ontario Family Studies Home Economics Educators' Association**, we invite interested persons to submit proposals that honour the **20th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family 2014** for the IFHE Pre-Council Symposium, which will be held at Brescia University College, London, Ontario, July 18th and 19th, 2014.

All proposals should describe or summarize projects in Home Economics/Family Studies/Human Ecology/ Family and Consumer Science programs and related fields (housing, the environment, ecology, nutrition, food studies, mental health, family sociology, education, and curriculum studies) that celebrate the family, including but not limited to those that will showcase:

- the recent trends in family policy,
- challenges faced by 21st century families worldwide and recommended solutions,
- couple and parent-child relationships,
- parenting and childcare programmes,
- the mental health of children, youth, adults, and the elderly,
- educational programmes aimed at supporting the development of the whole child at both the public and post-secondary levels.

Types of Proposals and Sessions

- **Paper Proposals:** Papers are reports of completed research that will be published in the symposium proceedings. The time allocated for each session is **50 minutes**. Audience participation is integral.
- **Research Roundtable Proposals:** Research roundtable provides an opportunity for the presenter to share and discuss their work in progress in a relaxed manner with a small group of participants. A summary will be

published in the symposium proceedings. Assigned time for each session is **50 minutes**. Roundtable research discussions involve having more than one discussion taking place at the same time and in the same room with each presenter assigned to a different table. Presenters will benefit from feedback received from participants to inform their research.

- **Symposium Proposals:** A symposium presents varied or differing standpoints on topics of interest to Home Economist practitioners. Accepted symposia will be published in the symposium proceedings. Audience participation is recommended.

There are two possible formats for the presentation of accepted abstracts for symposium proposals. Presentation format will be determined by the Symposium Programme Committee based on reviewer recommendations.

1. Oral Abstracts: Each oral abstract presenter will present for 10 minutes, followed by 5 minutes for questions (15 minutes in total). In each session, there will be three or four abstract presentations (i.e.: sessions will be 45 - 60 minutes long). The session moderators will implement this time arrangement.

2. E-Posters: Each e-poster presenter will present for 5 minutes, followed by 2 minutes for questions (7 minutes in total). E-posters are projected onto a screen throughout the presentation – sections of the poster may be enlarged during the presentation. E-posters are also available for viewing in the common areas throughout the conference. E-posters are intended to present rich data about your research “at-a-glance” – they are not meant to be electronic versions of conventional posters.

Please have a look at the **IFHE Website** for the **Guidelines for Submitting Proposals**.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS – A VERY SPECIAL INVITATION

Submitted by Mary Margaret HAYES, Co-Chair Programme Committee Family (and Gender)

Dear fellow members!

Occasionally in the lifetime of a federation, comes the opportunity to be published in a very special (and “once-off”) publication of that organisation.

IFHE is in that very special position at present, regarding the publication of a Monograph for the anniversary of the International Year of the Family which will be launched in Canada at our Council Meeting in London, Ontario, in July 2014.

This publication is significant because it recognises our significant contribution to, and knowledge of the family, together with its various strengths and weaknesses on a global basis, (as reflected by the international background of our membership). Few other organisations therefore have such a comprehensive knowledge of this topic. The connection to the United Nations in this publication, and through its launch next year will make it a prestigious place in which to be published and the status of this will be of additional value for contributors.

We are therefore very pleased to announce that we have **extended the deadline for abstracts to 30th July, 2013**, following a number of requests, in order to give everybody who may be

interested in submitting an article for this very historic publication, a chance to do so.

Although the UN has provided us with guidelines regarding the focus that these articles might take, it does not confine articles to these alone, and other family issues or areas may indeed also form a very valuable and relevant body of knowledge for this journal.



The submissions do not have to arise exclusively from IFHE Members, - you may know someone who is not an IFHE Member in your own country, who has a valuable source of knowledge of (or practice in) specific family studies, and you could therefore make them aware of the possibility of contributing. While we would like to have good research or ideas on how our discipline may help to lessen or eliminate such family difficulties, the contributions of those non-members working with such problems are invaluable to us as sources of “best practice in the field” when we are formulating our own educational policies. Therefore such contributions will also be considered for

inclusion in the publication. However, we anticipate that the greater amount of submissions may indeed originate from the membership, and may involve academic research for example, or descriptions from the education perspectives, experiences on other Home Economics working fields or projects on grass root levels, etc.

