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## CONTINUE THE IMPORTANT WORK OF IFHE!

*Message from the President, Carol WARREN*

After so many years of planning and preparation, Congress 2012 came and went in the blink of an eye. It was a delight to welcome so many of you to my home town of Melbourne and to share with you during the extraordinary week of Congress activities.

Thank you to those of you who made the long journey “down under” and for helping to make Congress 2012 such a success.

The role of Congress Chair certainly afforded me the

opportunity to learn so much more about IFHE and to connect with so many of you. As always with such events that rotate around the world it provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for “locals” to attend. One such local Aussie was heard to say... “It wasn’t until the Monday evening welcome reception that I realised how international, how prestigious, how high-brow and professional that the calibre of presenters at this whole event would be.”

Such reactions remind us just how professionally invigorating it is, to be part of a global professional community.

This networking and connectedness is something which the Home Economics profession does so well and so it is with a strong sense of community and enthusiasm that I embark on the challenge of my new role as President for the next four years.

I continue to be in awe of the work you all do and it is indeed a privilege to be given the task of leading our Federation over the next four years. Each new four-year term begins with the annual leadership meetings combined with a symposium.

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## IFHE ANNUAL MEETING 2013

8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013

Kardinal König Haus  
Vienna, Austria

### Symposium 2013

to the Theme:

“Confronting Family  
Poverty and social  
Exclusion – the  
Contribution of Home  
Economics”

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The next round of annual meetings will be held in February 2013 in the gracious and stately city of Vienna. I invite all members to come along.

Perhaps you are interested in joining a program or special interest committee or perhaps your interest is research or projects? There will be something for everyone, so if you are interested in attending and would like to find out more, please contact me at [carol@hev.com.au](mailto:carol@hev.com.au) .

Exciting times lie ahead for the Home Economics profession and for our Federation. The inspiring presentation by Dr. Vandana SHIVA on the opening day of Congress 2012 showed us just how powerful our collective voice can be and at the Closing Session of Congress, Professor Donna PENDERGAST particularly highlighted wellbeing especially and lifelong learning as being critical to the future direction of the profession.

As we continue the important work of IFHE, it is fitting to acknowledge and thank those who have gone before us. Our grateful thanks go to Geraldene HODELIN for her commitment and dedicated service to IFHE as President over the past four years and to the outgoing Executive Committee Members who have served IFHE and your regions so well.

We welcome our new Executive Committee Members, Audrey JONES-DRAYTON (The Americas), Gerda CASIMIR (Europe) and Anthony WORSLEY (Pacific).

Best wishes and I look forward to working with you over the coming years.

Carol WARREN

IFHE President 2012 – 2016

## IFHE EVENT OF THE YEAR – IFHE WORLD CONGRESS 2012

Congratulations to the IFHE Congress Organising Committee under the leadership of Carol WARREN and Louise GUNTHER, from Home Economics Victoria, who organised inspiring, motivating and amazing congress days in Melbourne, Australia!

The keynote speeches at the morning plenary sessions, the presentations in the workshops, symposia and concurrent sessions were very

impressive. More than 400 speakers presented their research results, professional projects and educational experiences on a wide range of topics. At the Trade Expo participants had the chance to view displays related to many aspects of Home Economics.



**Photos: Louise GUNTHER, Geraldene HODELIN, Hon Martin DIXON & Carol WARREN and Opening Ceremony (Source: Simon Peter Fox Photography, Australia)**

Every participant enjoyed the well-organised sessions, and amazing social events. Beside the keynote sessions the following events were highlights of the IFHE Congress 2012:

### Opening Ceremony

During the impressive Opening Ceremony the participants experienced extraordinary moments. The Congress was formally opened by the Honourable Martin Dixon, Minister for Education in Victoria.

Also featured in the ceremony was an indigenous welcome, a real-life visit from Chuckles the

kookaburra, the symbolic rocks representing the eight UN Millennium Development Goals, and three patriotic songs from the Australian Youth Choir.

### Welcome Reception

The Welcome Reception the evening before the congress offered the first opportunities for all participants to come together and meet friends from all over the world. Carol WARREN and Louise GUNTHER welcomed more than 700 Home Economics experts from 50 countries around the world, keynote speakers and the representatives of the sponsors.

### Exhibitions and Demonstrations

The Whitehouse Institute of Design and the IFHE Programme Committee Textiles and Design presented wonderfully designed exhibits. At the International Marketplace Home Economists from different regions presented books, handicrafts and projects. Special “surprise” guests at the congress were Dingo puppies and koalas, a crocodile, a python and numerous other Australian reptiles providing a truly hands-on experience.

The interactive demonstration kitchen was a popular inclusion providing an opportunity to see Home Economists prepare tasty Australian fare.

### Home Visits and School Visits

More than 70 home visits were hosted for 300 plus congress participants. The focus on sharing the local lifestyle and food was for many people the highlight of the congress. “As Home Economists we like nothing better than a chance to see how people experience their daily lives.”

On the Friday, participants were taken by bus to a range of schools throughout Melbourne to visit Home Economics classes in action.

### Book Launch

Donna PENDERGAST, Sue L.T. MCGREGOR and Kaija TURKKI edited the book **“Creating Home Economics Futures - The Next 100 Years”**. It was launched at the final session of the IFHE Congress. Based on a Call for Contributions in 2011, 34 Home Economists from around the globe submitted their ideas for the book. Many

authors were present at the congress to share this important event. The editors are convinced, “The book helps to shape the future of the Home Economics profession. This book is a must for all Home Economists.”

### Best Refereed Paper Recognition

#### Background

For the first time at Congress IFHE has included a “**Best Refereed Paper**” recognition. This aligns with the inclusion of peer reviewed full papers for the first time at Congress, which lifts the academic standing of the congress from being non-research compliant to meeting all credentials for research points aggregations internationally.



Photo: Best Paper Award (Source: Simon Peter Fox Photography, Australia)

#### The Process

All papers that were submitted for the refereed process (60+) were peer reviewed by two referees. The process was blind reviewed. As part of this process, reviewers were asked to identify high quality papers for consideration for the “**Best Refereed Paper**” recognition.

The papers of the following five authors (in no particular order) were selected in the first round of blind review for consideration for the possible best paper award: Vermaas, J., & Steyn, H. (2012); Leslie, C. (2012); Pendergast, D., & Dewhurst, Y. (2012); Fisher, P., & Anong, S. (2012); Woods, B. (2012).

The paper that was selected by the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Home Economics (IJHE) as the “**Best Refereed Paper**” at the IFHE World Congress was:

**Pendergast, D., & Dewhurst, Y. (2012). *Home economics and food literacy – An international investigation*.** The paper presented at the International Federation for Home Economics World Congress, Melbourne. All papers can be downloaded from the IFHE website under <http://he.ifhe.org/914.html> .

