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## INVITATION TO THE 2006 COUNCIL MEETING IN SOUTH AFRICA!

*Message from the President, Lilha LEE, Ph.D.*

It is my privilege to invite all IFHE members to the 2006 Council Meeting to be held in Cape Town, South Africa from 16<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> July 2006.

As noted earlier on several occasions, the forthcoming meeting will be significant forum for us in many aspects at the threshold of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, an era of "Change and Reformation through Communication". We need to evolve and engage in the new environment by actively

integrating information technology into our system. This will be the last biennial Council meeting before our centennial year meeting, all IFHE delegates will have to make decisions on important business matters, develop the future-oriented strategy for IFHE, and prepare for the centennial celebration. In addition to the business meeting, there will be a symposia arranged by IFHE and by each Programme Committee. It is expected that this will help

strengthen our academic excellence as well as develop a synergic relationship and more rigorous networking among members as they present their research papers and share their experiences in a specific interest group. I am positive that this approach will make it possible for us to meet new demands emerged from active members at this highly competitive professional front. Beside these, there will be many attractive tours and excursion

programs that you will not want to miss. I am sure this would be a rare chance for many of us to travel in this unique, intriguing and exotic continent. On behalf of IFHE, I would like to invite all of you to this meaningful meeting and look forward to seeing many of you in the wonderful city of Cape Town.

### ANNOUNCEMENT IFHE HISTORY BOOK 100 YEARS

*JULY 2006 is deadline for receiving your Country and Regional History Report. If you want your country and regional History to appear in this Book, please send a hard copy of your report to*

**Nancy B. LEIDENFROST**  
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## JOIN - JOIN - JOIN ... IFHE Council 2006

Cape Town, South Africa

Registration form see

[www.ifhe.org/saafecs2006.html](http://www.ifhe.org/saafecs2006.html)

Deadline 15<sup>th</sup> June 2006

## YOUR COUNTRY AND REGIONAL IFHE HISTORY REPORT

*Submitted by Nancy B.  
LEIDENFROST*

As part of the written History, the History Committee has requested that reports be submitted from Member Countries and from the five Regions of IFHE describing their activities and programs supporting IFHE's objectives. The booklet, IFHE, It's History 1908-2008, describes our request and includes the format to be used in preparing the report. This booklet was given to Country and Regional Contacts in 2002, 2004, also on the website and in the newsletter 2004-June 2005, December 2005 and sent to the Executive Members, Country and Regional Contacts in a letter dated March 23, 2006.

Why so "early?" The Committee needs sufficient time to incorporate the Country and Regional information into the written draft; to circulate the draft to selected individuals worldwide for review; to revise the draft based on the reviews; if necessary, to circulate the draft for second reviews; to prepare the final copy for printing; and then to have the book printed

and shipped to Switzerland in time for the Congress. All of these are time-consuming steps and we want to ensure that the book is available as we celebrate our 100th anniversary.

**Please help to ensure that your country will be included in the IFHE 100-year history and submit your report to Nancy B. LEIDENFROST no later than July 2006. We thank you for your assistance.**

Please send a hard copy of your report to:

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## IFHE 2008 DEVELOPMENT FUND CENTENNIAL QUILT PROJECT

*Submitted by Carolyn  
BLOUNT*

The 2004 Kyoto Quilt was such a Success - Earning \$ 1.650 to Support Development Fund Grants.

### Announcing the 2008 Centennial Quilt for Switzerland

(Funds will go to the IFHE-US Development Fund to Support the IFHE Development Grants)

- Design and create a quilt square 11 inch (28 cm) square of washed cotton or cotton poly
- Piece, applique, embroider, embellish
- Sign with your Name as Designer

- Identify with Name of Country, State, City
- Consider honouring a local Home Economics Leader
- Encourage your Association to Participate  
Let's have a square (or more) from each Country!

Send by March 1, 2008, to  
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## IFHE PROJECT ASSESSMENT TASK GROUP

The financial base of IFHE allows the Executive Committee (EC) to fund projects of the IFHE Programme Committees. The IFHE EC decided to establish an "IFHE Project Assessment Task Group" which will be responsible for the approval of applications for financial support. Sherry BETTS EC Vice President for the Region Americas, expressed her willingness to be the chair of the "Project Assessment Task Group" (PATG) The Group is seeking two IFHE members to serve on the PATG. The commitment is to work with other committee members via e-mail to finalize the application and criteria for IFHE project funding and then to evaluate applications that are submitted for funding. This is important to the continued work of IFHE and will help both individual members and IFHE's reputation worldwide. Interested IFHE members should send an e-mail to IFHE Office by the end of June 2006.