Once again we include above, the IFHE Guidelines, which were originally sent out to everybody with the first “Call for Abstracts” in April this year. But again, please remember that these also have a certain flexibility to allow for variety of approach. This opportunity will show the world our relevance, as Home Economists, to the most vital unit of society itself world-wide, namely the family. Let us rise to this occasion and demonstrate our expertise in the many aspects of this most basic societal unit in all its varied manifestations globally.

For more information please have a look at <http://www.ifhe.org/1052.html>

We wish you good luck with this historic enterprise, and look forward with interest and appreciation to receiving your abstracts

IFHE Family (and Gender) Programme Committee.

REPORTS - CONFERENCES IN THE IFHE REGIONS

IFHE Region of Africa

Submitted by Nishi SURANA and Hester STEYN

The joint 11th International SAAFECs and 6th IFHE Regional African Conference were held from the 27th February till the 1st March 2013. The theme of the conference was “Building across Borders” and it was hosted by the Department of Life and Consumer Sciences, University of South Africa in the Saint George Hotel and Conference Centre, Pretoria, South Africa. Prof. Elizabeth KEMPEN, President of SAAFECs and her team planned and managed a very successful conference.



The 103 presentations from delegates from 11 countries were spread over six sessions to accommodate the interest groups: Foods and Nutrition, Consumer behaviour and decision-making, Clothing, Textiles, Hospitality Management, Education, Sustainability, Housing and Interior, Community development and Entrepreneurship.

Each day's session were introduced with a very interesting and informative keynote. Mr Carlman MAYO of DuPont expanded on the statement “Together, we can feed a growing population”. Mr Abisha TEMBA of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) of South Africa explained the role of the DTI in “The current textiles, clothing, leather and footwear affairs in South Africa”. The third keynote speaker, Prof Ignatius GOUS of UNISA got the final day started with “Consuming passions: studying the mind and brain in order to make sense of people's needs, passions and consuming behaviours”.

After completion of the conference we were motivated, made more aware of the research and projects running in other institutions and were

convinced that we can and should build across borders. Interaction and fellowship with participants was very enriching. Participants enjoyed a drive seeing Pretoria with a tour guide and they enjoyed cocktails one evening.

IFHE Africa and SAAFECs held their separate annual general meetings to report back, plan ahead and seek the approval of members for important issues. SAAFECs accepted the offer of the University of Zululand to host the 12th International SAAFECs Conference in 2015. IFHE Africa accepted the offer from the delegates from Egypt to host the 7th IFHE Africa Regional Conference in 2015 in Egypt.

IFHE Region of Asia

Submitted by Yukiko KUDO, IFHE Vice-President Region of Asia

The 17th ARAHE Biennial International Congress 2013 will be held in Singapore on 14th to 19th July 2013 under the co-sponsorship of Singapore National Institute of Education and The Association of Home Economics, Singapore (AHES). The theme of the Congress is “Home Economics Literacy: Investing in Our Future”.



We would like to invite you to attend the Congress and be active partners in helping Home Economists initiate more programs to address global issues confronting the family and household.

Please refer to <http://www.arahe.asia/>

for further information. We welcome all of you. Looking forward to seeing you in July!

ACTIVITIES ON WORLD HOME ECONOMICS DAY 2013 IN THE IFHE REGIONS Nigeria

Submitted by Vivian OJUKWU, Nigeria

Mrs Vivian OJUKWU, an IFHE Member from Nigeria, wanted to raise awareness of the importance of Home Economics and World Home Economics Day to the Nigerian populace.

She made a great effort to bring the attention of the Nigerian television to the event. She had the opportunity to inform about the relevance of the day on television.

This was complemented by a follow-up ceremony in The International School, University of Ibadan on the 28th March which involved cutting of the 32nd anniversary cake, giving a brief history of the Day with the paper presentation titled **“The Intention of Home Economics Education”** (A powerful Enabler for Future-proofing the profession), quiz competition for both junior and senior categories of students, presentation of prizes to the participating students and vote of thanks to sponsors.

The event was televised by the Oyo State Television Company on the 31st March during English and Yoruba News and was shown at two different times that day.