**Closing Ceremony**

**Change of IFHE Presidency**

The Closing Ceremony is the time to formally say thank-you to the IFHE President, who completes the term of office after four years. As the most important development in the term 2008 – 2012, Prof. Dr. Geraldene HODELIN implemented the IFHE Strategic Plan which aligned IFHE Activities closer to the UN MDGs. IFHE President Prof. Dr. Geraldene HODELIN fulfilled her office with great commitment and responsibility. In her farewell address she thanked the Executive Committee and all officers for their support.

On behalf of all congress participants Geraldene HODELIN acknowledged the efforts of the IFHE Congress Organising Committee 2012, under the guidance of Louise GUNTHER and Carol WARREN with their team. She thanked the team for a terrific congress experience.

As the last task of her office at congress Geraldene HODELIN handed over the IFHE Presidential Chain to Carol WARREN, who is now the IFHE President for the next four years.

**Photo: Geraldene HODELIN & Carol WARREN (Source: Simon Peter Fox Photography, Australia)**



On behalf of all IFHE Members Carol thanked Geri for her personal engagement for IFHE in the period 2008 – 2012 and presented a gift to her.

The new IFHE President Carol WARREN explained in her inaugural speech her focus and commitment for her term of IFHE Presidency 2012 – 2016. Her speech can be downloaded from the IFHE Website at <http://www.ifhe.org/682.html> .

**Introduction of Deagon, Korea – Host City IFHE Congress 2016**

At the IFHE Council 2008 in Lucerne it was decided, the IFHE Congress 2016 will be held in Daejeon, Korea. The Chair of the IFHE Congress 2016, Organising Committee Mee Sok PARK, the President of the Korean Home Economics Association (KHEA) Jae Yeon LEE, IFHE President of Honour Lilha LEE, representatives of the Daejeon Metropolitan City Se Hee OH, Director of Women, Family and Youth Affairs Division, Daejeon Metropolitan City, Chun Sik KWON, Manager of Women, Family and Youth Affairs Division, Daejeon Metropolitan City, and Hannah Jeong, Convention Marketing Team



Manager, Deajeon Marketing Corporation, introduced the host city Daejeon with a beautiful video presentation and invited all congress participants to join the XXIII. IFHE World Congress 2016.

**(Photo - Source: Simon Peter Fox Photography, Australia)**

The Protocol of Agreement between the Korean Organising Committee and IFHE was signed.

## Gala Dinner an amazing and delicious Evening

The Gala Dinner was celebrated in a wonderful decorated banquet hall and festive atmosphere. The delicious menu featured special Australian dishes such as Barramundi (a local fish), locally sourced produce and various desserts. Special highlights included the musical entertainment. With her wonderful voice and songs Silvie PALADINO touched all guests. She set the tone for a festive mood and a most enjoyable evening. Well-known rhythmic songs were presented by a 90-strong choir of women and men called Sisters and Masters of Song. They encouraged all guests to clap hands and dance.

## Surprise at Night

Based on a proposal of IFHE Past President Geraldene HODELIN the IFHE Executive Committee decided to grant an **“IFHE Distinguished Service Award”** at IFHE Congresses. During the dinner Carol WARREN, IFHE President spoke about a special Home Economist, who was to receive the first **“IFHE Distinguished Service Award 2012”**. At the end of her speech it was clear that Janett GIBBS, USA was selected to receive the **“IFHE Distinguished Service Award 2012”**. For more information please see page 11 of this Newsletter.

## CONGRESS KEYNOTES – ENRICHMENT NOT ONLY FOR HOME ECONOMISTS

### Keynotes underlined the significance of Home Economics Knowledge for sustainable Societies

Each morning high-profile speakers gave in the morning Plenary Sessions of the XXII. IFHE Congress valuable insights and background information on the different aspects of the Congress Theme **“Global Wellbeing – Global Creativity and Innovation: Developing Capacities for sustainable Futures”**. The IFHE Executive Committee in co-operation with the IFHE Congress Organising Committee had selected the themes of the keynote and invited the speakers.

## Outstanding Keynotes

Most of all the key note speech of **Dr. Vandana SHIVA** at the first plenary session touched and moved everybody in the congress hall. Her approach to **“Global Wellbeing”** in the context of Home Economics provided a fundamental enrichment for the Home Economics profession. Her way of thinking related to the global challenges such as poverty, hunger, financial crisis and the role of Home Economics knowledge was an essential Home Economics lesson.



Photo: Dr. Vandana SHIVA (Source: Simon Peter Fox Photography, Australia)

Her speech triggered many follow up discussions and conversations. The video with the speech of Dr. SHIVA will soon be published at the IFHE Website and the IFHE Congress Blog under <http://ifhe2012.weebly.com/>.

**Prof. Dr. HODELIN**, IFHE President 2008 - 2012 gave a detailed presentation, which highlighted the **contribution of IFHE to the United Nation Millennium Goals** (UN MDGs). IFHE and Home Economists have successfully made progress in supporting the UN MDGs. To highlight these IFHE Activities, the stage of the congress hall was wonderfully decorated with illuminated signs of the eight UN MDGs.

The Chair of the IFHE Young Professionals Network (YPN) Amanda Mc CLOAT and Gwendolyn HUSTVEDT presented a marvellous YPN DVD about the professional work of young Home Economists and their contribution to **“Creativity and Innovation”**.

For more information please see the article on page 19 of this Newsletter.

The financial aspect of Global Wellbeing was presented by **Dr. Tahira HIRA**, Professor and Senior Policy Advisor to the President, Iowa State University. Her theme **“Family financial Sustainability through values-based financial Education: Implications for Home Economics”** addressed the interdependence of household financial wellbeing and national financial wellbeing. Educators and teachers listened mindful of the brilliant presentation of Prof. Dr. HIRA, who argued that financial education should change to be more effective in promoting values, beliefs and behaviours of families.



Photo: Prof. Dr. Tahira HIRA (Source: Simon Peter Fox Photography, Australia)

A moving keynote was given by Yukiko KUDO, IFHE Vice-President Asia and Chief Senior Specialist for Home Economics, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan. Her very special speech demonstrated the effects, experiences and conclusions of the 3/11 East Japan earthquake in relation to building a sustainable society. “The earthquake posed serious questions concerning relationships between human societies and nature, the vulnerability of basic infrastructure of our lives, and the overly fragment and specialised body of knowledge that cannot holistically capture our lives.”

**“Education and Capacity Building”** was the theme of the keynote of Dr. Gwang-Jo KIM, Director, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Education in Asia-Pacific. Based on rapid changes in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Dr. KIM focussed on the role and significance of lifelong education. “Education is a powerful and effective means to equip the young and old with the skills and creativity needed to

adapt to these changes and meet escalating demands on the world’s finite resources.” His presentation included very interesting insights in the different conditions of education and school systems around the world and the challenges to enable education for all. Finally Dr. KIM highlighted the role of Home Economics to enable families to achieve a sustainable life-styles.

