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International President  
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### Show and Tell Your Personal BPW Success Story

BPW International collects short personal stories on how BPW or BPW International has impacted your life or the life of others close to you and how BPW has influenced and increased your growth as a person. I will be delighted to receive your personal success-story.

BPW members will gain much from these personal stories that indicate the encouragement in overcoming difficult experiences that has made a difference in yours and others lives.

The concept of collecting such positive stories was put to the Regional Conference of North America & NSCC in Cuba last February. Suitable stories will be placed on the BPW International website ([www.bpw-international.org](http://www.bpw-international.org)) and selected examples will be published in a BPW Jubilee Congress Booklet. Jane Sheridan chairs the Task Force for “Successful BPW Stories”.

**Why this project?** Story telling is the most powerful communication-tool when you have to reach out to mind and heart. Complex ideas with emotional dimensions, e.g. motivation, can be transmitted in an efficient way by biographical reading and illustrations than by verbal description. For women, “story telling” can become an important tool as they often like to communicate issues with new emotional aspects. A new McKinsey Report (see article Global Summit of Women) points out that one of the main levers for mindset and behavior change is story telling. “Story telling” can also be used as a leadership tool; Stephen Denning shows this in his impressive book “Leadership through Storytelling”; published as “Squirrels Inc.”, 2004, and edited by Jossey-Bass. He describes story telling technique in a clear, firm and user friendly way.

- Please send your BPW-story by e-mail to [presidents-office@bpw-international.org](mailto:presidents-office@bpw-international.org).
- The length of the article 200 – 2100 characters, including spaces.
- Deadline: Thursday, 30 December 2004
- Stories will be accepted in English, French, Italian, Spanish or German.
- Include your name and address, a digital portrait – photograph and the name of the Federation and Club where you are a member.
- For further information please contact the website “bpw-international.org”, Projects, “Successful BPW Stories”.
- The Presidents of the Federations and Clubs are kindly asked to inform all the members about this project. Every BPW can hand in a contribution.

I hope that for our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year we will have a large collection of poignant and inspirational BPW stories from all over the world. They will not only inform and motivate our members but also show the rich and sustainable impact BPW can have to the outside.

*Antoinette Ruegg, PhD.*  
*President BPW International*

## Beijing+10 Review Preparation

In March 2005, the UN will conduct a 10 years review on the progress in respect of the Beijing Platform for Action, an outcome document of the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China 1995. Preparation for this meeting is on the way and BPW members are attending several NGO / UN meetings for Beijing+10 Review.

### Asia-Pacific:

Almost 700 women attended the *Asia-Pacific NGO Forum on Beijing+10 Review* on 30 June – 3 July 2004 in Bangkok, Thailand. It was attended by almost 20 BPW members from Thailand, Nepal, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Korea, New Zealand and Bangladesh. Several countries presented NGO country reports on Beijing+10 Review in various parallel workshops. In the evening of 1 July 2004, Executives of BPW Thailand hosted a Welcome Dinner for the BPW international members.

On 2 July 2004, BPW Thailand and BPW International organized a workshop “*Beijing+10 Review: Two Steps Forward and One Step Back*”, with 4 speakers.

1. *Financial Crisis that Breaks the Glass Ceiling for Thai Women Executives* by Chonchanok Viravan, PhD. First Vice President, BPW International.
2. *Why Japan ranks 44<sup>th</sup> country in Gender Empowerment Measurement in 2003?* by Masako Hiramatsu, President of BPW Japan.
3. *Women's Roles in Singapore Economy: Advancement and Set Backs* by Vivien Chiam, BPW Singapore.
4. *Gains and Gaps for Women in Korea* by Dr. Young Hai Park, Past President of BPW Korea.

The output of this meeting will be presented as NGO input for UN Economic and Social Commission on Asia-Pacific (ESCAP) *High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on Review and Implementation of Beijing Platform for Action* on 7-10 September 2004 in Bangkok, Thailand.