Ghana

Submitted by GHEA General Secretary

Ghana Home Economics Association (GHEA), celebrated World Home Economics Day on 21st March 2013. The Ghana Home Economics Association (GHEA) joined other fellows to celebrate the special day. There was a press release on the day and throughout the regions of Ghana, all members were encouraged to celebrate the day.

In connection with the theme, the Greater Accra chapter has decided to adopt a community (Saabo Zongo) within its jurisdiction to help with the poverty situation in that community. The GHEA Press Release focussed on the theme: **“Empowering individuals, families and the communities through Home Economics: confront poverty and social exclusion”**.

Poverty refers to denial of choices and opportunities and lack of human dignity. It is the lack of basic capacity to participate effectively in



Cutting of the 32nd Anniversary Cake
(Photos – Sources: Vivian OJUKWU, Nigeria)



society, it means not having enough to feed and clothe a family, not having the land on which to farm and grow one's food or a job to earn a living.

Poverty may also be understood as an aspect of unequal social status and inequitable social relations experienced as social exclusion, dependency and diminished capacity to participate or develop meaningful connections with other people. The Ghana Home Economics Association wishes to appeal to the Ghanaian populace and all stakeholders to take family life seriously and take good care of our growing children for every one of us belongs to a family and a household and it is the individuals, and families, who are the basic units of societies and economies.

Home Economics is for everyday life, it is for family survival and for us all, if the family survives and is well socialised, then we can have a strong and a peaceful Ghana.

Finland

Submitted by Anna KOSONEN, FIN IFHE

Seminar: Let's do it together – households and coping with everyday life

Every year FIN-IFHE (the Finnish network of IFHE Members) organises an event to highlight World Home Economics Day, which is celebrated in March.

This year, 2013, the Finnish organisation members of IFHE decided to organise a seminar on a current discussion theme: the risks that e.g. poverty, weak resources or challenging life situations set on families and households.

We wanted to let our organisational members present their research and practical projects, and speak about challenges from a positive point of view: how doing and working together helps in coping with everyday life. There were six short presentations from six organisations. The themes ranged from minimum household budgets to prisoner's everyday skills and characteristics of a contemporary woman.

The seminar was open to all professionals and students in the field, not only IFHE Members, and for the media as well. It was held on 13th March in the very centre of Helsinki, in Tiedekulma (Think Corner) of the University of Helsinki, which is an open space easily accessible.



Photo: Seminar at University of Helsinki
(Source: Anna KOSONEN, Finland)

FIN-IFHE wanted to:

- show the spectrum of interesting research and practical projects that IFHE Organisational Members work with in Finland, related to families, households and well-being,
- give the professionals in the field an opportunity to come together and exchange ideas,
- to raise the consciousness about Home Economics as a scientific field and profession, and about the celebration of World Home Economics Day.

There were about 70 people attending the seminar, and many of them had not been involved with IFHE Activities earlier. The enthusiastic audience was the best feedback for us.



57TH COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, UN 2013

Submitted by Mary COVINGTON, IFHE Alternate Representative to UN

I was an observer for the International Federation for Home Economics. I was privileged to meet women from many different countries. All expressed horror at what was happening to women and girls.

The 57th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) was held 4th - 15th March 2013. The Commission discussed the relentless epidemic of violence against women and girls. The priority theme was **“Elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls”**. There were numerous parallel events. The underlying theme of each event was violence against women and girls. Because of the number of parallel events, they were held in five different venues.

During the first week of the 57th Session of the CSW, member states negotiated agreed conclusions (new policy recommendations) to accelerate the implementation of existing commitments. In its deliberation, the Commission placed great emphasis on implementation and evaluation of progress. There was an interactive round table for high-level participants that focused on experiences, lessons learned and good practices including results with supportive data.

The NGO/CSW Forum organised Conversation Circles. These Circles were free and open to all attending delegates. The purpose of the circles was to spur conversations among groups with mutual interests to network and to plan for future collaboration, and to work collectively to implement the UN frameworks and arguments that aim to achieve gender equality.



(Source: www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/57sess.htm)

The most powerful and least expensive way to prevent gender-based violence is for world

readers to say, consistently and publicly, that it is wrong and a violation of a woman's human right.

