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Message from the President

Dear **BPW**

The situation in **Japan** still remains very grave. No words can convey our deep thoughts of hope and prayers for all our BPW sisters in Japan. The nuclear radiation crisis from the Fukushima nuclear power plant is still going. BPW Japan President Toshimi Matsubara has requested financial aid for a project to support at least (2) clubs directly affected in Sendai and Yamagata. On our website please find the Japan crisis where you can make donations via credit card and see the updated news. Many thanks to BPW Korea who have already donated USD 7,500! We welcome letters of support to send to BPW Japan.

Good news! **Congress registrations are up to 380!** March 31st is the early bird deadline for registrations AND hotel bookings. Don't miss out on saving money so book asap. Plan to arrive by the 16th so you can attend the pre congress constitution workshop and regional meetings on Friday morning.

I am very happy to advise that the Congress is now **under the patronage of the President of Finland** Tarja Halonen! With only 12 weeks left before Congress I will be attending the BPW Finland Spring meeting April 15-19 and going over final arrangements. We are still in great need of sponsorships for Congress. Please support us by taking a logo ad for your business in the congress program book for the reasonable cost of 100 Euros! [Download the form on the website](#). We are also inviting BPW members who wish to be speakers on the

educational sessions to send in a bio and the topic chosen from the program list on the website for consideration.

Many BPW Members will be attending this year's [Global Summit of Women in Istanbul](#) ,Turkey so we will be joining together there as the BPW delegation. BPW International is a partner and our members get a 5% discount on the registration. Please advise the president office if you are going so we can place you in the communication loop.

BPW Ankara joined by sister clubs Istanbul, Izmir, Adana and others are hosting an all day [Women's Empowerment Principles](#) event the day before which we are most excited about. This major BPW International initiative is getting much recognition attention and engagement. It shows we have the Power to make a Difference.

Show and tell your personal BPW Success Story! Members are invited to write a short story on what BPW has done for you in your life. This will be published and shared within the organization and at Congress and also includes more exciting opportunities. Write to the [president's office](#) for more details.

Liz Benham

President BPW International 2008-2011

News from the Executive

BPW Africa is growing...! Proudly we announce a new Club in BPW Africa! BPW Nakuru in Kenya with 22 new Members, has been approved and accepted. Congratulations to the elected President DR. Mary Kariuki, her board and all Members! A very warm welcome! We are looking forward to welcome you during the BPW International Congress in Helsinki!

New Clubs in existing Federations opened in 2010. Presidents of Federations have reported the opening of new clubs in:

- [BPW Austria](#): BPW Club Osttirol; BPW Villanch
- [BPW France](#) : BPW Côte d'Azur
- [BPW Nigeria](#): BPW Enugu; BPW Akwa Ibom; BPW Ibadan; BPW Abuja II
- [BPW Spain](#): BPW Huesca; BPW Lérida

Congratulations to the new Clubs and a warm welcome! If you have missed to send us the information about new clubs in existing Federations opened during the year 2010, please send your message to gabriella.canonica@bpw-international.org Thank you.

Gabriella Canonica, 1st Vice President BPW International

CSW 55 was bigger and busier in many ways this year for BPW International and despite the restrictions to pre-registrations, BPW saw

a good representation of members from around the world at the BPW Leader's Summit and meetings held during CSW. [We received excellent feedback from members](#) on all our parallel events, caucus meetings and events.

United Nations Grant Opportunities. Next year's CSW is on rural women, many of whom are indigenous. The UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations has [released details for Indigenous Representatives for UN Events and Travel Grant details](#).

Update: Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs). [BPW International represented](#) at the Equality Means Business: Putting Principles into Practice event the two day conference at the Levin Institute was all about taking stock and sharing lessons with international leaders discussing efforts to advance and empower women in their companies/organisations and sphere of influence.

BPW WEPs Toolkit. The [final draft of of the BPW WEPs Toolkit](#) was prepared and presented to the Executive Board for the first time at our face-to-face meeting in January. President Liz and I are currently in the final stages of working with the UN and this has taken us a little longer to finalise as we have consulted far and wide within BPW and made sure that all the WEPs taskforce members (and WEPs Working Group) had input so that all regional issues were addressed.

The European Women's Lobby (EWL) says that the European [Equal Pay Day Needs Targets & Strategy](#).

Freda Miriklis 2nd Vice President BPW International

Chair of the Constitutional Advisory Committee

Members have asked about how we will vote at Congress on the draft Constitution and Regulations. We will be voting on the new draft, not on amendments to the current Constitution and By-laws, but members have made it very clear that they don't want to spend hours of precious Congress time voting on each clause. [More](#)

*Dr Jean Murray, BPW International Executive Secretary
Chairperson, Constitutional Reform Taskforce*

BPW News

BPW Argentina: BPW Amnyp del Sur invites for its 2011 Candlelight Ceremony on April, 1st.

BPW Cameroon: Report on Forum held in Yaounde by Jeauberte Djamou. [More](#)

BPW Cyprus celebrated International Women's Day with the European

Commissioner Mrs. Androulla Vassiliou. [More](#)

BPW New Zealand is holding its Annual General Meeting and has prepared emergency resolutions on Disabilities/CEDAW report submitted by BPW Franklin. [More](#)

BPW Lagos, Nigeria: Sex Education Project Report. [More](#)

New in the BPW Library : [Newsletters BPW New Zealand](#).

BPW in the Media

BPW Germany: Women attend a demonstration against unequal pay [in Nordwest-Zeitung](#)

BPW Germany: IKEA strongly supports women on equal pay day [in Moebel Kultur Online](#)

BPW Nepal: Women Working for Women [in Lonely Planet Blog](#)

Worldwide News

European Union: [A delegation from the European parliament's women's' rights and gender equality committee concludes its visit to Budapest.](#)

Afghanistan: Soldiers Make Difference In Afghan Women's Lives. [More](#)

India: 'Men should be partners in women empowerment'. [More](#)

Nepal: Nepal's Ex-Princesses Have Found Paying Work. [More](#)

USA: NASA Launches Website to Honor Women in Space. [More](#)

USA: What the White House Report on Women Didn't Say. [More](#)

**BPW International Congress,
Helsinki, Finland, June 17-21,**

2011

History of Finland

In Brief Finland was part of the Swedish realm from the 12th century to 1809. In 1809 Sweden ceded Finland to Russia. The Tsar declared Finland an autonomous Grand Duchy and himself as constitutional monarch represented by a governor general. Finland was the second country in the world to give suffrage to women – and the first where women could stand for election. In 1917 Finland declared independence from Russia. In 1919 constitution was adopted and Finland became a republic with a president as the head of the state. There was a civil war in 1918 and later two wars with the Soviet Union (the Winter War 1939-1941 and the Continuation War 1941-1944). Finland joined the United Nations in 1955 and it has been the member of the European Union since 1995. In 2002 Finland began using the euro as its currency phasing out the old currency of markka.

Learn Finnish!

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