## IFHE NGO'S AT THE UNITED NATIONS

*Submitted by Mary MILLER*

**Mary MILLER** coordinated the team on the NGO Committee on the Family/New York that formulated the statements for two commissions; The Commission for Social Development and The Commission on the Status of Women. The Commission for Social Development took place in February and we urged the Commission to address the persistent plight of families living in extreme poverty.

The Commission on the Status of Women focused 2006 session on women's achievement of gender equality through an enabling environment and through equal participation of women and men in decision making processes.

**A side event** was held by the NGO Committee on the Family/New York "Address in Global Poverty: What Works for Families." Speakers: DJANKAU (Director International Labor Organization - New York Office for the UN), Vicki SOANES (Representative to the UN for the International Movement ATD Fourth World) and Anna KRAWCZUK (Former & Honorary President of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America).

The Commission on the Status of Women reaffirms the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action for achieving internationally agreed

development goals contained in the Millennium Declaration.

**Looking ahead** the NGO Committee on the Family/New York May 11 International Year of Family (IYF) "Changing Families Challenges and Opportunities"

**Speakers:** H.E. ERASMO LARA (Permanent Representative of Dominican Republic to the United Nations), Hanai ZLOTNIKI (Director, Population Division, DESA), Paul AMATO (Professor of Sociology, Demography, and Family Studies, Interim Department Head, Department of Sociology, Pennsylvania State University) and Gary KNELL (CEO Sesame Workshop).

NGO Committee on Children's Rights Children and Youth Forum 12 May 2006.

**Mary W. COVINGTON** is actively involved in NGO Committee on Ageing. During the Commission for Social Development they had a side event on "International Efforts to Address Poverty Among Older Persons" Speakers: Robert VENNE (United Nations Programme on Ageing), Jime COLLINS (International Association of Gerontology) and Sylvan BARNET (Rotary International).

Mary COVINGTON is on the planning committee for the 59th DPI/NGO Conference and Multigenerational sub-committee. The Theme of the Conference will be "Effective Partnerships for Human Security and Sustainable Development".

As a member of the Committee on Ageing, Mary COVINGTON is involved with outreach at the UN to Grandparent support group. This is for grandparents who are major care givers to their grandchildren. Monthly meetings are held for the grandparents as a support group and to form friendships, and to realize they are not alone. This is with affiliation with the New York City Department of Ageing.

**Looking ahead** 15 June 2006 "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2006".

## UN REPORT

*Submitted by Eileen GALLAGHER LABINER*

**Working with Mary MILLER** at the Family Committee and there are negotiating a possible luncheon for the International Day of the Family, 11May, Executive meeting 6 April.

I worked on the CSW planning committee and attended the consultation meeting on Sunday at New York hospital where the panel discussed violence against women.

Presently, working on the DPI/NGO-September 6-8 Annual Conference. "Unfinished Business: Effective Partnerships for Human Security and Sustainable Development"—working with Workshop committee and the Reception committee. I will recommend Gertraud PICHLER for speaker.

**CSW:** Fifteenth Session: Two texts containing agreed

conclusions of the Commission were adopted—promoting equal participation of women in decision making processes at all levels, and enhancing participation of women in development. While the Commission realizes that some progress has been made, concern was expressed at the serious and persistent obstacles, “which are many and varied in nature”, that still hinder the advancement of women and their participation in decision making, including feminization of poverty, lack of equal access to health, education, training and employment, armed conflict and lack of security. The Commission elaborated on the measures needed to create an enabling environment for achieving gender equality and advancement in the fields of education, health and work, thereby, protecting and promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms.

This year’s high-level panel on the gender perspective in international migration has been of particular importance. The Commission’s Chairperson, Carmen Maria GALLARDO’s (El Salvador) summary of the substantive debate will be submitted to the General Assembly at the occasion of the high-level dialogue on international migration and development, September 2006. She highlighted the active participation of women at this year’s International Women’s Day.

The Commission recommends that the governments,

international, regional, and civil society organizations establish measures that: ensure women’s right to vote, review existing legislation, promote greater involvement of marginalized women, educate men and boys in promoting gender equality and enable access to micro credit. The Commission reaffirms that full and effective implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action is an essential contribution to achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration.

The Commission concluded at an historic time, as the creation of the Human Rights Council has been approved.