The outstanding professional career of Home Economist Jody VASSALLO, Food Writer and publisher, food stylist and consultant was the focus of the focus of the final keynote session. She gave appealing insights into her daily professional life. Most of all she presented herself as a role model, proud to call herself a Home Economist.

The very last presentation of Prof. Dr. Donna PENDERGAST completed the sequences of very encouraging Congress keynotes. Prof. Dr. PENDERGAST focused on the important aspect of the contribution of Home Economics to the **conceivable** developments and challenges societies and families have face. **“The Intention of Home Economics Education: A powerful Enabler for future-proofing the Profession”** was the theme of her presentation which included key points such as

- Intention of Home Economics education.
- Importance of education.
- Learning outcomes of Home Economics education.
- Opportunities to validate the profession.
- Recognition by those external to the profession.
- Rebranding the name **“Home Economics”**.

The keynote of Prof. Dr. PENDERGAST summarised important aspects of the Congress keynotes for the Home Economics community all over the world. Most of the statements are published in the IFHE Congress Proceedings which can be downloaded on the IFHE Website in the “Members Only Area”.

The presentations will be published as soon as possible.

## IFHE COUNCIL MEETING 2012

At IFHE Council, which meets biennially, over 80 IFHE Delegates from 45 countries met to discuss and decide on the topics of the agenda.

IFHE President Dr. Geraldene HODELIN reported about the IFHE Activities and achievements in the last two years. She emphasised that the cooperation with the different UN departments and the NGO Committees at the UN were intensified, especially the IFHE Contribution to the 64<sup>th</sup> Conference of the UN Department of Public Information with the NGO in Bonn held in 2011.

### IFHE Finances

Elisabeth LEICHT-ECKARDT presented the financial Reports 2010 and 2011, as well as the budgets 2013 and 2014. She pointed out that IFHE Members must be aware that the payment of the IFHE Membership fee is important not only in Congress years. The budgets were approved with the note to make efforts to increase the IFHE Income. All IFHE

Members are called to send their ideas for funds and sponsorship to the IFHE Treasurer. The IFHE Finance Committee will develop a strategy to increase IFHE Income to be presented to the Council 2014 in London, Ontario, Canada.

Juanita MENDENHALL explained the concept of the Disaster Assistance Committee, please see page 15.

### IFHE Regional Reports

All Vice-Presidents reported about the developments in the IFHE Regions. Nishi SURANA, IFHE Vice-President Africa announced the next African Regional Conference, which will take place in South Africa in the year 2013.

Vice-President Joanne PEARSON reported about Home Economics conferences in different countries of the Region. The main topic in the Region of the Americas is the IFHE Council 2014,

which will be held in London, Ontario, Canada. The Chairs of the Organising Committee presented updated information about the venue, programme and options for pre- and post- Council tours.

The Asian Report was presented by Vice-President Yukiko KUDO, who gave an interesting overview of the structure of the region and the activities in the Asian countries.

The EC Member for Europe, Helena ÅBERG was happy to report that the European Region finally succeeded to establish a European Home Economics Association (EHEA). For the first time the European Region has a formal structure to organise their activities and to be able to register as an NGO at the European Union.

Gail BODDY, EC Member for the Pacific Region described the special activities, most of all the preparation of the IFHE Congress 2012 (For detailed information about the IFHE Regions we recommend the IFHE Website subsection

Regions and the reports in the newsletters).

**Photo: IFHE Council Meeting 2012**  
(Source: Simon Peter Fox Photography, Australia)

### IFHE Resolution

The draft of the resolution was presented by Margaret B. JEPSON, Chair of the IFHE

Resolution Committee 2012. The Resolution focuses on “**Global Wellbeing**”. It addresses the most important global challenges from a Home Economics perspective and points out, which strategies should be undertaken. The delegates discussed several aspects and proposed to emphasise some statements. The Resolution was approved. IFHE Delegates and IFHE Members were called on to consider the aspects of the Resolution whenever possible and to advocate for the statements. The complete resolution can be downloaded under <http://www.ifhe.org/682.html> .

The Chairs or Co-chairs of the IFHE Programme Committees gave insights into their activities: most of them related to their sessions and



presentation at the IFHE Congress. A brochure with information about the proposed ideas for the focus of the Programme Committees in their next term 2012 - 2016 is published on the IFHE Website under <http://www.ifhe.org/140.html> .

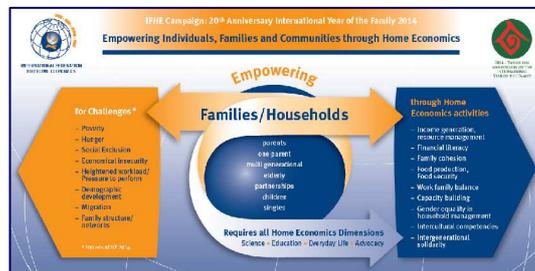
### IFHE Family Campaign 2012 – 2014

The IFHE Executive Committee proposed an IFHE Family Campaign related to the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Year of Family in 2014 (IYF2014). The theme of the IFHE Campaign is “**Empowering Families, Individuals and Communities through Home Economics**”. It fits with the aspects which the UN has predetermined for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of IYF 2014.



A concept and IFHE Statement related to the IFHE Family Campaign was presented to the Council by IFHE President Geraldene HODELIN.

She informed the delegates, that Renata KACZMARSKA, from the Focal Point on the Family, Division for Social Policy and Development Department of Economic and Social Affairs at the UN sent feedback to the



concept proposal of the IFHE Family Campaign which reads: “just to say that I am very impressed by your campaign. Would you be so kind to write one short paragraph on your campaign its main objectives and how it related to the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary for a possible inclusion in our upcoming report of the Secretary-General on family issues? I would like to mention it under “civil society initiatives”. I think it's a good example of civil society action.” The information is published in a brochure which can be downloaded at the IFHE Website under <http://www.ifhe.org/920.html> . **All delegates as well all IFHE Members around the world are called to contribute to this Campaign with activities in their own professional fields.**

A special IFHE Postcard – see below - demonstrates the context of the main aspects for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Year of Family in 2014 predetermined by the UN and the contribution of Home Economics. You can download the Postcard under <http://www.ifhe.org/920.html> .

IFHE will establish a special website where all activities of the IFHE Members, countries and regions and of the IFHE will be published. The delegates embraced the **IFHE Family Campaign 2012 – 2014**.

### Reports of the IFHE Council Committees

The Chairs of the IFHE Council Committees reported about the main achievements in the past two years. Most of all the IFHE Research Committee, which was very busy with the preparation of the submitted abstracts and the Young Professionals Network demonstrated their different tasks and results.