### Latin America and the Caribbean:

Five BPW members from BPW Mexico, led by President of BPW Mexico, Maria Luisa Herrera de Moncada, attended 9<sup>th</sup> *Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean* on 10-12 June 2004 in Mexico City. Prior to this meeting, BPW Mexico members also attended the NGO Beijing+10 Review for Latin American, and the Caribbean forum *New Times New Challenges* in Mexico City on 7-8 June 2004. Among many other things, the meeting

reported that women in the market continue to be far below men. In Brazil, 56% of the women participate in the labour market; in Chile 44%, Colombia 56%, Mexico 43%, and Peru 55%. In all these countries the participation of men surpasses 77%.

### Arab States:

Though President of BPW Palestine was accredited to attend Beijing+10 Review in Beirut in July 2004, she could not attend due to trouble in crossing the border.

### Africa:

UN Economic Commission on Africa (ECA) plans to hold 7<sup>th</sup> *Regional Conference on Beijing+10* at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 12-14 October 2004.

### Europe and North America:

UN Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) will hold *Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 10 years Review and Appraisal of the Beijing Platform for Action* on 14-15 December 2004 in Geneva. The focus will be on women and the economy, institution mechanisms to promote gender equality, trafficking of women in the context of migratory movements, and emerging issues. Cross-section issues are poverty and violence against women.

Prior to UN ECE meeting, there will be the *NGO Forum for Beijing+10 Review for the UN ECE Region* on 12-13 December 2004, which will produce NGO reports on four themes and NGO questions on each theme for the panellists during the UN ECE meeting.

BPW Members who are interested in attending Beijing+10 Review in Africa or Europe should contact me at [chonchanok.viravan@bpw-international.org](mailto:chonchanok.viravan@bpw-international.org)

*Chonchanok Viravan, PhD.*

*First Vice President and Chair of UN Committee*



Welcome Dinner hosted by BPW Thailand for BPW members who attended Asia-Pacific NGO Forum on Beijing+10 Review at Princess Hotel, 1 July 2004. First row (left to right): Khunying Wannaporn Sookanate, Lalida Chandraprasert, Ann Knowles, Chonchanok Viravan PhD., and Laxmi Keshari Manandhar. Second row (left to right): Masako Hiramatsu, Pornsiri Dhiraphat, Sridevi Sundrakas, Anna Fang, Alison Ng Seow Feng, Choo Lai Sim, Vivien Chiam, Adelaide Chang Shook Leng, Maleerat Plumchitchom, Panut Techasane, Ratna Laxmi Shrestha, and Chiyoko Toyoda

## MEMBERSHIP

### The best recycling is to re-use old ideas

Looking back to previous Membership Chairpersons you can find many great ideas on how to increase membership.

When Livia Ricci was Vice President and Membership Chair, before she became International President in 1993, her slogan was 1 + 1. That was one member to bring a new member and BPW could double its membership within a short time. As a committed BPW member you can help to strengthen the BPW network and support also my effort to increase membership by 12 % PLUS.

Amalia Ruth Borges Schmidt, Vice President and

Membership Chair from 1996 –1999 edited a booklet with ideas and results from Club Presidents and Committee Members. Amelia quoted our founder Lena Madasin Phillips: “*Leaders may emerge with vision, creativity and direction but it is the quality of the supporting members, the width of the expertise they contribute, the depth of their interest and determination they bring, that allows an organisation to fulfil its aims and become the powerhouse for the members’ own development*”.

There is nothing more to add. I welcome your ideas, experiences and comments about membership.