According to the CSW planning Committee, we have come a long way toward recognising violence against women and girls as a societal pathology, one that takes on a variety of malevolent and deadly forms. Years ago women suffered in silence within the walls of their homes. Today violence takes on the form of rape during conflict, female mutilation, early marriage, sex trafficking, sexual harassment and femicide.

The chair of the Commission, feels that the Commission on the Status of Women should continue to move forward. The Beijing Platform for Action (BPFA) and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) should unite - the BPFA as a policy document and CEDAW as the legally binding instrument to enforce policies. The UN has long been the champion in promoting actions to end violence against women and girls. Many major treaties, conventions, resolutions and protocols have resulted in UN activities that emphasized the rights of women and girls to be able to live free from violence and discrimination.

Men and boys are the perpetrators of most violence against women and girls therefore early intervention programs should be encouraged for both adolescents and young men to develop skills for non-violent conflict resolution and the building of healthy relationships. Communities should involve men, boys and survivors of violence in designing programs to protect women and girls and provide services to the victims.

At the morning briefing, member States, to name a few, Sri Lanka, Equatorial Guinea, Pakistan, Kenya, Iraq, Malaysia, Israel and Germany expressed their countries' concern about violence against women. The countries all said it should end. The future theme for the 58th Session 2014 is, **“Challenges and Achievements in the Implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for Women and Girls”**.

WRITTEN IFHE STATEMENT ACCEPTED BY ECOSOC HLS

The UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs conducts an ECOSOC High Level Segment (HLS) for NGOs from 1st – 5th July 2013 in Geneva Switzerland.

IFHE contributed to the open call for oral and written statements for this HLS.

This HLS is a unique opportunity for organisations in consultative status with ECOSOC to be heard at ECOSOC deliberations, as well as to contribute to issues of critical concern to the global development agenda. It will also provide a platform to specifically address the topic of scientific and technological innovation, which is a crucial crosscutting theme for the achievement of the MDGs.



(Source: <http://csonet.org/?menu=139>)

The submitted oral and written IFHE Statements to the theme of the HLS were accepted. The oral Statement of three minutes will be presented by IFHE Representative at UN Geneva, Annemarie LÜDI, Switzerland. The written Statement, which had to be limited to 500 words, to the theme of the HLS also will be published in the conference documents in six different languages.

The following written statement reflects the theme of the HLS.

The impact of innovations and technologies in Home Economics for realising sustainable development and achieving the UN MDGs – the role of culture

The International Federation for Home Economics acknowledges that:

- Individuals, families and especially women are important for realising sustainable lifestyles and reaching the UN MDGs as they deal with the determining decisions and processes in everyday life.
- Research results in Home Economics sciences leads to innovations in all fields of households such as technologies, non-technological processes, social and economic contexts and builds awareness of the key factors for realising sustainable development in everyday life.
- The cultural values and traditions of families and communities influence the behaviour of families, individuals in everyday life and this must be taken into consideration in all levels of education and most of all for a successful implementation of innovative and sustainable technologies and non-technological processes.

All aspects are main subjects of Home Economics and especially of Home Economics education.

The cultural values and traditions of individuals, families and communities influence their behaviour in everyday life, one of the key aspects for the implementation of sustainable development and the achievement of the UN MDGs. Home Economics sciences lead to the development of household technologies and innovations in household appliances. By implementing knowledge and technologies in households for achieving sustainable development the cultural values and culture-conditioned behaviour must be taken into consideration. Two examples from Home Economics practice demonstrate the high relevance of the culture:

- a. The development from traditional to clean cooking solutions. Basic cook stoves use firewood or charcoal, which is inefficient and produces destructive smoke. But the traditional technology it is not queried by the users. Cleaner cooking technologies using gas, oil, electricity or renewable energies can only be implemented by education and persuasion of cultural leaders.

- b. The contribution to food security, health and income generation. In consideration of their cultural background individuals and families in developing countries need education in sustainable home gardening, farming and food processing technologies for sustainable production.

Key persons for realising sustainable lifestyles around the world and for successful implementation of innovations and technologies are women. As such they must be the focus of all measures for achieving sustainable development.