### Call for Host Country IFHE Congress 2020

IFHE President announced the “Call for Host Country IFHE Congress 2020”. All IFHE Organisational Members are invited to consider to host the IFHE Congress 2020. Background information can be requested at the IFHE Office. Member

Organisations should send their interest to IFHE President Carol WARREN.

### Recognition and Introduction

The final topic of the IFHE Council 2012 was the recognition of retiring Members of the Executive Committee, the acknowledgement of all Chairs of the Programme Committees and the introduction of the incoming members of the Executive Committee most of all the incoming IFHE President Carol WARREN, Australia. The IFHE Delegates thanked Geraldene HODELIN and welcomed the new IFHE President Carol WARREN with acclamation. The new IFHE Vice-Presidents and EC Member introduce themselves on page 10.

## IFHE ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION: HOME ECONOMICS AND THE UN MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS: A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Since 2009 IFHE has strengthened its activities to support the eight UN Millennium Goals (UN MDGs). Most of all the IFHE statements related to each of the eight UN Millennium Goals – published on the IFHE Website – demonstrate how Home Economics can contribute to the UN MDGs. In 2015 the deadline for all UN Goals will end. The questions are: What has been achieved so far and what are still the challenges to reduce poverty and hunger, to realised maternal health etc.?

These questions were the focus of an IFHE Roundtable Discussion at the IFHE World Congress in Melbourne on the theme **“Home Economics and UN Millennium Development Goals: A Global Perspective”**.

There were 93 participants who joined the Round Table Discussions. The session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Geraldene B. HODELIN, IFHE President (2008 - 2012) University of Technology, Jamaica in the Region of the Americas, who presented the introduction.

Home Economics experts from all IFHE Regions gave informed presentations at the Round Table Discussion. The main focus of their presentations was the Eradication of Poverty and Hunger, Health, Gender and Sustainability.

In her presentation **Prof. Dr. Anke NIEHOF** from Wageningen University, Netherlands, Europe focussed on Poverty, Hunger and Inequality: Achievements and Challenges. She pointed out that youth unemployment and a growing ageing population in the northern hemisphere contributes to poverty. The young unemployed generation in all continents without any hope of a job and

income could end up in social insecurity, and instability.

**Prof. Dr. Sidiga WASHI**, Ahfad University for Women, Sudan presented on the context of Gender Equality, Health and Poverty from an African perspective. “Gender equality is one of the main reasons for hunger, poverty and child mortality”, Prof. WASHI summarised.

**Photo: IFHE Round Table Discussion Session (Source: Andrea JENKEL, Germany)**



**“Why should Health and Wellbeing be a Focus of the UN MDGs after 2015 from a Home Economics Perspective?”** This was the theme of the presentation of **Vulori SARAI**, Assistant Lecturer, School of Education, the University of the South Pacific. She explained the significance of healthy nutrition in the first 1,000 days of a baby’s life. She indicated that healthy nutrition of pregnant women and

the first two years of the life of a baby are critical. Not only the physical and mental development of children will be influenced through healthy nutrition in the first years of life, but also their psychological stability during their whole life.

**Prof. Dr. Midori OTAKE**, President of Japan Association for Home Economics, Japan, Asia gave a speech about **“Home Economics and Sustainability: the Relevance to follow-up the Aims of the UN MDGs after 2015”**. She pointed out that the development of educational material that teaches how to move out of poverty is important to all countries. Students should be able to realise that poverty could happen to anyone. The discussions of the presentations touched different aspects related to the professional fields of the participants. To summarise the audience of the Round Table agreed that Home Economists around the world should advocate for families to demand a follow-up process to the UN MDGs after 2015. They support the view that the post-2015 period should focus on gender equality as

well as continue the quest to reduce hunger and poverty especially in Africa. At the end of the Round Table discussion everybody was convinced:

**“Home Economics can truly help to reduce poverty and improve health of families all over the world!”**

## **INAUGURATION OF NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

During the IFHE Council Meeting 2012 two IFHE Vice-Presidents and one EC Member were officially inaugurated. The new IFHE Vice-Presidents and EC Member introduce themselves:

**Dr. Gerda CASIMIR, Netherlands, for her term as Vice-President Region of Europe 2012 – 2016:**

I have been installed as Vice-President for Europe at the Council 2012. I was born in 1950 and graduated in Household studies (Home Economics) at Wageningen University in 1977. I have been working in Home Economics teacher training and – for more than 15 years – in Information and Communication Technology at the Utrecht Institute for Higher Education (Hogeschool van Utrecht).



I participated for four years in the NIVO-project – introducing new information technology in secondary education – where I was responsible for the teacher training. After that I was part of the project team that established a new program for higher education: “Communication Systems Management”. Being a teacher in that program since 1991, consumer aspects remained my main interest. I started a part-time PhD research at Wageningen University in 1995, which I completed in 2001, on **“The influence of telecommuting on the division of labour in the domestic setting”**.

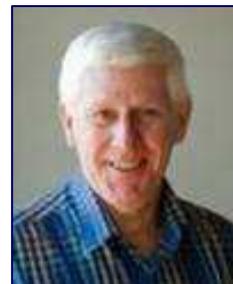
Currently, I am Assistant Professor at the Sociology of Consumers and Households Group

of Wageningen University and actively involved in both education and research. One of my tasks is the acquisition of projects for the Academic Consultancy Training – a course within which over twenty masters programs throughout the university participate, offering students a context to achieve professional competences by executing assignments for external commissioners.

Up to its abolition in 2010, I was President of the KLV-study group Consumer Science, an institutional member of IFHE. Since 2004, after the Kyoto Congress, I am an active member of the IFHE Research Committee; in this capacity I participated in Annual Leadership Meetings since 2005, and in the IFHE Council Meetings since 2006.

**Prof. Dr. Anthony WORSLEY, Australia, for his term as Vice-President Region of Pacific 2012 – 2016:**

The new Vice-President (Pacific), Tony WORSLEY, is Professor of Behavioural Nutrition at Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia. His earlier positions included: Professor of Public Health, University of Wollongong; Senior Research Advisor at the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation; Professor of Public Health Nutrition and Head of the School of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences, Deakin University; Professor of Public Health, University of Adelaide, Senior Principal Research Scientist, Division of Human Nutrition, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation Australia, and Professor of Social Nutrition, University of Otago, New Zealand. He has been a member of the Australian Academy of Sciences' Nutrition Committee; Co-Executive Editor of *Appetite*, and Foundation Co-Editor of the *International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity*.



He has wide experience in the evaluation of public health nutrition programs, and in the promotion and maintenance of healthy food behaviours. He has published widely in scientific and professional

journals and has authored several books in his professional fields. He has had a deep involvement with Home Economics throughout his career, starting with his appointment to the Faculty of Home Economics at the University of Otago, New Zealand in 1986, the conduct of research projects with Home Economics Victoria, co-authorship of Food People and Health - an Australian Home Economics secondary text book, and as a trustee of the King and Amy O'Malley Home Economics Trust.