*Ilse Spritzendorfer, Membership Chair*

## INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS 2005 Luzern, Switzerland

### 750 Friends for BPW 75th Anniversary

At Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting in Nepal in April 2004, BPW Thailand President, Maleerat Plumchitchom, proposed as a resolution that we recruit 750 friends by the time we celebrate BPW 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Luzern. She helped kick start it by signing up 6 friends from Thailand. As Executive Board now agrees to launch this campaign, I would like to invite BPW members world-wide to

contribute to this campaign. This goal sounds ambitious but it is achievable. We can attain this if 10 members per country become friends! Sponsorship begins at USD 75 (or 80 Euros or 50 pounds). To join, please contact me ([cesricc@tin.it](mailto:cesricc@tin.it)) or Ilse Spritzendorfer ([spritzen@aon.at](mailto:spritzen@aon.at)).

*Livia Ricci, Chair of Friends and Fellow Taskforce*

## YOUNG BPW

### Lets Sow a Tree for the Peace

Have you ever had a chance to think what is going to be your heritage for the future?

Even though, the general worry of the deforestation is remarkable in all countries of the world the deforestation of the forest has been increasing in a 5% annually especially in tropical and subtropical forests. It has been increasing due to presents problems that have been occurring for many years: conversion of forest lands to agriculture and livestock; Spontaneous colonization; Wood extraction; Forest fires; Constructions of buildings; And, government politics of development and colonization.

The incidence and extension of forest fires increased since 1998, specially in CA and Caribbean and in the Amazons regions from Brazil, as a result of the drought caused by the climatically phenomena of "el Niño". It has been operating a deep change in the traditional attitude of the population and governments over their forest and wild areas. Countries world-wide are calling to the environmental values of forest resources that has been ignored in the past.

For these and other reasons Young BPW International and Environmental Committee working in conjunction youth and the experience has decided to collaborate with the pioneer project of the Reforestation creating an Arboretum (tree museum) of native species, sowing a seed of hope for new generations. Three main organizations are believing and supporting this Arboretum, BPW Panama, Panama Canal Authority, Smithsonian Research Institute (PRORENA with the support of Yale University).

This will perpetuate the image of BPW, giving an opportunity to visitors to the Panama Canal Area, environmental admirers and specialists, to enjoy the most important richness of the world our environment.

BPW promotes this pioneer project because it wants to extend the idea world wide, and to have a piece of land for everyone where a tree can be sown for peace.

If you need more information or are interested in becoming a sponsor for this project, or to sow a tree in your name please contact Yara Rosental at: [yaraeco@terra.com.br](mailto:yaraeco@terra.com.br) or Judith Ríos at: [judithrios@cwpanama.net](mailto:judithrios@cwpanama.net)

*Judith Rios, Chair of Young BPW Committee*



## Women Network

### Global Summit of Women 2004 and BPW Korea

Participating in the Global Summit of Women held in Seoul, Korea, in May 2004, gave me an opportunity to also visit BPW Korea. BPW Korea achieved their ambitious goal to give the President of BPW International, next to the Director of the Global Summit, the greatest print media presence and interviews started immediately after my arrival.

#### Very professional program

BPW Korea is a very active Federation and organized an excellent program for the International President and Margrit Wullschleger, the Delegate for the International Congress 2005 and member of BPW Luzern, Switzerland, who accompanied me. In the evening of my arrival approximately 50 BPW members listened to the presentation on BPW International and the International Congress 2005 in Luzern. Thanks to an excellent BPW interpreter, Younhee Choi, Chair of International Relations, there were no language barriers. She also offered her service to us during the Global Summit that made direct communication possible with the Korean participants. BPW Korea organised a meeting with the Minister for Women Affairs, Eun-Hee Chi and the Mayor of Seoul. We exchanged information which placed BPW Korea before them.

#### Activities of BPW Korea

BPW Korea emphasizes the main goal of BPW: *“Women take more professional responsibility on all levels in economy, politics and society”* and overcome the fact that women in general prefer to support charity projects. Demonstrated are two excellent projects:

- Every year BPW Korea invites the best girl students of different high schools to a mentoring weekend in Seoul. About 120 participants have the opportunity to get in personal contact and discuss their career plans with women leaders in economy and politics. This project is a wise long-term recruitment strategy and an excellent PR opportunity.

