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Federation of Business and Professional Women

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# Message from the President

Dear **BPW**

At Congress, there are certain [volunteer positions available](#) to involve members (non-voting delegates), namely: Credential Committee, Timekeepers, Tellers , Stewards , Registration, Elections Committee, Publicity and Public Relations and Rapporteurs. Presidents of BPW affiliates can nominate the volunteers (specifying names and e-mail address) by 30 May 2011 to [presidents.office@bpw-international.org](mailto:presidents.office@bpw-international.org). The volunteers selected would be informed by 10 June 2010.

This is **the last call** for Congress dine- arounds, lunch tours, exhibition space and Member Logo advertisements. Please log onto the website and make your choices. We have received many Success Stories but there is still a chance to submit yours by May 20th.

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.

**Friends and Fellows (and Spouses) Dinner - Sign up now.** The Friends and Fellows dinner does not have enough members registered at this time for this event to occur. This event is ONLY for members of Friends & Fellows. Transportation to Restaurant Kulosaaren Casino is via boat; return transportation to Helsinki is via bus. Please visit the website and [Urgently sign up for this event](#): There is a risk of this event being Cancelled!

Great news: The **newly formed BPW Turkey** federation hosted the launch of the Women's Empowerment Principles in Istanbul last week.

Many members from Europe, Asia Pacific and North America attended the highly professional event along with local ministers and other dignitaries.

BPW International is very proud of the work that BPW Turkey has done on this very important initiative.

**Business Survey** : Opportunities are available from the Multinational Corporations wishing to do business with women owners. That means our BPW business members! [If you are a business owner complete the 7 minute online survey](#). Don't miss out on this.

*Liz Benham*

*President BPW International 2008-2011*

## News from the Executive

### **Re-Birth of 2 Clubs:**

Proudly we announce the re-start of **BPW Sofia in Bulgaria**, Europe, with 25 new members. During the first Annual General Meeting on April 15th 2011, it was a great honor for me to be present and to initiate the re-birth of Sofia. Congratulations to the elected President Radka Stamenova her board and all members!

Proudly we announce the re-start of **BPW Ramallah in Palestina**, Asia Pacific, on May 2nd 2011. The elected President Helda Awwad starts with the support of former President Rasha Bargouthi at her side as a Mentor. Thank you!

**New Federation:** Proudly we announce that we have a new Federation in Europe! The 4 Clubs in Turkey (Adana, Ankara, Izmir, Istanbul) worked strong together to form the BPW Turkey Federation, which was inaugurated on May 5th through President Liz while attending the conference organized by BPW Istanbul in Turkey. Congratulations to the elected President Arzu Ozyol, to her Board and Members!

### **New President BPW Bratislava, Slovakia**

Congratulations to Katarina Orolinova, elected President of BPW Bratislava, Slovakia. We wish you and your Board a strong and positive start and are looking forward to welcome you in Helsinki during International Congress.

To all: Congratulations and we are looking forward to welcome you during the BPW International Congress in Helsinki!

**Friends of BPW International.** This will be your last chance to renew your membership to the Friends-Program. If you wish to participate in the unique event during the BPW International Congress in Helsinki, then we warmly suggest and encourage you [to renew or make your application to the Friends Program in paying online the Annual dues](#).

[Friends of BPW International](#) are very special Members, they support the Young BPW Fond, they meet at International congress and they are quite aware that the future belongs to Young BPW.

With the small amount out of the Friends Dues, they support actively young Members to attend the International congress and to give them a unique opportunity to experience the wonderful outcome of our International Organization.

We need your commitment to make this happen!

*Gabriella Canonica, 1st Vice President BPW International  
Chair Membership 2008 - 2011*

### **BPW International submits Quadrennial report (2007-2010).**

On behalf of our President, it is with great pleasure to announce that BPW International has submitted its [Quadrennial report \(2007-2010\)](#). A condensed version, meeting ECOSOC requirements was submitted online. Should you have any questions in relation the report, please do not hesitate to contact Freda Miriklis, Vice President, Chair, UN Committee on the Status of Women.