His recent research projects include for example The Five Country Survey of Consumers' food risk perceptions; examination of the influences on household food providers' behaviours; development of a taxonomy of consumers' food knowledge.

**Audrey JONES-DRAYTON, Barbados, for her term as EC Member Region of the Americas 2012 – 2016:**

Audrey JONES-DRAYTON is the Head of Division, Human Ecology (ag.) at the Samuel Jackman Prescod Polytechnic, Barbados. She holds a trained teachers' certificate with a major in Home Economics from the



Lillian Dewar College of Education, Guyana, a Bachelor of Education Degree (Hons) from the College of Arts Science and Technology now the University of Technology, Jamaica majoring in Clothing, Housing and Design, a Master of Education Degree in Teacher Education from the University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica and post graduate qualifications in Educational Administration from the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados. Audrey JONES-DRAYTON is well known around the region as a teacher trainer and Home Economics educator having conducted training throughout the Caribbean. She has taught at both the secondary and tertiary levels and is a retired Chief Examiner for the Caribbean Examinations Council examination in Clothing and Textiles.

Audrey JONES-DRAYTON is one of the writers of Home Economics text book series published by the Caribbean Association of Home Economists (CAHE) and is a contributor to their recently published recipe book. She has been a member of the CAHE Inc. for the past twenty-nine years and is the President of the Association 2009 - 2013. Her passion is for raising the standard of Home Economics practice and for community outreach to grass root communities. In addition to her professional activities Audrey JONES-DRAYTON is involved in the Cooperative Credit Union Movement. She also serves on several committees and boards at the community level and within the Church of the Nazarene, Barbados District. Her hobbies are traveling, photography and gardening.

**JANETT GIBBS: THE 2012 IFHE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDEE!**

*Submitted by Juanita MENDENHALL*

What an honour it was to see the surprise and joy on the face of our dear colleague and friend, Janett GIBBS, as she learned she was the recipient of the **FIRST** Distinguished Service Award (DSA) presented to an IFHE member in the 104-year history of the Organisation. She received the DSA at the concluding banquet of our XXII. Congress in Melbourne, Australia on July 16, 2012 before a huge crowd enjoying an elegant dinner and enthusiastic Australian entertainment. She received a resounding ovation as the hundreds present who have known and appreciated her through her more than forty years as **HOME ECONOMIST** as well as all the others present, cheered her to the stage. She knew the minute our new President, Carol WARREN, said the word "Mississippi" that she had been selected for the honour. "Certainly there aren't that many others here from Mississippi!" she later said. She received a beautiful, crystal table top "trophy" as a memento of the occasion.

A thirty-two page booklet to commemorate her professional lifetime of work highlighted her years of service to the profession, dating from her early

years of classroom teaching and her utility company work in Mississippi to her University of Georgia Extension Service career and to her current role as a US Income Tax preparer - and she is only 90 years of age!!! (The transcript of her nomination packet is posted at the IFHE-US website, [ifhe-us.org](http://ifhe-us.org))



Photo: Janett GIBBS and Geraldene B. HODELIN  
(Source: Simon Peter Fox Photography, Australia)

At her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party in March, she was presented with her nomination booklet as a tribute to her incredible years of professionalism - but she was sure she would not be selected for the award. In that documentation of project after project in seventeen Developing Countries and leadership roles in various organisations at all levels, she is probably best known for her incredible tours to IFHE Meetings all around the world since 1974. In that time, she has led tours that included getting over 500 persons to thirteen IFHE Events. Unbelievably, she is already talking about her next tour!

Janett's contribution to International Home Economics over the last 30 years has been spectacular. Her infectious enthusiasm spreads easily to others in her wake, inspiring them to take up the cause where there is a need. She is a role model for lifelong learning and for teaching individuals, families and communities - **WORLDWIDE.**

We salute you Janett!

Congratulations!!

## DISCRIMINATION OF ELDERLY FROM A HOME ECONOMICS PERSPECTIVE

The “**Third Substantive Session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing**” took place at the UN in New York from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2012.

Eileen GALLAGHER LABINER and Mary COVINGTON - IFHE Representatives at the UN in New York - participated at this meeting and gave a presentation at the Panel discussions. “All went very well yesterday morning when Mary Covington read the IFHE OEWG on Rights of Aging People. About twenty countries presented first, followed by the NGOs. ... that brought this excellent moment into IFHE's History.”

The related IFHE Statement “**IFHE demands the strengthening and protection of the human rights of older persons in every cultural context**” is published on the IFHE Website under <http://www.ifhe.org/175.html> .

## NEW UN WEBSITE

*Source: Civil Society and Outreach Unit (CSOU), Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD)*

The Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD) of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) has launched a new web portal (as a pilot) project called **United Nations Social Development Network (UNSDN)** to share knowledge and good practices among social development professionals worldwide on ageing, civil society, cooperatives, disability, employment, family, indigenous peoples, poverty, social integration, technology and youth. UNSDN is uniquely positioned to disseminate information and knowledge produced by the United Nations system in the area of social development, particularly on the three core issues of poverty eradication, employment generation and social integration. UNSDN will act as a major interface between DESA's work in the area of social development and that of its partners involved in advancing the global social development agenda.

There is an increasing awareness that knowledge is central to all development efforts as it empowers social actors to find appropriate solutions to their own challenges. By sharing knowledge, the portal aims to assist Member States in the development of policies and practices that promote the goals of the World Summit for Social Development.

The DESA invites the civil society to visit the portal and explore how INGOs can contribute to it and engage effectively with DSPD-DESA and the United Nations system as a whole. We want to strengthen our partnership and deliver together on our global commitments. Suggestions, feedbacks and recommendations on the use of this portal and the way forward are welcomed at DESA.

“By working together, we can build more prosperous societies and a more just, equitable and sustainable world!” (DESA)

The portal can be accessed at: <http://unsdn.org/>.

## IFHE ANNUAL LEADERSHIP MEETING 2013 IN VIENNA

The IFHE Annual Leadership Meeting will take place from 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013 in Vienna, Austria. The venue will be the Kardinal König



Haus which is located not far from the city centre of Vienna. As well as the work of the Committees and the Regional Meetings a Symposium will be conducted on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> of February.

It will be a contribution to the IFHE Campaign to the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Year of the Family 2014. The Symposium will have the theme: “**Confronting Family Poverty and social Exclusion – the Contribution of Home Economics**”. The keynote speeches will focus on the theme from different perspectives:

- KN 1: The needs and challenges of families as basic and essential building blocks of societies

- KN 2: Faces of poverty in developing countries – solutions from a Home Economic perspective
- KN 3: Poverty in developed countries – family needs beyond financial transfer.