Seoul has six women universities with about 50,000 students! Due to the strong roles that separated the education of the genders in the past, women universities were founded at the beginning of the last century. We visited two universities and were very impressed by their activities. Although the percentage of women on the senior executive level in Korea is still not higher than in other Asian countries, Korea has an important potential for the future. As studies showed, to renounce co-education can increase the self-confidence of women in their professional life.

BPW Korea also gave us an insight into the Korean culture. Visits of Temples with an invitation by the Abbot of a monastery where culinary delights, cultural events and information about customs were offered to us.

Although coming from a country of punctuality, reliability and high performance I felt that my host exceeded it.

- From the other project BPW International can profit directly. In a competition, students of the department “International Business Organization” of the Ewha Woman’s University have the opportunity to apply for an internship abroad. BPW Korea sponsors an internship for BPW International. I thank BPW Korea for this important support. I thank all members of BPW Korea who contributed to this well briefed and informative visit. Special thanks to BPW President Young Soon Kim for her commitment, charm and warm-hearted manner that overcomes every language barrier and for being an excellent host. BPW International will be pleased to welcome a large group of Korean participants at the International Congress, 2005 in Luzern, Switzerland.

### Global Summit of Women 2004

With 880 participants the Summit was fully booked before it started. When 34 Government Ministers attended the Summit in Morocco last year, 50 met in Seoul. Irene Natividad, the Director of the Summit presented some figures about women ministers globally. Today, 11 women are heads of State and 1,036 women held executive, ministerial and sub-ministerial positions in the world’s governments. The top 10 countries with the highest percentage of women in Cabinet are: Spain, Sweden, Finland, Germany, Netherlands, South Africa, Norway, Luxembourg, Colombia and Philippines. If you would like to know more about figures and countries, e.g. those with NO women ministers you can obtain this information on the website [www.globewomen.com](http://www.globewomen.com). You can also find the important McKinsey Report: *“Leveraging Female Talent in Asia”*. The paper reports numerous important results such as *“Companies with greater gender diversity clearly show better performance”* and, as main levers for mindset and behavior change the authors recommend role modeling, awareness building and story telling.

#### “Using Technology to Grow Your Professional Organization”

In the breakout session I presented two information technology tools, which BPW International has developed. One is the “Member Relations” tool, which is imperative for a systematic membership development and the “Project & Events” tool that is an international platform for the exchange of projects or important events where every BPW country and club has access and can contribute.

#### BPW Meeting

BPW members from eight different countries attended the Summit and in a special BPW-meeting the participants presented the activities of their clubs or countries and were informed about BPW International Congress 2005 in Luzern, Switzerland.

*Antoinette Rüegg, PhD.  
President BPW International*

## REGIONAL NEWS

### Africa

**Ghana:** Africa regional meeting on “*Economic Emancipation of the African Women – the Role of ICT*”, will be held on 10-12 November 2004 at Cresta Hotel in Accra, Ghana. The program and the registration form will be available on <http://www.bpw-international.org> by the end of August 2004. BPW members from other regions are also welcomed to attend.

*Vera Kepto, Africa Regional Coordinator*

### Asia-Pacific

**Sri Lanka:** Exciting news from BPW Sri Lanka concerning the houses built at the Peace Village – the first batch of houses, many sponsored by BPW members, will soon be handed over to the beneficiaries. The Hon Prime Minister Mr.Mahinda Rajapakse and the Hon.Min.Dinesh Gunawardene will take part in the ceremony to which donors are invited. A date is yet to be set, so if any donor wishes to attend, please contact Olivia Werapermall ([Olivia@wow.lk](mailto:Olivia@wow.lk) OR [oevs2000@yahoo.com](mailto:oevs2000@yahoo.com))

A second batch of 25 families has been selected and the foundation stones for these houses will be laid on the same date – this will bring the total so far, to 55 houses, on the way to a target of 150. If BPW clubs or individual members are interested in contributing towards this project, also contact Olivia for details.

