

**Newsletter from  
BPW Italy Fidapa National President  
Eufemia Ippolito  
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**Fidapa - BPW Italy**



**Your President .... goes on !.**

**News from BPW Italy National President Eufemia Ippolito**

***Five goals ..... give me five!***

**Dear Presidents, dear members,**

I'm continuing with joy this beautiful experience to inform you of all the activity, carried out at national level and "around" , through this new way of information that is having so much appreciation among you. And I like to thank, from these lines, our informatics administrator Mr. Teo Castellino , who is taking care of the newsletter inclusion on the site and to send email to all the Presidents of Clubs,

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Districts and to all national institutions , for a reading in real time.

The English translation of this newsletter has been included on the website of the European and International Co-ordination so that throughout the BPW world, the great work done by our Italian Federation can be known.



### Candles Ceremony

This year again, all our 287 Club repeat the ritual ceremony of candles. It is the "sacred" moment of our Association, one in which we renew the belief for the Association , for the goals of our strong engagement , first of all, to give voice to women, the pride of belonging to worldwide Federation .

If this ceremony will be conducted with due participation of sentiment and with the "intelligence of the heart", then the right message will reach all members and all those present . On our website www fidapa.com, and in Circular No. 2, you find the protocol of the ceremony, my message to the Members and the message of the International President Freda Miriklis.



### The National theme

The theme of this biennium is complex and the Vice President Pia Petrucci will give more detailed guidelines on run it by the Clubs.

### The Task Force

All three of our Task Force are working to support specifically the work of parallel National Commissions.

## The great events

### XXXII National Conference Extraordinary Assembly

It is confirmed the date of June 29 - 30 and July 1, 2012 of the National Conference in Rome for the National Theme treatment and for the Extraordinary Assembly

Therefore carefully read the Circular No. 2 please.

I'm reminding all of us who, as someone correctly pointed out, the term "active citizenship" is refers to a condition higher than that, pure and simple, of citizenship because it also implies a sharing of common values and the development of a sense of belonging to a same society and culture, that should not be limited to our Italy, but to our being European citizens."

There are also the concepts of solidarity and understanding of the cultural difference that make up the richness and uniqueness of Europe.

I remember that in 1998, the European Commission has initiated a structured reflection about this topic and in the document entitled "Learning for Active Citizenship" said:

"The traditions and approaches to citizenship are different in Europe, but the basic idea of democratic citizenship in modern society

### The Health Task Force

The Health Task Force began its march, headed by our Past President Luisa Pavesio Mosso, and its action, fast and effective, gave us the first results.

The first step was to involve the our Clubs to send Institutions the request of re-inclusion of painless childbirth with epidural anesthesia in the LEA. The LEA are the essential levels of sanitary assistance namely the health facilities and the services that the National Sanitary Service is responsible for ensuring to all citizens, free of charge or through a ticket payment.

The Clubs that , to date, have joined the initiative are :Alba,Torino Rivoli Val Susa, Porto Torres,Tigullio,Torino,Pinerolo,Cagliari,Sassari, Sestu, Quarto S. Elena ,Terracina, Cuneo.

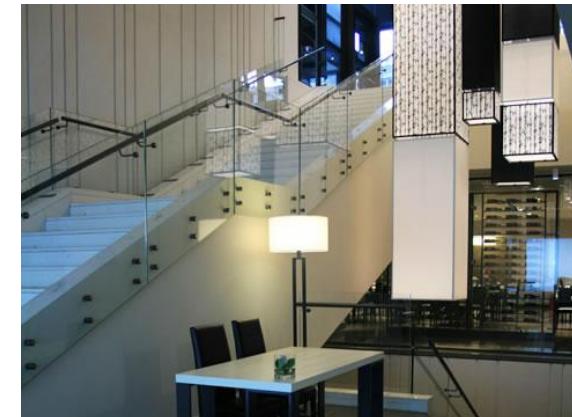
I'm sure that the other Clubs , with the help of the Taskforce Chair , will join the initiative.

This initiative has already had an initial response by the Senate of Italian Republic , which, through Commission Health and Hygiene President ,

that will approve the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws

The conference will be held at

**Hotel NH Vittorio Veneto  
in Roma in Corso Italia, 1.**



I renew the invitation to participate numerous Members , because , as you know, for the validity of the Extraordinary Assembly , a qualified majority (50% +1) of voters is required

The taskforce on the reform of the Constitution and Bylaws is already at work and our three Supervisors are ready to prepare, together with the Legislation Committee Commission , an Assembly in which will be given ample explanation of the amendments submitted to a vote, leaving to the members the opportunity to act in a disciplined manner, according to validity already well

is that , the countries in which you have chosen of living, they promote the common creation of knowledge, responsibility, identity and shared culture. "

I thought it appropriate to make that clear because , our national theme will be held into this context of values , that fits fully in the WEP's principles outlined by the our International Federation, and which discussed in the previous newsletter.