Following the keynotes, participants will discuss the theme in three different working groups. More information about the convention centre are available at [www.kardinal-koenig-haus.at](http://www.kardinal-koenig-haus.at). The Invitation Letter, Provisional Programme, Social Programme and Symposium Programme as well as booking conditions will be available soon at [www.ifhe.org](http://www.ifhe.org). The Online Registration will be open at the end of October 2012.

## IFHE SYMPOSIUM 2013

### Keynote Speakers – Call for Expression of Interest

Members are invited to the 2013 Annual IFHE Symposium to be held in conjunction with the IFHE Annual Meeting in February 2013. The theme “**Confronting Family Poverty and social Exclusion – the Contribution of Home Economics**” will address the needs and challenges of families as basic and essential building blocks of society.

An invited expert speaker on family from the UN will provide the opening presentation to then be followed by two keynote presentations focusing on the face of poverty in developing countries and the face of poverty in developed countries. IFHE invites members who are interested in participating as a keynote speaker at the symposium and have expertise in addressing this theme, to submit an expression of interest. Presentations are 20 minutes. The concept of the IFHE Symposium is available on the IFHE Website at [www.ifhe.org](http://www.ifhe.org) in the “Members Only Area” under the topic “IFHE Annual Meeting”. **Please send your expression of interest to [office@ifhe.org](mailto:office@ifhe.org) by 15<sup>th</sup> September 2012.** Presenters are expected to cover their own expenses to attend the IFHE Annual Meeting.

All expressions of interest will be reviewed by the symposium committee with notification to be advised by the end of September 2012.

## REGION OF AMERICAS TRYING TO ENGAGE MORE MEMBERS

*Submitted by Joanne PEARSON, Vice-President Region of the Americas*

Attendance at the Business Meeting of the Region of the Americas at the recent IFHE Congress in Melbourne was one of the largest of all the regions, with 50 people in the audience for the 8:30 a.m. meeting. There were slightly more than 100 people, including accompanying persons, from the Americas at the Congress. Attendees at the business meeting were asked not only to sign in with their name and current email address, but were asked to indicate **HOW** they would be willing to be involved in activities at the regional level. This included volunteering to serve on the nominating committee, assisting with the new regional website, serving on the regional planning committee, working on regional projects and/or participating in the Young Professionals Network (YPN). Although many people indicated a willingness to be involved, **MANY** more volunteers are needed in each of these areas. If you would like to become involved, it is not too late to indicate your interest. Send an email to the Vice-President, Joanne PEARSON, at [pearsojm@jmu.edu](mailto:pearsojm@jmu.edu) and let her know how you would like to be involved in activities in the Region of the Americas.

The minutes of the Regional Business Meeting are now available on the member side of the IFHE website under "Members" and then Region of the Americas. Some of the key items included in the meeting, and following the meeting, were the following:

- Audrey JONES-DRAYTON from Barbados is the new Member Representative from the Americas replacing Mabel CORDINI from Brazil who has served in the position for the last two years.
- Gwendolyn HUSTVEDT from the United States has agreed to be on the YPN Coordinating Committee from the Americas for the next two years replacing Kala STANTON, also from the United States, who

had served since the last Council Meeting in Sligo, Ireland.

- The report of the proposed structure for the Region of Americas was presented. This was the result of work during the last two years by the Regional Planning Committee, whose members included Carol ANDERSON (USA), Ruth BERRY (CAN), Sandra D'AVILA (BRA), Icilda FFRENCH (JAM), Joanne PEARSON (USA) and Geraldene HODELIN (JAM). Members in the Americas are encouraged to provide feedback to the proposed plan, which then will be voted upon at the next Council Meeting.
- The co-chairs of the Planning Committee for the 2014 Council Meeting to be held at Brescia College, London, Ontario, Canada, Shirley JONES and Joanne MACKIE, reported on the plans for the meeting. They also brought the First Announcement flyer for the meeting which was distributed at the final Council session on Friday.
- Juanita MENDENHALL, USA, reported on the Partnerships for Home Economics Disaster Assistance Project. A recent example where the Partnerships Project worked was in St. Lucia where nine schools were helped after flooding earlier this year. Several sales booths in the International Marketplace on Wednesday and Thursday at Congress supported the Partnerships Project.

## XII. CANADIAN SYMPOSIUM

**"Home Economics/Family Studies/Human Ecology /Family and Consumer Science Education: Issues and Directions"**

### Call for Papers

**When:** Friday, February 22, 2013 (registration starts at 4:00 p.m.), Saturday, February 23 and Sunday, February 24 (ends at noon)

**Where:** Radisson Vancouver Airport Hotel, 8181 Cambie Road, Richmond, BC, V6X 3X9 – Vancouver, Canada

For more information please see under <http://www.ifhe.org/28.html> .

## IFHE PROJECT PROPOSALS AGAIN BEING SOLICITED

*Submitted by Joanne PEARSON, Chair Project Assessment Committee*

Currently two IFHE-funded projects are being coordinated by IFHE Committees. The first, funded in 2010, is directed by Donna PENDERGAST for the Think Tank Committee and is titled "Re-branding: Future proofing home economics as a sustainable profession to enable education for sustainability". It is anticipated that this project will be completed within the next year.

The second project received funding in 2011 and initial results were presented in a workshop coordinated by the Institutional and Hospitality Management Committee at the 2012 IFHE Congress. This six-country study entitled "Situation of the Elderly: A six-country study from a Home Economics Perspective", is being conducted in India by Seema PURI, in Japan by Yukiko KUDO, in Brazil by Mabel CORDINI, in Guyana by Janice MAISON, in Swaziland by Nishi SURANA and in Germany by Elisabeth LEICHT-ECKARDT. The project is scheduled to end in 2013.

The next deadline dates for accepting project proposals related to the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Year of the Family (IYF) are October 1, 2012 and April 1, 2013. At the Council Meeting held in Melbourne in July the IFHE Budgets for 2013 and 2014 were accepted. Included in those budget years were funds for project grants in the two specified areas totaling 20,000 Euros in 2013 and 10,000 Euros in 2014 for UN MDG-focused projects.

Project proposal guidelines are posted on the IFHE Webpage under the heading of "About IFHE", then click on IFHE Projects, then IFHE Project Grant Guidelines. For further information contact the chair of the Project Assessment Committee, Joanne PEARSON, at [pearsojm@jmu.edu](mailto:pearsojm@jmu.edu).

IFHE Committees or regions interested in developing a project proposal that addresses the

needs of families or which has implications for families might want to consider simultaneously developing a proposal for funding from the UN Trust Fund on Family Activities. These grants are special-purpose co-financing grants, and thus provide seed-money for a project, rather than cover the entire cost of the proposal.

Guidelines for those proposals can be found at [www.un.org/esa/socdev/family/TechAssist/trust\\_fund\\_guide.PDF](http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/family/TechAssist/trust_fund_guide.PDF).

