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Message from the President

Dear **BPW**

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all our **BPW sisters in Japan** affected by the catastrophic disaster of the earthquake and tsunami in addition to the nuclear radiation concerns now ongoing. We are all united in our thoughts that suffering and further tragedy may be spared as we watch and hope that all our members are safe. Past President of BPW Japan and Vice president of Medicines sans Frontiers Japan - Nobuko Kurosaki, with last news received was headed up to Sendai by helicopter. News also from past president Masako Hiramatsu has acknowledged our emails and has advised that electricity is a major problem. Further news has been limited and we are waiting anxiously for more updates that we will advise when received. Please check the website for more news.

We have also had much concern for **our sisters in New Zealand** that recently suffered the shock of a devastating earthquake in Queenstown. News from President Angela McCloud informed of the unbelievable destruction but thankfully all BPW members were safe. We are thankful and grateful for the positive information so far.

The months of February and March 2011 have been an event filled, action packed time in New York!

The Annual Leaders Summit was a great success, followed directly by [CSW 55](#), BPW side event workshops, the official grand [launch of UN Women](#), the annual [Claire Fulcher Dinner](#) (hosted by BPW New York), a special meeting with [Joseph Deiss, President United Nations General](#)

[Assembly](#), the Women's Empowerment Principles Equality means Business: Putting Principles into Practice (1 year later) conference, a limited participant event where BPW International was recognized as being the NGO championing this initiative with the UN Global Compact and UN Women And ...finally a high level meeting with the International Trade Center (ITC) and the Global Compact on the roadmap to getting women into the global supply chain.

BPW International has been in the media and news and has gained great recognition on the International Platform, an ongoing accomplishment that we can all be very proud of!

In addition, Congress is coming closer and many great things are being developed.

- Due to overwhelming demand [the early bird registration has been extended to March 31st!](#) So if you have not registered yet ...now is the time to get in, save money and join us for this great event in Helsinki.
- You can also support the Congress by promoting your business! [Take out a Logo advertisement for the congress workbook](#) at the low cost of Euro 100 which is a bargain for the great visibility you will get.
- Book your airfare soon to take advantage of seasonal discounted rates through our partner Star Alliance.
- 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.](#)

CSW 55 Agreed Conclusions As you maybe aware the Commission on the Status of Women resumed its 55th session on Monday 14 March to take action on [the Agreed Conclusions and conclude its work](#). Immediately following the closure of the 55th session, the Commission convened the first meeting of its 56th session for the sole purpose of electing the Chair and four Vice-Chairs of the Bureau of the Commission for a term of office of two years (i.e. for its 56th and 57th sessions, in 2012 and 2013, respectively).

Liz Benham

President BPW International 2008-2011

News from the Executive

Friends and Fellows of BPW International meet at International Congress in Helsinki! Did you know that the Friends and Fellows Program is reserved for "Friends only"? The special Friends event on June 18th 2011 will bring us by boat to one of the most wonderful location in Helsinki, the Kulosaaren Casino. [More](#)

*Gabriella Canonica,
1st Vice President*

Message from the Chair of the Constitutional Advisory Committee

Affiliates and members, be ready to contribute to the future of BPW International at Congress. Make sure you, your President and your Executives are familiar with the proposed new modern Constitution and Regulations and ensure your delegates will be ready to vote on them. The Constitutional Reform documents have been circulated to the Board of Directors and are accessible in English, French, Italian and Spanish on the Congress web page. They include the background and explanation of the Constitutional Reform, the proposed implementation plan, the draft Constitution and Regulations highlighting matters for voting at Congress and separate Constitutional Amendments for each matter for voting. [More](#)

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

New, multi-agency practice guidelines on tackling and preventing **female genital mutilation** are now published. [More](#)

US: Statement from the Department of Health and Human Services on the **Regulation for the Enforcement of Federal Health Care Conscience Protections**. [More](#)

