



IFUW Update- 21 February 2013

International Women's Day

Every year around the world, International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on March 8. It is a global day and often continues throughout March, to celebrate the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future.

'Join me on the Bridge campaign' started in 2010 when women from Congo and Rwanda joined together on the bridge connecting their two countries, showing that they could build the bridges of peace and hope for the future. This action sparked a massive global movement, and last year they were joined by thousands of people on hundreds of bridges worldwide.

On International Women's Day, 8 March, thousands of people will show that they are with the women of Afghanistan, Iraq, Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan and other war-torn countries. We stand with these women to give them strength and to show we support their demands for peace and equality. Women are peace builders and with equality at the peace negotiation tables and governing bodies of their countries they will build a more peaceful world. With your support we will be even stronger.

Branches and members are encouraged to celebrate IWD 2013 by organising a special activity for 8 March for themselves or by joining with other organizations. If you plan to organize an IWD-activity, please let us know.

www.womenforwomen.org/bridge/attend-bridge-event.php

Global Board Ready Women Launch to executive search firms and corporations

This year on 8 March 2013, International Women's Day, a Global Board Ready Women (GBRW), searchable database to Executive Search Firms and Corporate Chairs from around the world will launch. Those who join the GBRW on 8 March 2013 will also have access to the [Board-Ex](#) database of 500,000 corporations and organizations around the world free for two months.

Not only will the GBRW searchable database enable Board Ready Women to be found, it will also enable its members to find corporations and organizations. This is an amazing tool and a real incentive for all to join the GBRW!

For more information or to enroll in GBRW please contact heidi.gains@ft.com .
www.linkedin.com/groups/Global-Board-Ready-Women-4677558/about



*Left and far right: Vice-President Anne Nègre and
Véronique Genest*

IFUW is a proud supporter of the One Billion Rising (OBR) event.

IFUW Vice-President Anne Nègre participated in one of the many OBR events that took place throughout the world on 14 February. She was joined by Véronique Genest, a French actress who plays Julie Lescaut on the popular television series of the same name. Over a thousand people gathered in Paris to dance and break the symbolical chains of violence against women. Over 170 countries took part. [Click here to download the flyer.](#)

NFA News and Announcements

WG-USA survey on Human Trafficking- We Need Your Help!

At the 2010 Triennial IFUW Conference in Mexico City, the “Human Trafficking Violates Human Rights” resolution was proposed by WG-USA and unanimously passed by the 30th IFUW Conference. The WG-USA Trafficking Committee members are interested in knowing how sister IFUW countries have acted on this resolution. Several NFAs have published their projects on the Website, but we’d like to receive more information about your projects. We would also like to hear from other NFAs who have carried out actions that are not listed on the Website and from those who have not taken action, but would like to do so in the future. While not yet approved, we would like to present a workshop in Istanbul showcasing outstanding IFUW projects that can provide ideas or be replicated by other NFAs. We would be delighted to receive a copy of your action/project or to have you complete our brief survey. Please email a copy of your project and/or or request a survey from: Fay Weber at faycweber@bresnan.net and Camille Macdonald-Polski at jandcp@verizon.net.

'Women's careers in Higher Education and Research. What obstacles exist and how to fix them' - a Colloquium by AFFDU

This important Colloquium is being organised by the French Association of University Women (AFFDU) with the financial support of the Ministry of Higher Education and Research on **'Women's careers in Higher Education and Research. What obstacles exist and how to fix them'** on February 22, 2013 at the Amphitheater Henri Poincaré at the Ministry of Higher Education and Research, 1, rue Descartes, 75005 Paris. [Click here to download the flyer.](#)

The following topics will be addressed by high level speakers:

- The logic of women's careers
- Informing students about careers
- The unspoken aspects of women's careers
- The progress already made and still to be done

Participation is free, we would love to see a great turn out. Please register with the AFFDU at: contact@affdu.fr or call 01 43 20 01 32, or visit their website at: www.affdu.fr

IFUW Young Members' Newsletter

The Young Members' Newsletter is currently looking for people to contribute articles in English for the June 2013 issue. It is a channel where you can share experiences, successes and opportunities with other members. Prevention and elimination of violence against women, but other topics are also welcome! If you are willing to contribute to our newsletter try writing something about this topic in relation to your personal experience.