### International Theme

The National Past President, in the context of the International theme, prepared a questionnaire to be administered in our various territories, to make a monitoring to know areas of work where women are less represented.

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### The National Committees

I thank all the National Committees Chairs that , on time, sent their work program and their proposals that are published on the web site FIDAPA.

The events of national character, which were

Senator Antonio Tomassini, writes:

**Dear President,**

*I have read carefully the instance you sent on 11 January, regarding the painless childbirth with epidural anesthesia.*

*In reassure you that this is an issue in attention of the Commission, in the context of the issue " Safe births", I note your request for inclusion in the LEA, subject to an update that is one of the prerogatives of the Ministry of health.*

### The Task Force Reform Constitution and Bylaws

Our Constitution and Bylaws are already under the magnifying glass .

They , as per guidelines, will be amended no later than the month of February , to allow to three Supervisors, to prepare the final draft of the proposed amendments to be submitted to approval of the Extraordinary Assembly . I will check personally that the time is satisfied in order to enable our Members a necessary deepening before the vote.

established in international forums

You'll find shortly within web site BPW Italy Fidapa all the information about the conference and its registration form.

### XIV European Congress

**Sorrento September 28-29-30 , 2012**



*The National President Eufemia Ippolito  
the European Coordinator Sabine Schmelzer  
and the Coordinator of Organizing Committee  
Pinella Bombaci*

### "Empowering Women for Leadership" Women's Innovation for a sustainable future

"Empowering Women for Leadership"

proposed by the Chairs , are many; in Circular I you'll find the dates of conferences and seminars approved by a National Board.

### The International Committees

Between a newsletter and the other, our Italian Members , Chairs of International Committees and Taskforces , increased !

Just in these days came the news regarding the appointment of **Carla Laura Petruzzelli** to Chair of the International Taskforce Mentoring and of **Nellina Basile** as Chair of Twinning Taskforce. At our seven Chairwoman, the best wishes of good work!

On the web site [www.Fidapa.com](http://www.Fidapa.com) , you find already the projects (sent per e mail) of the Chair of the Health International Committee **Luisa Monini**, **Gender Health** and the Project of the Chair of the Arts and Culture International Committee **Pinella Bombaci** "*Pearls from BPW Italy ... in the world!*"

Both projects, which the Clubs can join, are

### The Entrepreneurship Task Force

The work of the Task Force is focusing on the planned census of entrepreneurs Members ; BPW Italy Fidapa counts inside Members from different working experience that often have nothing to do with the industry entrepreneurship and business. Just think of the large numbers of our members artists . The census of Members engaged in the world of professions and the business will be therefore a point of starting in order to better relations with the International Federation.

From April 3 to 5, with the President of Fidapa Foundation and other members, I will be in Ankara to participate in the Forum of Mediterranean Women's Network. This will be an excellent opportunity for collaboration with our Foundation, in the field of entrepreneurship.

### The Training

Thanks, really thanks to our Past National Presidents who began their training course in the Clubs. If in this first year, very space will be dedicated to the values, ethics, the associative behavior, in the next years will need to schedule specific meetings for deepening of the new rules approved in the next extraordinary Assembly A good job to all of you!

### Women's Innovation for a sustainable future

This is the title of the XIV European Congress which, as you know, will take place on September 28 30, 2012 in the enchanting scenery of the town of Sorrento.

On 14 January, with the members of the Presidential National Committee and the Coordinator of the Organizing Committee of Congress, Pinella Bombaci, I met at our "House Fidapa", the European Coordinator Sabine Schmelzer and friends of ECC

To begin to implement the understandings reached at the meeting of January 14, the components of the organizing Committee , that have the task to organizing the entire European Congress and its many and complex activities., met in Sorrento.

There is a great awaiting on the part of the European Members for this event, aware of the great hospitality of the Italian Members and their ability to make beautiful the events in their care. You'll find soon on the website Fidapa and in the circular n.2 all information relating to Congress

included in the broader context of the **WEPs** principles ((Women Empowerment Principles) within which are being realized ,in this biennium the activities of our Federation.

## The Newspaper Something is changing

The publication of the newsletter on our Fidapa web site, allows me to inform you, near real-time , about the activity done at national level and I thank you for the many words of consensus and appreciation that have rewarded the hard work to news gathering and material of information.