In most cultural groups women are responsible for household resource management. Hence girls and women must have access to quality basic education, to innovations, not only in household technologies and Home Economics knowledge and skills but also in ICT to get access to information, innovations and be able to participate in regional, national and global developments. Because of their crucial role they have to be the focus of all measures for achieving sustainable development and the UN MDGs.

IFHE ANNUAL REPORT 2012 – PUBLISHED

The International Federation for Home Economics publishes an “**IFHE Annual Report**”. This report demonstrates for example the content of the IFHE Activities and which professional topics are on the IFHE Agenda of the different Programme Committees.

The report gives an overview of the themes which are on the focus of IFHE and how IFHE promotes Home Economics. Especially the correlation of Home Economics with important UN topics is reflected.

The Annual Report 2012 was published in May 2013. This report can be used by all IFHE Members to promote IFHE to Home Economics but most of all to the social and political arena. The IFHE Annual Reports are valuable documents related to the content of the professional aspects of the IFHE Activities. The Annual Reports can be downloaded at the IFHE Website under <http://www.ifhe.org/658.html>

IMPROVING IFHE MEMBERS NETWORK

During the **IFHE Annual Meeting 2013** the participants had the opportunity to exchange experiences. They learnt a great deal of interesting tasks and projects of colleagues, which gave encouragement and options for their own field of work.

Based on these fruitful discussions the question arose, to establish an information tool for IFHE Members in the IFHE Member Database.

The aims of the information tool are:

- to improve the network of Home Economics around the world,
- to enable exchange of information related to current developments and activities in different Home Economics fields,
- to promote co-operation between Home Economists.

This information tool can be used by all IFHE Members, who are interested to learn more about a special project or a special working area of other IFHE Members/Home Economics colleagues. A simple form see attachment of the IFHE NL can/should be filled in by as many IFHE Members as possible and should be up-loaded in the IFHE Member Database. For the benefit of Home Economists around the world we invite IFHE Members to fill in the enclosed table and upload it to their personal dataset in the IFHE Member Database. Please open www.ifhe.org/ifhem and enter your e-mail address and your password. Now you can access your dataset and can upload the completed form.

REPORT CEEC OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Submitted by Leena SAVISALO, Chair

IFHE participated at the “**Rural Environment. Education. Personality (REEP-2013)**” Conference in Jelgava, Latvia in February 2013.

The IFHE CEEC Outreach Committee reminded the participants of the huge opportunities of global networks for the Home and Consumer Economists in IFHE. The most important issue was to inform delegates about the IFHE Campaign 2012 - 2014 on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of International Year of the Family in 2014. Dr. Suzanne PISCOPO from Malta presented Home Economics as the science opportunity.

In Finland IFHE CEEC participated in World Home Economics Day 2013 giving a presentation about the situation of the multicultural women within the new culture and how the women and families can empower the society to avoid exclusion. The lady member of AVORY (Home Economics multicultural women's federation in Finland), has undertaken research about exclusion among foreign newcomers in Finland.

HOME ECONOMICS ASSOCIATIONS

Philippine Home Economics Association (PHEA), Inc. – Background and Activities

Submitted by Lulu TRIAS, Philippines

The Philippine Home Economics Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organisation established in 1980 after the Philippines hosted the International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE) Congress in Manila. The theme of the XIV. Congress was “**Home Economics - A Regional Partner in Development**”.

The PHEF serves as the umbrella organisation of three dynamic professional Home Economics organisations in the Philippines namely: the Council of Deans and Heads of Home Economics in the Philippines (CODHHEP) organised in 1970. The CODHHEP is composed of Deans and Heads and Administrators of Home Economics in the tertiary level; the Philippine Home Economics Association (PHEA) established in 1948, whose membership is composed of teachers, administrators and other faculty members as well as practitioners; and the Home Economics Extension Association of the Philippines (HEEAP) established in 1976, and the membership is composed of Home Economics Extension workers in the rural areas.

Activities of PHEF member organisation: The Philippine Home Economics Association (PHEA) will hold their **annual conference in Camarines Sur, Naga City from 23rd to 25th October 2013. The theme of the conference is “Home Economics Literacy: Investing in the Future”**.