**Hong Kong:** Congratulations BPW Hong Kong – Double Winners. BPW Hong Kong’s “*Corporate Image Building Program*” won an Award of Excellence from APEX (Awards for Publication Excellence, USA) for their design of their new logo, brochures and website. Much of the design work was done by students from the City University of Hong Kong who were so inspired throughout the six-month project that they formed the first university club or chapter of BPW Hong Kong in 25 years. Direction and mentoring were provided by Past President and Director of Public Relations, Anna Fang, and Chair of the Mentoring Program Cecilia Lui, whilst the student team was led by Carol Kan.

To add to the good news, BPW Hong Kong Women CEO Roundtable (March 2003) PR and Publicity Program also won an Award of Excellence from APEX under the category of PR and Information Campaigns. BPW Hong Kong received over HK\$600,000 (US\$60,000) media value reaching 2.2 million people, before, during and after the event.

*Dianne Glenn, Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator*

### Europe

**Finland** BPW Finland met for its Annual Meeting in Turku in April. Among BPW Finland’s numerous activities I wish to stress one of them. BPW Finland yearly elects a “*Women of the Year*”, alternatively out of four fields being science, society, public administration and economy. Tarja Cronberg, a member of the Finnish parliament is the woman of 2004. The idea of a “*Women of the Year*” should be copied by more Federations as it gives contacts to important leaders, increases the visibility of women and is excellent PR for BPW. On Sunday morning some 50 members listened attentively to my presentation on BPW International and the next International Congress 2005. After a visit to the BPW office in Helsinki, which has been donated by a member, I also had the opportunity to visit the facilities that BPW Finland who propose to host the International Congress. BPW Finland will be one of several Affiliates that intend to put forward their candidature to host the International Congress 2011. I thank BPW Finland and its President Paula Hjelt-Putilin for their commitments and warm hospitality.

*Antoinette Rüegg, PhD., President BPW International*

### Latin-America & Spanish Speaking Countries of the Caribbean

**Mexico:** BPW Mexico held its National BPW Mexico conference at Mazatlan, chaired by President Maria Luisa Herrera de Moncada, on 29 July – 1 August 2004. Past International President Yvette Swan and I were among the International guests. I was glad to meet eight past presidents of BPW Mexico, many old friends, and many other Mexico members!

At the Opening Ceremony, BPW Mexico signed an agreement with the Government to help promote consumption of “honey” as well as help promote women to raise bees to produce “honey”. BPW Mexico also signed an agreement to support education for adults through the *Instituto Sinaloense de la Mujer*. During the meeting, many clubs presented their projects. Silvia Salazar Salazar showed presentation on progress made in the building of the Yvette Swan Auditorium for La Paz Nursing School. One of the projects that I was very impressed with is VIVIRE Mobile Health Unit Service by BPW Ciudad Juarez in collaboration with BPW Mexico and local government. VIVIRE provides medical services to the low income women and help in the early prevention and detection of cervical and breast cancer.

My talks on “*Strengthen relationship between United Nation and BPW*” and “*Beyond 2000: Helping Women Help Themselves Competition*” were well received. Many members signed up for the UN Interest Groups. I believe BPW Mexico will submit many excellent projects for the Third Competition. The due date for project submission has now been extended to 31 December 2004. Awards will be given at XXV BPW International Congress in Luzern in June 2005.

*Chonchanok Viravan, PhD., First Vice President BPW International*

### North America and Non Spanish Speaking Countries

**Canada:** “*Share the Spirit*” was the theme for the BPW Canada Biennial Convention held in Regina, Saskatchewan on 15-18 July 2004. Everyone in attendance did just that! The opening ceremonies gave us a taste of Saskatchewan with Aboriginal Dancers, followed by a dynamic and stimulating speaker.