It 'also my firm intention to open a link on our website Fidapa BPW Italy dedicated primarily to the activities of Sections and Districts, on which to pour the most significant material of the events that Sections have realized in their country .

This will allow for widespread and shared

understanding of the topics discussed giving preference to the publication of those actions that will be carried out , about national theme and, more generally, about issues related to large opinion campaigns carried out by our Association. Regarding the containment of costs, we are evaluating the opportunity that the sending of the Newspaper can happen through Sections and not to each individual member. This would allow a shipment of about 300 envelopes against about 12.000 shipments , to date practiced. We will keep you informed of the decisions finally adopted

In agreement with the National Council and in line with the direction of my presidency to give to specialized Members in different sectors, every task ,I involved in the Newspaper Drafting , Members professional journalists / publicist, who will support the current components of Drafting; to these, goes the gratitude of the Federation for the excellent job done .

and the hotel booking form and registration form.



*La Sala Sirene Hilton Palace Hotel  
Congress Hall*

**Do not miss it!** We are preparing for you an unforgettable experience , a Congress that will join moments of reflection about the interesting theme , moments of real aggregation with the members from all over Europe

Also the International President Freda Mirillis will attend the event with excellent Speakers and Institutional Authority.

The official language is English. The simultaneous translation in Italian language is guaranteed in the

I'm sure that we'll capitalize on the specific competence of the young journalists / publicis for to make our Newspaper a way more interesting reading; a lean reading and able to involve the Members , offering the opportunity delve into the current issues current and a wa informed action .

In the next circular No.2 you'll know their names that you will also find on the web site. Our Newspaper will enriched of a brief summary in English so that can be read and appreciated by our Members in the world , now in daily contact with the Italian Federation, through the modern means of communication (Internet, e-mail, Facebook, Twitter, community Skype, etc.).

The time has come to make known to all foreign Countries the great work done by our Sections . Conversely, , in the Newspaper we will devote ample space to news from the European Coordination and

International Federation.

It will be a open window on a world that is often Unknown to our Members.

The same informatics resources will be used by members of the Editorial Board to communicate with each other, limiting a maximum their meeting.

We will give also voice at our Parliamentary Members or otherwise placed in leadership roles in local, provincial and regional Institutions, or in Committees for Equal Opportunities ; they will have the task of reporting, about the legislative news regarding the universe of women in various territories.

Similarly, the resolutions of laws made by the Dis the National Federation will be published and the r will be reported, because these are ignored unfortunately often by the most of our members.



presence of at least 50 Italian Members. but we are waiting for .....many, many more!



*The great hall of gala dinner in front of the Sorrento Gulf*

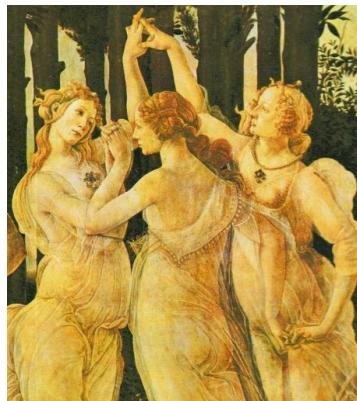
## **International Congress**

### **Young BPW**

In the meeting of 14 January we also had the pleasure of hosting Déchelle Miette and Anastasia Safarian, respectively responsible for European and International Young who, in Sorrento, will manage the organization of the International Congress of Young In this regard, I remember

**The voice of Districts and Sections:** will ask the Districts to submit the articles of Sections deserving of special attention regarding the issues **proposed by the National Federation** presenting organically the activity of own District; the fact remains that the additional activities will find a large place in the link of the National website.

There will be also the usual "Window of creation" as in the past; will find space in this area intellectual works of our artist Members , writers, painters, musicians ...



### RABINDRANATH TAGORE

Do not give in, hold tight yourself,  
and you win.  
I see that the night goes:  
courage, have not fear .

Look on the front of the East  
among the tangle of the forest  
has dawned the morning star.

Come on, do not be afraid.  
Are sons of the night, the dark beat,  
the streets, desperation, laziness, doubt:  
are out of all certainty, are not children  
of the dawn..

Hurry, come out;  
look, look at the top ,  
the sky made himself clear.  
Come on, do not be afraid anymore.

at our Young Members who intend to participate in this Congress, to get in touch with our Italian Chair Anna Julia Manno at the following email address [agiulia.manno@libero.it](mailto:agiulia.manno@libero.it)

*At the next Newsletter , dear Members!  
Eufemia*



*The meeting in Rome*

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