The conference will have as speakers' practitioners in the field of Home Economics and officials of the Department of Education. The PHEA has engaged in many projects, among them the “In Country Training” regarding the K-12 program of the Department of Education, where speakers from Thailand and Indonesia were invited as resource speakers; conducted training programs for NC2 certificate for Home Economics members in cooperation with Manila Public Schools.

Dr. Teresa NAMORO, President of PHEA will present a country report to ARAHE when she attends the ARAHE Conference in Singapore on 14th – 20th July 2013.

14TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2013 IN NIGERIA

Submitted by Comfort Usoroh, Nigeria

Home Economics Research Association of Nigeria (HERAN) announces

14th Annual International Conference 2013 and Call for Papers

to the theme: **“Empowering Individuals, Families and Communities for Creativity, Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Lifestyles: Challenges, Strategies and Research Imperatives”**.

Date: 18th – 21st September, 2013

University of Nigeria - Nsukka, Nigeria.

Sub-Themes:

- Empowerment through:
 - Home Economics Education
 - Food and Nutrition, Hospitality, Tourism, Food Security
 - Textiles and Clothing, Fashion Industry
 - Family Living and Child Development
 - Resource Development and Management
 - Consumerism and Consumer Education Issues.
- Sustainable Wealth Creation Options
- Poverty, Threats and Reduction
- Health and Healthy Lifestyles
- Issues in Environment Shelter and Sustainable Development
- Entrepreneurial Education, Problem – Solving and Job Creation
- Issues in Education
- Security Issues
- ICT and Social Media: Opportunities and Threats
- Conflict and Peace Education; Combating Violence, Crimes, Corruption, etc.
- Issues in Agriculture and Rural Development

- Gerontology and Challenges of Retirees and Ageing Population
- Governance, Value Re-orientation, Civic Responsibilities.

7TH INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE 2014 IN LATVIA

Submitted by Vija DISLERE, Chairman of Conference Committees

Latvia University of Agriculture, Faculty of Engineering, Institute of Education and Home Economics are pleased to invite you to the 7th International Scientific Conference **“Rural Environment. Education. Personality (REEP-2014)”** in Jelgava, Latvia, on 7th - 8th February, 2014.

Aim of the Conference: to find out solutions, exchange ideas or highlight topical problems on the 21st century education tendencies in the context of ecology of education, competence, life quality in home environment, psychology, didactics, career development, vocational education.

Conference thematic groups:

- Ecology of education: ecological approach in education
- Education for getting competence
- Life quality in the context of home environment, Home Economics, household, consumer science, visual art
- Development of professional education and career
- Psychology
- Didactics of engineering sciences, usage of IT.

Conference language: English

Chairman of Conference Committees: Associate Professor, Dr. Paed. Vija DISLERE.

For more information please see under <http://www.ifhe.org/28.html>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2013

26 – 29 June

104th AAFCS (American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences) Annual Conference & Expo

“Embracing and Managing Change through Family and Consumer Sciences”

Hyatt Regency Houston – Houston, Texas, USA

14 – 19 July

17th ARAHE (Asian Regional Association for Home Economics) Biennial International Congress 2013

“Home Economics Literacy: Investing in Our Future”

Singapore

18 – 20 August

International Conference at J. D. Birla Institute, India

“Environment and its Impact on Society”

J. D. Birla Institute – Kolkata, India

18 – 21 September

14th Annual International Conference 2013

Home Economics Research Association of Nigeria (HERAN)

“Empowering Individuals, Families and Communities for Creativity, Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Lifestyles: Challenges, Strategies and Research Imperatives”

University of Nigeria – Nsukka, Nigeria

2 – 5 October

FACSSON (Family & Consumer Sciences Society of Nigeria)

Third Annual National Conference 2013

“Innovation and Sustainability through Family and Consumer Sciences”

International Scholars' Centre, Federal University of Agriculture – Abeokuta, Nigeria

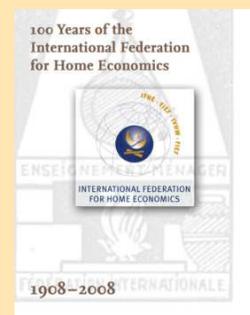
23 – 25 October

The Philippine Home Economics Association (PHEA) Annual Conference 2013

“Home Economics Literacy: Investing in the Future”

Camarines Sur - Naga City, Philippines

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