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Federation of Business and Professional Women

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President's Message

Brazil is one of those places known for a non-stop energetic way of life. Rio + 20 is no exception and I am excited to be representing you at this important world event. It is vital that women are empowered to lead business in the global economy – at both the formal and informal level – if it is to be at all sustainable. For us to achieve giant leaps for women we need to be here in the thick of all the negotiations. And we are – BPW women are involved at all levels – as speakers, moderators, collaborators and participants. It IS non-stop and I hardly have time to take a breath! I wouldn't have it any other way. Why? Because we need women to be recognised as vital contributors to the global economy and we, BPW are leading the way.

Whilst travelling this past month I have met some really inspiring women and formed partnerships and collaborations with other groups that are keen to join us in empowering women at all levels. One meeting was with the President of the French Co-ordination of the European Lobby and General Secretary of the Laboratory of Equality, Olga Trostiansky. Not only will our organisations be working together to empower women, we hope to be issuing a joint statement at Rio + 20 to recognise women as economic contributors.

Candlelighting ceremonies always warm my heart and the one with BPW France was no exception. I feel honoured to have been invited and very pleased to have been able to attend. It was great to be part of your Annual General Meeting (AGM) too. You women are sensational!

I don't have easy access to emails while I'm away, but I am seeing the odd one or two and I'm incredibly excited about all **the wonderful things** you are all doing to empower women in your community and globally. BPW Canada, congratulations for your upcoming WEPs Gala event; Equal Pay Day has taken off in Argentina and spreading to other South American nations, thanks to the drive of Graciela de Oto; BPW Mongolia is welcoming a new club and BPW Africa just goes from strength to strength. Read through the rest of the E-News to see what other wonderful and inspiring women we have in this organisation. Thank you all.

We are meeting and exceeding our expectations in Rio and I can't wait to tell you all once everything is finalised.

Keep up the good work of empowering women to lead business and keep bringing the voice of women to business at the top, at all levels and in your community. And keep in touch, look at the [President's Diary](#). I love hearing of your successes.

Freda Miriklis
BPW International President

From the Executive

Can you spare a few moments [to take Young BPW International survey](#) titled "Do you think it is important to serve on a Board of Directors as the Young BPW Representative?". Your feedback is important!

Great news, there is still time to take advantage of the [Early Bird registration \(before June 20th\) to attend the Young BPW International Congress](#) that will take place in September in Sorrento, Italy. Looking forward to see you all in Sorrento!

Anastasia Victoria Safarian, Young BPW International Representative

BPW Europe contributed to the public consultation of the EU commission on « Gender imbalance in corporate boards in the EU ». [more](#)

Sabine Schmelzer, BPW Regional Coordinator Europe

BPW Asia Pacific calls for Expression of interest to the next BPW Asia-Pacific Regional Conference and several nomination for BPW Asia Pacific. [more](#)

Susan Jones, BPW Regional Coordinator Asia Pacific Coordinator

BPW News

Rio+20: Thank you for taking your time to vote! [If you would like to see the results ?](#) Thank you once again for all your support.

Center for Women Leadership in Business in the South Eastern Europe

The Center aims to motivate the women of the region through the strong co-operation between UNESCO Women and Peace Centre and BPW International in order to create links between the countries in South Eastern Europe to the Global Economy and build leadership in business. [more](#)

BPW Argentina: Equal Pay Day (EPD) presented as a project of law at the Chamber of Representatives sessions. [more](#)

BPW Canada: The Chamber of Commerce signed an official Memorandum Letter of Support for the principles of the Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women. [more](#)

Doris E. Hall President BPW Canada

BPW Mongolia opened a new BPW Club in Kazakh Province, on 1st June. [more](#)

BPW Zambia: Sylvia Mwansa, President of BPW Zambia has taken the opportunity to engage the President of Institute of Directors (IoD) to work with them in launching the WEPs program in Zambia with consultation with BPW International.

New in the Library : [Newsletter BPW New Zealand, Newsletters Young BPW Europe](#)

BPW in the Media

BPW Coffs Harbour, Australia in [Coffs Coast Advocate](#).

BPW Canada: Empowering women is good for the bottom line in [London Community News](#).

BPW Ireland: Chamber focusing on women in business in the [Galway Independent](#).

BPW New Zealand: Fundraising feast in [Gisborne Herald](#).

BPW Events Worldwide

XIV BPW European Congress in Sorrento, September 28-30. [Register on www.bpw-italy.org](http://www.bpw-italy.org)

Worldwide News

Elinor Ostrom first women to win a Nobel Prize in economics passed away this week.

Australia: Some interesting Gender Pay Gap articles. [more](#)

Australia : Want a strong economy? Elect more women in [the Conversation](#).

Moldova must implement laws against gender based discrimination, UN experts said. [more](#)

UK: First woman to command Royal Navy frigate. [more](#)

European Union News : Members of Parliaments call on commission to tackle gender pay gap. [more](#)

United Nations News

UN Women names members of group to facilitate dialogue with civil society. [more](#)

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