## PARTNERSHIP'S HOME ECONOMICS DISASTER ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES UPDATE, 2012

*Submitted by Juanita MENDENHALL, Coordinator*

2012 has seen a great deal of progress in the development of the "Partnership's Project". Thailand and Australia have officially been added to the Partners list along with the IFHE, AAFCS, IHES, CAHE and IFHE-US. Many more individuals have also committed to help and to educate others about the goals of the Project. However, there is still a lot of serious work to be done to harness the full potential of this effort into a true partnership that engages home economists around the world. Simply stated, the purpose is to "Engage Home Economists around the world to be in place and ready to help when disaster strikes our Home Economics educator's in developing countries."

Both at AAFCS in Indianapolis in June and Melbourne at IFHE Congress in Melbourne, our Partnerships Sales tables proved to be quite effective. Not only were the sales great because of the support of so many willing contributors and purchasers, but this avenue allowed us to "meet and greet" many people, providing an opportunity to gain support as we explained the work and purpose of the "Partnership's Project."

The funds in the IFHE-US "Partnerships" account now stands at over \$4,260 and has been raised from the sales tables. A huge boost to the effort

came from Dr. M.P. MASIPA who brought an entire sales table full of items from Thailand to sell at Congress for the Partnership's Project.

We would encourage other groups to hold their own fund raisers to continue building the working capital for the project. This money is being set aside primarily for shipping of donated goods to disaster sites when applied for by those in need. Such funds can be held by a participating "partner" in a special fund such as the IFHE-US one in their own organisation as the Caribbean Association and others are currently doing or the money can be sent to the IFHE-US Treasurer so it can join other funds for this purpose. These directions will be spelled out in greater detail after the newly developed Advisory Board finishes developing protocol (Meeting Minutes from Melbourne and a Microsoft PowerPoint® presentation are posted on the IFHE and IFHE-



US Websites).

(Source: Juanita MENDENHALL, USA)

This is a great opportunity for international

involvement by professionals taking action at the local, state or regional level, whether the action is a project for a classroom, one's community, or any group at all levels.

### BE A PART OF THE PARTNERSHIPS PROJECT NOW!!

We need small donated items for our "Partnerships Project" Product Sales Tables at various meetings. The money raised will help fund the "Partnerships Project" with money currently held by the IFHE-US and other Partner's as collection organisations.

As more plans are laid, there may be other collection sites. **ANYONE** can contribute by making and/or bringing items to AAFCS and IFHE-US or IFHE meetings and selling them to

raise funds for **THIS PROJECT**. At the next AAFCS meeting it will be the fourth year. Recently it was decided to expand the effort to all of the IFHE Members, asking that they donate items for the "Partnership's Sales Tables" at their upcoming meetings. For US meetings, simply get your donation to Juanita MENDENHALL before the beginning of the meeting. If you want to have your own conference sale of items, report all such actions to Juanita also so we can keep a composite picture (HINT: Involving students in making items works great!!).

Requests for more information or expressions of interest should be made to Juanita MENDENHALL, IHES President, at [juanitam@usit.net](mailto:juanitam@usit.net) .

### NEW HOME ECONOMICS SECTION AT IFHE WEBSITE

The IFHE launched a new section of the IFHE Website on the theme "**Home Economics – Quality of Life for All**". All documents related to the different topics of Home Economics:

**Consumer, Family, Food/Nutrition, Health, Household Technology and Home Economics in general** are now published on this special website. It includes **presentations, reports, articles, statements and publications & links**.

The homepage can be directly entered from [www.ifhe.org](http://www.ifhe.org) and is available under <http://he.ifhe.org/> .

### "ENHANCING HEALTH, WELLBEING AND SUSTAINABILITY – OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS"

*Submitted by Ela DEDHIA, India*

An International Conference will be held from 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> January 2013 to this theme. This Conference is organised by the Nirmala Niketan College of Home Science, University of Mumbai - Mumbai, India

For more **information** please see under <http://www.ic2013nn.com/> .

## EDUCATION POLICY AND TRAINING COMMITTEE

*Submitted by Sandra FORDYCE-VOORHAM, Chair*

It was wonderful to meet many Home Economics educators from around the world at the recent XXII. World Congress in Melbourne, Australia. The Congress provided a great opportunity to share research and educational ideas and to network with new and long-standing friends in the Home Economics profession.

Several issues were raised for discussion at the Programme Committee Education meeting held at Congress, including the global Home Economics education overview with a specific emphasis on the Congress theme of sustainability.

Associate Professor, Theresa LAI (IFHE Region of Asia) outlined two examples of curriculum documents related to sustainability (**Contemporary Consumer Lifestyles: Towards Health and Environmental Sustainability** and **Global Food Security**) which are used at the Hong Kong Institute of Education. Leanne COMPTON (IFHE Region of Pacific) also provided Challenge-based learning documents designed to engage high-school students to achieve in schools and in an ever-changing world. These documents have been circulated already to Programme Committee Education members and we thank Theresa and Leanne for making this contribution. Other IFHE Members who are interested in receiving these documents please email Chair Sandra FORDYCE-VOORHAM [sfordyce@mentonegirls.vic.edu.au](mailto:sfordyce@mentonegirls.vic.edu.au) .

### **Partnership Project and IFHE approved project "Partnerships for Home Economics Disaster Assistance"**

Juanita MENDENHALL (IFHE Region of the Americas) provided background information on this project. Members are encouraged to identify MDGs projects in their region that require our support. One example that was put forward at the IFHE Pacific Regional Meeting held at Congress included the promotion of World Home Economics Day in our schools to raise funds to aid micro-

financing projects operated by women in Pacific island countries, which are vulnerable to rising sea levels due to climate change.

Home Economics educators from other regions are also invited to share their ideas on how World Home Economics Day can be promoted in educational institutions to celebrate our profession and to raise funds towards projects that address sustainability and lead towards the fulfillment of the Millennium Development Goals in 2015. Share your ideas on the wiki <http://policyeducationtraining.wikispaces.com/> .

### **Global Status of Home Economics Education (Secondary and Tertiary) Survey**

Preliminary results of the survey presented as key findings are shown below and represented by 31 respondents from the Pacific, Europe, Americas and Asia IFHE Regions.

#### Key findings

- Family and Consumer Sciences is the title most often used to describe Home Economics in schools.
- Food and Nutrition and Child Development are the two most frequently taught subjects in secondary schools.
- Home Economics (offered under the Faculty of Family and Consumer Sciences) is offered at university, predominantly at the undergraduate (Bachelor degree) level; some post-graduate degrees offered.
- Some reporting of reduction of tertiary courses in Home Economics.

Respondents provided detailed information about the courses in Home Economics education offered by tertiary institutions and which could be used to develop a database for the IFHE.

Home Economics professionals who work in either the secondary or tertiary level of education are welcome to participate by clicking on the following link [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/IFHE\\_survey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/IFHE_survey) .

