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Dear NFA Presidents and CIRs

First of all, a very happy New Year to you from the GWI Board:  
We wish you and your families, happiness, good health and prosperity in the year ahead.

Please also extend our best wishes to all our GWI family members.

We're writing to share new information about the General Assembly (GA), Centenary Celebration and Conference and to recap what has already taken place.

*We're hoping very much that you will share this and all preceding information with your memberships.*

\*\*\*\*\*New Announcement\*\*\*\*\*

### **Young Member Workshop, Registration Fee and Travel Subsidies**

We are pleased to announce that we will be offering a half -day workshop for young members called "Connecting the Power of GWI Young Members" on July 26, 2019. This workshop is made possible by the generosity of VGIF and by a contribution by GWI. We are grateful to VGIF without whom, this workshop would not have been possible.

Underwritten by VGIF and GWI, this workshop is free but space is limited to 40 participants. Enrollment in the workshop is on a first come -first served basis.

Additionally, for the forty young members who sign up to attend this workshop, we are offering a discounted general admission registration fee of CHF 300 (discounted from CHF495).

This registration fee covers attendance and full participation in all four days of the event: The General Assembly (GA); the

Centenary Celebration; the World Trade Organization Reception; the “Peace through Education” conference and “GWI Day.” Also included are lunches and beverage breaks on all four days.

Travel subsidies are available for Young Members who will be travelling to Geneva from designated countries. [List of designated countries.](#)

To take advantage of this workshop opportunity and discounted registration fee, members must be forty years old or younger and must be in good standing with their respective NFAs. GWI is not in a position to verify young members’ standing within their NFAs and hopes that the NFA leadership will encourage young members in good standing to attend.

To register for the workshop and to take advantage of the discounted registration fee, young members should go to [GWI’s GA, Centenary and conference website.](#)

\*\*\*\*\*End of New Announcement\*\*\*\*\*

### **Speakers:**

We continue to update the Speakers Page on the GA, Centenary and Conference website. Please visit the website frequently to read about our speakers.

### **Hotels:**

July is tourist season in Geneva and the hotels we have arrangements with, usually fill up quickly. Soon enough, rooms of your choice may not be available. So, please book your rooms as soon as possible.

### **Centenary Celebration**

The Centenary Celebration Evening is included in the price of registration for members but space is limited. So, we’re suggesting that you register for the GA, Centenary and Conference as soon as possible. For the same reason, if you are

planning on bringing an accompanying person to the Centenary Celebration, please sign them up as soon as possible.

### **Swiss Evening**

The Swiss Evening on a Belle Epoque Paddleboat on Lake Lemans - Europe's largest lake, with its breathtaking views of the Alps and the hills of Jura and spell-binding lake scenery, music, Swiss Cuisine and Culture, drinks and entertainment, also has limited space. Please sign up as soon as possible in order not to be disappointed.

### **Workshops and Seminars:**

We have received many wonderful proposals for workshops and seminar paper abstracts. Thank you for your interest and initiative. Our VP for Advocacy and Education and the Education Committee are about to notify selected presenters of workshops and seminars.

### **Board and Committee Nominations:**

The Nominations Committee has invited nominations for the positions of President, Vice Presidents and Members of Committees.

To serve on the Board and Committees of GWI is not just an honor, it is a unique opportunity for personal and professional growth. It is also an opportunity to influence and shape global and national socio-economic agendas, to unleash the potential of smart, educated women in favor of women's and girls' rights and to think creatively about the future of GWI.

We, therefore, encourage as many members from as many NFAs as possible to apply.

### **Governance – Related Correspondence So Far**

#### Call that are still open:

- Call for Resolution for the 33rd Triennial Resolution

\*\*\* deadline 2 February 2019\*\*\*

- Call for Executive Board and Committee Nominations 2019  
\*\*\*Deadline 21 February 2019\*\*\*
- Call for GWI Centenary Project – NFA Outstanding Women  
\*\*\*Deadline 1 March 2019\*\*\*
- Call for Officer Triennial Reports  
\*\*\*Deadline 10 May 2019\*\*\*
- Call for NFA Reports for the 33rd General Assembly in Geneva  
\*\*\*Action required by Friday 17 May 2019\*\*\*
- Circular – 33rd General Assembly Preliminary Agenda  
\*\*\*Action required by 23 May 2019\*\*\*

[Review open calls](#)

#### Calls that have closed

- Caroline Spurgeon Centenary Fellowship  
\*\*\*CLOSED: Deadline 31 December 2018\*\*\*
- Chitra Ghosh Award Nominees  
\*\*\*CLOSED: deadline 30 November 2018\*\*\*
- Nazan Moroglu Young Members Award Nominees  
\*\*\*CLOSED: deadline 30 November 2018\*\*\*
- GWI Centenary Songwriting Competition  
\*\*\*CLOSED: deadline 30 November 2018\*\*\*
- 2018 Nominations Committee  
\*\*\*CLOSED: deadline 7 September 2018\*\*\*

- Seminar Papers and Posters  
\*\*\*CLOSED: deadline 31 October 2018\*\*
- Call for Workshops  
\*\*\*Deadline 11 January 2019\*\*\*

In closing, we want to say that we cannot wait to see you again and we look forward to your enthusiastic participation in this historic event.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me.

Sincerely

Geeta

On behalf of Hazel Bowen, Rae Duff, Eileen Focke-Bakker, Louise McLeod, Basak Ovacik, Katharina Strub and Stacy Dry Lara.