Articles should be submitted by May 30, 2013. All submissions are reviewed and deadlines have been set to ensure ample time for discussion of revision and layout issues before final publication.

Format Guidelines: Articles of 250 to 1000 words, pictures/graphics are also encouraged. Notification of your interest to sending in an article will help facilitate the process. Please feel free to contact: romilda.boerleider@gmail.com. Please visit the link to read our past newsletters at: <http://www.ifuw.org/resources/ym/>

Other Opportunities

Women's World Banking - 2013 Summer Internship Program

The mission of the Women's World Banking (WWB) global network is to expand the economic assets, participation and power of low-income women and their households by helping them access financial services, knowledge and markets. Headquartered in New York, WWB serves as an umbrella organization to the 39 local microfinance organizations.

WWB is currently seeking summer interns (these are unpaid internships) to support their work in each of the following departments: Communications, Development, Programs, Investments, or the Center for Microfinance Leadership. Both graduate and undergraduate students (in their junior and senior years) are welcome to apply. Commitments are flexible, however we ask that applicants are able to commit at least 20 hours a week for a minimum of two months starting in mid-June. The opportunity is unpaid, however class credit may be offered.

For more information please visit their website at: www.swwb.org/about/jobs/2013-summer-internship-program

[The MacArthur Foundation](#)

Supports efforts to improve girls' access to quality, relevant secondary education in three countries: Uganda, **Nigeria, and India** where support complements other MacArthur investments in the areas of maternal and reproductive health, human rights, and conservation. All girls' secondary education grants align with the Foundation's objectives of improving access to and the provision of quality, relevant secondary education opportunities for marginalized girls and the refinement of our strategic foci in this field. They fund three types of projects:

- **Research** – including descriptive studies of the nature of problems and rigorous evaluations of promising programs that help build research capacity and an evidence base that informs programming, experimentation and policy planning.
- **Pilot projects testing innovations** that positively affect girls’ learning and access to education through considering fresh and innovative solutions and re-thinking the content, instructional methods, delivery systems and partnerships common in secondary education.
- **Evidenced-based advocacy** to strengthen national and sub-national secondary education policy development and implementation.

For more information on how to apply for support for activities please visit their website at:
www.macfound.org

The Intel Foundation’s primary giving focus is education. Intel has a strong interest in supporting education and community programs that help prepare students to succeed in the 21st century. Intel vigorously supports education through donations and grants for programs that advance science, math, and technology education. Currently the Foundation is funding projects in Costa Rica, China, Ireland, India, Israel, Malaysia, Philippines, Russia. For more details:

<http://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/corporate-responsibility/intel-international-grants.html>

Upcoming International Events

11 February - 1 March 2013 - The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), Geneva, Switzerland, 54th Session from A half day programme on access to justice will take place on February 18

25 February - 22 March 2013, Geneva, Human Rights Council

4 - 15 March 2013, New York, Committee on the Status of Women (CSW) 57

8 March 2013 - International Women's Day

18-28 March 2013, Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty

20-23 March 2013, Advancing the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda

22 - 26 April 2013, New York, 46th Commission on Population and Development

21-30 May 2013, Resumed session, Committee on NGOs

22 April - 3 May 2013, Second Preparatory Committee for the 2015 NPT Review Conference, Geneva

15-26 April 2013, 18th session, Committee on Migrant Workers, Geneva

Registration fees, accommodation, tours, speakers, programme and other important information can now be found on the www.ifuw2013istanbul.org web site.



Reserve 16-21 August 2013 and join us at the 31st Triennial Conference, Istanbul 2013, to “Meet where the continents meet”.

A great opportunity to renew friendships, exchange and learn.

www.ifuw2013istanbul.org

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