## REPORT FROM CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES OUTREACH COMMITTEE

*Submitted by Leena SAVISALO, Chair*

A short report from IFHE CEEC Outreach committee (IFHE Central and Eastern European Countries Outreach Committee) held at our wonderful Congress in Australia.

First of all thank you all for the excellent memorable Congress in Melbourne. The advisory work and teaching Food Security all around the world has again been seen during the hot dry summer in the Americas and Europe and found to be very important. The shortage of food is still a major issue all over the world. The Home Economists have an important role to disseminate the knowledge of food production in the field of gardening in small plots of arable land.

The agriculture of large farms uses the advisory work worldwide. The women's role in teaching food production is a key issue. Working together with agricultural agencies and small scale gardening advisory work helps food security.

Last summer a seminar can gave ideas to the new research and collaboration Home Economists and Advisory workers all around the world  
<http://eese-2011.blogspot.fi/p/proceedings.html> .

I am very happy for comments!

## ANNOUNCEMENT – ARTICLE ON THE IFHE WEBSITE

*Submitted by Gunnhild AAKERVIK, Lecturer in Health, Nutrition and Environment, Norway*

### Healthy Food and Lifestyle in Europe

#### Background

The responsibility of policy makers, Home Economics and expertise in nutrition has never been more important as the nutrition information flow is so huge, both concerning advertising of what you should buy and eat, but also the information flow that might show good alternatives. It is sad to discover that the

immigrant population in Europe is more exposed to many life style diseases like diabetes type II, but this is also a trend in the host population. Therefore, to educate and to let people reflect on their own diet and its benefits, will promote better health and life style as they may become aware of own changes in the diet.

There are both human ecological perspectives on food in Europe and a regressive development that is a threat to the ecological balance in nature. This presentation will not address genetically modified food, and only a few comments on ecological production and products. There is an ongoing debate concerning these issues. Organic agriculture and methods have become understood and taken into consideration due to unhealthy life styles, information, and not the least, a wish to promote a better life and healthy food.

For the complete article please see  
<http://he.ifhe.org/771.html> .

## BROCHURE IFHE PROGRAMME COMMITTEES 2012 – 2016

“**Perspectives of the Programmes**” was launched during the XXII. IFHE World Congress 2012.

For more information please see under  
<http://www.ifhe.org/140.html> .

## FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE SOCIETY OF NIGERIA (FACSSON) CONFERENCE 2012/2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2012

“**Issues and Challenges in Family Development in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**” 2012  
November 12 - 16

Onyema Ugochukwu Hall University of Uyo - Uyo, Nigeria

For more **information** please have a look under  
<http://www.ifhe.org/28.html> .

## YPN AT IFHE CONGRESS 2012!

*Submitted by Amanda Mc CLOAT, Ireland (YPN Chair)*

The YPN were honoured to have a keynote address at Congress 2012 – “**Creativity and Innovation– the Role of Young Professionals in sustaining Home Economics**”. It was a multimedia presentation facilitated by Amanda Mc CLOAT (Ireland) & Gwendolyn HUSTVEDT (USA). Throughout the keynote an international selection of young professionals provided “virtual” insights into their current creative and innovative work in the field of Home Economics.



Photo: Amanda Mc CLOAT, Tahira HIRA, Gwendolyn HUSTVEDT (Source: Amanda Mc CLOAT, Ireland)

The YPN agreed to have a participative format for this session and sought contributions from each IFHE Region. In line with the theme and scope of Congress 2012, Young Professionals were asked to present their thoughts and practices around Home Economics via video media or photographic evidence together with a report. Submissions were received from Ireland (Amanda Mc CLOAT); USA (Gwendolyn HUSTVEDT); UK (Emma COLLINS); Australia (Hannah McPHEE); Finland (Anna KOSONEN); Jamaica (Karen MANNING-HENRY); Africa (Anna HOFF); Japan (Setsuko NAKAYAMA & Kazuki YOSHIDA); Canada (Emily RICHARDS).

Thank you to all contributors; the keynote was very well received. The video section of the keynote is available on the YPN section of the IFHE website under <http://www.ifhe.org/238.html> .

## YPN NETWORK

Networking and professional exchange opportunities are an important element of the Congress. As a result a YPN Welcome Reception was organised to commence prior to the Welcome Reception. Throughout the Congress the YPN availed of a number of opportunities to meet socially as a group and many new friends were made.



Photo: YPN Welcome Reception (Source: Amanda Mc CLOAT, Ireland)

New members to the YPN are always welcome - if you want to become involved in the Young Professionals Network or if you are aware of someone who may be interested, please do not hesitate to email me at either [ypn@ifhe.org](mailto:ypn@ifhe.org) or [amccloat@stangelas.nuigalway.ie](mailto:amccloat@stangelas.nuigalway.ie) .

## IFHE COUNCIL MEETING 2014

21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2014

### The first Announcement

The IFHE President in cooperation with the members of the IFHE Canada and the Hamilton Home Economics Association are delighted to be able to invite all IFHE Members to attend the IFHE Council 2014 at Brescia College, London, Ontario, Canada.

**For more information please have a look under <http://www.ifhe.org/28.html> .**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2012

3 – 5 October

#### **12<sup>th</sup> Consumer Issues Conference**

“Consumer Financial Protection: Who’s in Charge?”

University of Wyoming Union on the Campus of the University of Wyoming – Laramie, WY, USA

12 – 16 November

#### **Family and Consumer Science Society of Nigeria (FACSSON) Conference 2012/2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Conference 2012**

“Issues and Challenges in Family Development in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”

Onyema Ugochukwu Hall University of Uyo – Uyo, Nigeria

### 2013

10 – 13 January

#### **International Conference**

“Enhancing Health, Wellbeing and Sustainability – Opportunities, Challenges and Future Direction”

Organised by the Nirmala Niketan College of Home Science, University of Mumbai – Mumbai, India

8 – 12 February

#### **IFHE Annual Leadership Meeting 2013**

Kardinal König Haus – Vienna, Austria

22 – 24 February

#### **XII. Canadian Symposium**

“Home Economics/Family Studies/Human Ecology/Family and Consumer Science Education: Issues and Directions”

Radisson Vancouver Airport Hotel – Vancouver, Canada

27 February -1 March

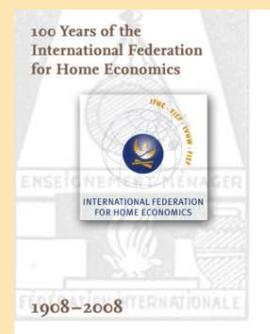
#### **11<sup>th</sup> International South African Association of Family Ecology and Consumer Science (SAAFECS) Conference and 6<sup>th</sup> IFHE Africa Regional Conference**

“Building Across Borders”

Hosted by the Department of Life and Consumer Sciences, University of South Africa

Saint Georg Hotel and Conference Centre – Pretoria, South Africa

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