*Freda Miriklis, 2nd Vice President BPW International*

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## **BPW News**

**BPW La Plata, Argentina:** Project "The Discrimination Elimination" work developed with collaboration of Young BPW Girls and young men. [More](#)

**BPW Ticino, Switzerland:** Equal Pay Day in Lugano. [More](#)

**Young BPW Geneva, Switzerland:** Lottery in Helsinki, Solidarity & Action for Japan and Y-BPW. [More](#)

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## **Worldwide News**

**Asia:** Lack of jobs for women costs Asia billions yearly. Poorly employed Asian women pose both old and new challenges to the world's fastest growing region, with nearly half of them without jobs and struggling with perennial issues of lower wages and fewer chances for education. [More](#)

**Australia:** Nearly 50,000 Australian women take advantage of new paid parental scheme. [More](#)

**India:** Emerging India leaves women out of loop. India is a frontrunner in the race for rapid growth among the emerging economies collectively known as BRICS, but it lags well behind the others when it comes to taking women along in its progress. [More](#)

**India/USA:** Seven Indians in 50 top women-led North American firms. Indian origin women lead seven of the 50 fastest-growing women-owned or women-led companies in North America, according to the non-profit group the Women Presidents' Organization (WPO) and American Express OPEN. [More](#)

**Iran:** UN chief urges men to champion the cause for gender equality. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon challenged men to champion the cause for the empowerment of women, saying they remained "second-class citizens", often subjected to violence in many societies. [More](#)

**Saudi Arabia:** Saudi women 'gaining ground after long struggle'. The late introduction of women's education in Saudi Arabia has not limited their ability to make considerable gains and rights. [More](#)

**Canada:** Record number of women elected. There will be more female faces in the House of Commons following federal election that saw 76 women elected. In the 2008 election, 69 women were elected. [More](#)

**UK:** Sunday Times Rich List 2011: Britain's richest women. More than 100 of the 1000 richest people in Britain are now women, according to The Sunday Times Rich List. [More](#)

**USA:** Women Are Stronger Than Men- In Entrepreneurship. In the American Express OPEN State of Women-Owned Business Report, there are some fascinating statistics that point to the strength women are bringing into start-ups and running and owning their own businesses. [More](#)

**USA:** Empowering America's Women. And that means we must pledge, now more than ever, to make sure women have the opportunities and tools to excel through the ranks of our workforce. The well being of our families depends on it and the strength of the middle class depends on it. [More](#)

**USA:** For first time, women hold more advanced degrees than men.

O'Connell received her master's in engineering for renewable and clean energy from the University of Dayton, joining an historic number of women earning advanced degrees. [More](#)

**USA:** African-American aviation pioneer is dead. She was one of the first presidents of the Alaska Chapter of the Business and Professional Women. [More](#)

**Worldwide:** Economix: Women in Politics. Around the world, 19.2 percent of all national parliamentary positions (including seats in the upper house or senate, where applicable) are held by women. [More](#)

The 10 Most Powerful Women at the United Nations. Although there are many actors within the UN system making a positive impact in the international public sector, the 10 women featured here have a level of institutional power that is unprecedented in UN history. [More](#)

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

BPW Finland was founded in the early spring 1931 in Helsinki, where the constitutive meeting was held in the hotel Kämp. The ground was however prepared already a year before, as the representatives of BPW America visited Finland in 1930. Dr. Lena Madesin Phillips led the expedition, which was on its way to Russia. "Liike- ja Virkanaisten Liitto ry." was confirmed the official name and M.Sc. Anni Voipio was nominated the first chair.

During the spring 1946 steps were taken to create the National Federation of BPW Finland. A committee was appointed to prepare propositions, on the one hand, for the statutes of the National Federation and, on the other hand, for the model statutes of the member clubs. First, they were discussed of in the annual meeting of the Federation of BPW Finland on the 13th of March 1946 and further dealt with in the following meeting on the 15th anniversary of the foundation of the Federation, the 17th of April 1946. In addition to the BPW Helsinki club there were representatives of BPW Lahti, BPW Lappeenranta, and BPW Jyväskylä in the meeting. M.Sc Anni Vopio-Juvas was elected the chair of the Federation. Moreover, during the year 1946 four new member clubs were founded: BPW Vaasa, BPW Kouvola, BPW Tampere and BPW Pori. [More on BPW Finland.](#)

## [Programm and Registration](#)

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