

NZFGW CIR Report

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PGWNet New website!

At the December 2009 PGWNet Council, Convenor Dr Jenny Strauss undertook to work with IFUW on developing a PGWNet site on the IFUW website (as happens for the European group). Although development is still progressing, the site will include

- Statement of purpose and eligibility for membership
- List of national members, office bearers and addresses
- Links to members' websites
- Reports to PGWNet Council
- How to manage electronic conferencing
- "what's happening" and "what's new" pages
- Some examples of interaction – e.g. the bag, projects, scholarship donations
- Photos of PGWNet meetings

The website is now up and ready for your inspection at www.ifuw.org/pgwnet

IFUW Fellowships and Grants 2011-2012

The closing date for IFUW fellowships and grants is **1 October 2010**. To allow sufficient time for their consideration, the NZFGW closing date for receiving applications is **31 July 2010**. Information on the IFUW fellowships and grants and the Application Form are available on the IFUW website www.ifuw.org. As IFUW requires applications to be submitted electronically, applications will also need to be submitted to NZFGW electronically.

If you know any likely candidates, please encourage them to apply.

Mexico Conference, 5 – 9 August 2010

The www.ifuw.org website provides a wealth of information about the programme, related events, tours and accommodation.

REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN for the 30th IFUW Triennial Conference on *Education, Empowerment & Development*. Please note that an "earliest bird" fee for Full Registration (USD670) applies only **until 31 March**. A "later bird" fee (USD870) applies until 30 June.

NEW ZEALAND CONTINGENT Including our IFUW President, Louise Croot, we think that the New Zealand contingent will be 14 or 15 strong. All four NZFGW workshop proposals were accepted for the Conference. A seminar proposal from Dr Shirley Gillett (Otago Branch) has also been accepted.

Call for interest in IFUW Special Committees 2010–2013

IFUW has called for suggestions of committee members for the Hegg Hoffet and Projects Development Committees. We have already received an expression of interest from a very suitable candidate for the first of these. In brief:

The **Hegg Hoffet Committee** allocates and promotes grants offered through the IFUW Hegg Hoffet Fund for Displaced Women Graduates. These provide assistance for graduate women (in special cases tertiary women students) who have been displaced as a result of war, political upheaval or other serious emergencies.

The **Projects Development Committee** is a technical advisory body responsible for assisting NFAs in the development and implementation of viable, sustainable community development and capacity building projects addressing IFUW goals and priorities.

Detailed information about the experience and qualifications being sought and the forms to submit can be downloaded from the following four sites.

[Call for the 2010-2013 Hegg Hoffet Committee](#)

[Hegg Hoffet Biodata Form](#)

[Call for the 2010-2013 Projects Development Committee](#)

[Project Committee Biodata Form](#)

The closing date for applications to reach IFUW is **1 May 2010**. Please let me know well before that date if you are intending to apply.

Consultation on IFUW Programme for Action– Phase 3

Members are still welcome to join and contribute to this consultation by emailing discussions@ifuw.org up until **30 April 2010**.

Otago (New Zealand) IFUW President's Choice Speaker Award

The proposal from the Otago Branch to establish the above award was formally approved and accepted by IFUW in February. The grant “to recognise that in the first 88 years of the history of the International Federation of University Women (IFUW) only two Southern Hemisphere women have had the honour of serving as President and both have been members of the New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women (NZFGW)’s Otago Branch” takes immediate effect for the Mexico Conference. The grant will continue to provide funding for one Speaker, proposed by the President, at each IFUW triennial conference.