

Dear BPW members,

As President's Office already informed you, you are invited to attend the 52nd Session of UN Commission on Status of Women (CSW), to be held in New York, U.S.A. during 25 February – 7 March 2008. The theme for CSW in 2008 is "Financing for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women". This year CSW will also review progress on theme "Women's Equal Participation in Conflict Prevention, Management and Conflict Resolution and in Post-Conflict Peace Building". Information about the CSW 52th session is located at <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/52sess.htm>. There is no registration fee.

I have extend the **deadline for BPW members request for accreditation from 20 December 2007 to 25 December 2007**. Please sent your request to [presidents.office@bpw-international.org](mailto:presidents.office@bpw-international.org).

### **BPW Workshop during 25 February – 7 March 2008**

BPW plans to organize a workshop call "Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) for Economic Empowerment of Women" in parallel to CSW 52nd Session. I and International President Chonchanok are working on inviting executives from many corporations that have CSR projects for women, such as American Express, IBM and BOVESPA (The 3 rd largest stock exchange in the world) to speak at this workshop. If you have some suggestions for speakers, please send your suggestion to [presidents.office@bpw-international.org](mailto:presidents.office@bpw-international.org).

There will also be hundreds of workshops and seminars parallel to the official UN session. Schedule of these workshops will become available in late February 2008. If you are accredited to attend CSW, there is no registration fee for attending these workshops.

### **BPW Social Events during CSW**

President's Office will later inform you about dates of BPW social events during CSW. We will definitely have BPW dinner.

### **NGO-CSW meeting Sunday 24 Feb 2008**

This is a meeting where there will be experts to help give NGO understand the issues at CSW Meeting. There will be a brain storming session for NGO to express their views on the issues so that NGO comments can be consolidated into an input for the official NGO meeting. The registration form for this meeting has not yet been released, but it usually requires a small registration fee. The form will be distributed to every BPW members who inform us that you want to be accredited in January 2008.

### **Please help spread the news about CSW 52nd Session:**

Please help us spread the news about opportunities for BPW members to CSW. If BPW members in your clubs or Federation wish to attend, they should sent their name (as appear in the passport) , their address, e-mail address and fax number to [presidents.office@bpw-international.org](mailto:presidents.office@bpw-international.org). Please note that we must verify that you are a BPW member and your club / federation is up-to-date with International due first before we will register you. You cannot register directly on your own.

**Warm regards,**

**Annarosa Colangelo**  
**1st Vice President and Chair of UN Status of Women Committee**

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P.S. Please make hotel reservation yourself. As CSW always draws a lot of people to New York, so it is wise to reserving your accommodation as early as possible. Attached is the list of many accommodation in New York. The recommended accommodations for BPW who

attended CSW in 2008 are  
Helmsley Middletown Hotel  
(5 minutes walking distance from the UN)  
148 E 48th Street New York

Tel: (212) 755-3000, (212) 832-0261

Murray Hill East Suites  
(15 minutes walking distance from the UN)  
149 East 39th Street, New York

Tel: (212) 661 2100, Fax: (212) 818 0724