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Chairperson, Constitutional Reform Taskforce*

BPW News

Cameroon: BPW Yaounde meetings & activities 2009 - 2010 and Action Plan 2011- 2014. [More](#)

Canada: Business and Professional Women's Association Mixer. [More](#)

BPW Nis, Serbia: Marija Stevanovic, BPW Nis, has been chosen as an ambassador of women entrepreneurship together with 9 other successful women. [More](#)

BPW Estonia: Equal Pay Day Campaign in April 12th 2011 - Young BPW Estonia getting organized. [More](#)

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

BPW in the Media

President Benham to meet H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland [on Youtube](#).

Canada: Barb Harrison was honoured by BPW Club of Sault Ste. Marie for her contribution to the betterment of women [in SooToday.com](#).

Canada: Where every day is Women's day in Edmonton [in Edmonton Sun](#).

Canada: President's role with association suits Dowling [in StarPhoenix](#).

France: Access of women to responsibilities in debate in Le Mans. [Video in Lemainelibre](#).

Kuwait: 'Working women have right to equality with men' [in Kuwait Samachar](#).

Nigeria: International Women's Day: First Lady celebrates Nigerian women [in Nigerian Tribune](#).

United Nations News

On 100th International Women's Day, UN Warns that Discrimination Still Endures. [More](#)

Ban Ki-Moon Calls on More Businesses to Embrace UN-Led Initiative to Empower Women. [More](#)

Pacific Islands-Ending Violence Against Women and Girls. Literature Review. [More](#)

UN Commission on the Status of Women 55th Session Speeches: 22-23 February 2011 [Audio] and webcasts. [More](#)

UN Women Celebrates Launch as Leading Player in Gender Equality. [More](#)

New UN agency for women 'now needs resources', says Plan International. [More](#)

UN Women - [Violence Against women Newsletter January 2011](#).

Worldwide News

Argentina: Argentina's Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo Awarded UNESCO Peace Prize. [More](#)

Australia: Fashion Incubators 2011 You are invited to join September 11-13, 2011.

Australia: The Governor-General, Quentin Bryce, broke with vice-regal tradition, using a function at Admiralty House to hit out at the slow progress in the promotion of women in corporate Australia. [More](#)

China: Nu-Shu, the Secret Language of Chinese women. [More](#)

Egypt: Male Domination in Egypt is Only Half a Revolution. [More](#)

The **Middle East** Feminist Revolution. [More](#)

UK: U.K. Review Calls for More Women on Boards. [More](#)

USA: President speaks on women's rights in weekly address. [More](#)

USA: White House study shows women's gains, but lagging pay. [More](#)

USA: Women & Quotas: Will It Break The (Plexi) Glass Ceiling?. [More](#)

USA: Women in the Boardroom. [More](#)

Yemen: Thousands of women protest for change in Yemen. [More](#)

The **European Parliament** marked the centenary of international women's day through a series of events. [More](#)

Latvia: Latvian trade union network wins top social justice award. [More](#)

BPW International Congress, Helsinki, Finland, June 17-21, 2011

Finnish sauna

A sauna is a small room or house designed as a place to experience dry or wet heat sessions, or an establishment with one or more of these

and auxiliary facilities. Records and other historical evidence indicate that the Finns built the first wooden saunas in the 5th or 8th century. Early saunas were dug into a hill or embankment. As tools and techniques advanced, they were later built above ground using wooden logs. Rocks were heated in a stone fireplace with a wood fire. In Finland, the sauna was thought of as a healing refreshment. The old saying goes: "Jos ei viina, terva tai sauna auta, tauti on kuolemaksi." ("If booze, tar, or the sauna won't help, the illness is fatal.") The Finnish sauna is not thought of as an easy way to get physical exercise, and it is not intended for weight loss; in fact, it predates these modern ideas. The Finnish sauna is always worth trying!

Learn Finnish!

Thank you = Kiitos Excuse me = Anteeksi

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