International President, Dr. Antoinette Rüegg held a special pre-convention session to an overflowing crowd, giving a synopsis of BPW International and a personal invitation to attend the 2005 Luzern Congress. Everyone felt she was communicating personally to them.

During the sessions, spirited discussion of resolutions took place. Several resolutions were passed dealing with important issues, including urging the Government of Canada to:

- fund research for the treatment and prevention of Bulimia and Anorexia,
- increase Canada’s Peace Keeping Forces especially in Afghanistan,
- provide support for abused rural women,
- modify the divorce act in respect to custody and access, and
- implement recommendations of the Task Force to aid Women Entrepreneurs.

A brief including these resolutions will be prepared for presentation to the Government.

During the business sessions, workshops centered on the training modules created by BPW Canada were held for the observers and guests. Copies of these excellent modules are available from the President of BPW Canada. A team of excellent speakers were provided for the breakfasts and luncheon.

At the gala banquet, Regina being the head of Royal Canadian Mounted Police, BPW had to have Mounties and it did. Two beautiful young women! I had the privilege of installing the new executive for 2004-2006 bienniums. The President is Darla Campbell, First Vice-President or President Elect is Fran Donaldson, Vice-Presidents include Ruth Bradford, Barbara Ezart and Barbara Hall, and the Secretary-Treasurer is Tamara Morahan. Immediate Past President Margaret Pronyk was named “*Woman of the Year*”. Overall, this was a great convention – our congratulations go out to BPW Saskatchewan, President Jill Worobec and Convention Co-chairs Jeannie Martinson and Carol Bradley and especially to the Convention MC Arlene Jorgenson!

*Sharon Selkirk, North America and NSSC Regional Coordinator*

## Committees and Taskforces

### Public Relations Committee

**Media Releases** – Media is normally confined to local news, and BPW is obtaining excellent coverage in most countries, in particular, New Zealand, Australia, and Sri Lanka. For example, Anita Devcich, BPW New Zealand, obtained excellent coverage on BPW NZ Migrant booklet by Human Rights Commission. Media coverage of BPW Geelong (Australia) Candle Lighting Ceremony focused on “World of Peace” theme and BPW’s peace efforts.

**International Publications, Papers & Reports** - A number of papers have been prepared and distributed as appropriate. Examples include How-To leaflets, FAQ Sheet on Mentoring and Global Peace Village, Leaflet and powerpoint presentation on BPW International and Project Five-O.

**Sparklist** - PR Committee continues to feed relevant BPW Core Business on a weekly basis via e-mail together with E-Opinion, a more light-hearted view of the world of women. Both are posted on the Sparklist. The Committee urges BPW members to join the Sparklist to keep informed on the relevant issues of BPW and enable discussion online and within local BPW activities and taking action as required

**Women and Media for CSW 2005** – The committee is working on Beijing+10 Review on Women and Media for Commission on Status of Women in 2005. Ninette Trifiletti, my committee member, has also been researching local women in the media to assist with the report for CSW 2005. There appears to be little movement in the status of women and the media, it appears that there could be a downward turn in women’s participation and exploitation. Disturbing reports of violence against the media representatives and lack of support are being received.

This is important research and as PR Chair I do require information and feedback. Currently, we seemed to arrive at a wall of silence. I appeal to members of the Board and the general membership to assist in this important task.

PR Standing Committee members continue to work on various projects. Various functions have been attended and contacts with local Members of Parliament are being maintained.

*Jo-An Partridge,  
PR Committee Chair*

### Health Committee

We are working in collaboration with 1st Vice President Chonchanok Viravan to prepare a report for World Health Organization (WHO). We sent out WHO questionnaires and received good response world-wide. Some examples of BPW activities are as follows:

- **BPW Croatia** has “*Prevention, Early Diagnosis and Treatment of Osteoporosis*” project which gave free ultrasound densitometry for women in state of Istria.
- **BPW Ireland** organized a series of open meetings with medical experts on breast cancer awareness, and osteoporosis prevention and treatment. Several other open meetings are planned for the future including stress, obesity, and diabetes management.
- **BPW Ukraine** focused on women trafficking prevention and rehabilitation. Trafficking victims received reintegration support including medical examination and treatment.
- **BPW Netherlands** has organized a number of campaigns aiming at promoting hygiene (*Wash your Hands campaign*) and awareness against harmful chemicals (*A Body without Poison*).
- **BPW Italy** organized a series of meetings aimed at increasing women’s awareness of several key health issues including osteoporosis and menopause, depression, women’s cancer prevention, etc.
- **BPW Uzbekistan** created a medical - social “brigade” for home nursing that aims at providing better health care at home for the elderly.
- **BPW Sri Lanka** is developing the BPW Global Peace Village with Maternity and Medical Center to address treat Alcoholism, HIV/AIDS, child-care and nutrition, and conduct Anti-smoking and cancer awareness, etc.
- **BPW Thailand** offered free Mobile Medical Services for children in Kalasin province. It also raised fund to help rehabilitate drug addicts in Phuket.
- **BPW Pakistan** provides free voluntary medical services to the local women with assistance from BPW members who are physicians.
- **BPW Nepal** conducted dental health education and treatment program for elementary school students.
- **BPW Mexico** offered a mobile health unit, which is a trailer equipped to serve as a medical office where women can get mammography, ultrasound, biopsy, and densitometry and cytology examinations.
- **BPW New Zealand** helped also educated refugee and migrant women on health matters.
- **BPW Cayman Islands** is the founder of the "Cayman Crisis Centre". The programs of this centre addressed HIV/AIDS, osteoporosis, domestic violence, etc.

*Dr. Yasmin Darwich, Health Committee Chair*



## DIARY DATES

### BPW EVENTS

DATES	CITY/COUNTRY	EVENTS
20-22 August 2004	Frauenfeld, Switzerland	✚ Sub-Regional Meeting (DACH)
30 Sept -3 October 2004	Berlin, Germany	✚ Presidents' Meeting, BPW Europe
1-4 October 2004	Alice Spring, Australia	BPW Australia Annual Conference
16-17 October 2004	Jyväskylä, Finland	BPW Finland Autumn Meeting
27 October 2004	Hong Kong, China	BPW Hong Kong 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
6-7 November 2004	Münster, Germany	✚ BPW Germany Autumn Meeting
10-12 November 2004	Accra, Ghana	✚ Regional Conference, Africa
25 November 2004	Hong Kong, China	BPW Hong Kong Annual General Meeting

### OTHER EVENTS

DATES	CITY/COUNTRY	EVENTS
6-9 September 2004	Copenhagen, Denmark	WHO Regional Committee for Europe
7-10 September 2004	Bangkok, Thailand	High Level Intergovernmental Meeting to review ten years of implementation of Beijing Platform for Action
20-23 September 2004	Rome, Italy	FAO 30 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Food Security
8-10 September 2004	New York, U.S.A.	57 <sup>th</sup> United Nations DPI-NGO Conference on Millennium Development Goals: civil society takes action
13-17 September 2004	Shanghai, China	WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific
3-6 October 2004	Cairo, Egypt	WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean
4-15 October 2004	Geneva, Switzerland	UNCTAD Trade and Development Board 51 <sup>st</sup> Session
11-15 October 2004	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	UN ECA 4 <sup>th</sup> African Development Forum (ADF IV)
12-14 October 2004	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	UN ECA 7 <sup>th</sup> Regional Conference on Beijing+10
27 Oct – 11 November 2004	Vienna, Austria	81 <sup>st</sup> Session of International Narcotics Control Board
22-24 November 2004	Geneva, Switzerland	Women Defending Peace Conference
12-13 December 2004	Geneva, Switzerland	NGO Forum for Beijing+10 Review for UN ECE region
14-15 December 2004	Geneva, Switzerland	UN ECE Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 10 years Review and Appraisal of the Beijing Platform for Action

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