**Priority themes for the period of 2007-2009, for adoption by ECOSOC:**

2007: “The Elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the Girl Child”

2008: “Financing for gender equality and the empowerment of Women”

2009: “The equal sharing of responsibilities between Women and Men, including care giving in the context of HIV/AIDS”.

**SUPPORT FOR IFHE MEMBERSHIP**

*Dr. Sue MCGREGOR*

IFHE member Dr. Sue MCGREGOR, Canada decided to finance the affiliation of University of Swaziland as IFHE organizational member. IFHE appreciates the financial support of Dr. Sue MCGREGOR.

**FAO 29<sup>th</sup> REGIONAL CONFERENCE, VENEZUELA**

*Submitted by Geraldene B. HODELIN, Co-opted Executive Committee Member for Region of the Americas*

The 29<sup>th</sup> FAO Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean was held in Caracas, Venezuela on April 22-26, 2006. There were 180 delegates and member organizations and 30 Observer organizations that participated in Conference. Dr. Geraldene B. HODELIN of the University of Technology, Jamaica represented the International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE) as an Observer at the Conference. The key issues examined during the deliberations were contained in position papers proffered by the secretariat of the FAO regarding regional issues in agriculture, food supply and hunger, health and food security. These issues formed the basis for reactions and discussions and future actions by member organizations in the region.

There are important stories of best practices and activities that suggest that regional governments are concerned about quality of life issues like and including the reduction of poverty in Latin America and the Caribbean. My personal gleanings from the discussions include the following:

1. 222 million people or 45% of the regions population live in poverty.

2. 96 million or 19% live in extreme poverty.
3. 5% of the richest enjoy 25% of the regions income.
4. Poorest enjoy only 7.5% of the regions income.
5. There are 53 million under-nourished individuals in Latin America representing 10% of the continent`s population.
6. More than 25% of the regions children suffer from moderate or serious chronic malnutrition.
7. In 2002, seven of the countries had malnutrition of over 21%, while six had rates under 9%.
8. Some countries are on the way to eliminating malnutrition.
9. The pervasiveness of poverty inhibit growth in Latin America and the Caribbean is a key strategy for reducing hunger.
10. Countries face challenges that impact approaches. These challenges include resource allocation and results of agrarian and agrarian development policies and education.
11. International and inter regional trade policies and preferences impact success rates impacting food security and food sovereignty.
12. Health and safety concerns, trade, national income and budgets impact poverty reduction programmes in some countries.
13. Some countries need immediate help to deal with failed agricultural developments and worsening national incomes.
14. Agricultural development and Agrarian reform have become means of eliminating social blights like: illegal agriculture and trade (drugs) crime and violence, hunger reduction and food sovereignty, in many countries of the region.
15. Regional collaborations in trade and agricultural development are growing with mutual benefits for countries within the region.
16. Education, formal and informal, is recognized for the critical role it plays in changing traditional habits and practices that must now give way to modern and more effective approaches in the sector.
17. Communication and technological developments are critical components of the modern tools for agricultural and agrarian reform in the region but these are also factor of national income and budgets.

Please look out for the fuller report on the IFHE website, [www.ifhe.org](http://www.ifhe.org) - section UN, sub section UN messages and events/FAO.

## WORLD HOME ECONOMICS DAY 2006

### *IFHE Promotion at a conference related to the World Home Economics Day in Germany*

On the occasion of the World Home Economics Day, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2006 for the first time seven German Home Economics Associations organized together a conference in Berlin, Germany. Referring to the theme of the World Home Economics Day 2005-2008 well known experts presented statements, lectures and projects regarding the focus, how sustainable development can be implemented in households and households related service sectors. They focused not only on theoretical but also on practical aspects of consumer education and consumer behaviour referring to sustainability. By showing different examples they pointed out that it is possible to train families and companies to keep family households and manage businesses in a sustainable way.

More than 200 participants from all regions of Germany had the opportunity to visit the exhibitions of different companies and home economics schools, which presented products, results of projects and activities in the conference hall.

IFHE Office took the opportunity to promote IFHE at a presentation desk and informed about the mission of IFHE and the great possibility for IFHE members to affect the aims and activities of the United Nations

(UN) and the Council of Europe as an International Non Governmental Organisation (INGO) with the aim of sustainable development and quality of life for all people.

Additionally IFHE focused on emphasising the advantage of a global home economics network.

## ELECTION OF MEMBER FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EUROPE 2006-2010

In December 2005 IFHE EC Vice President Prof. Dr. Kirsten SCHLEGEL-MATTHIES sent an appeal to all European IFHE members to elect the Member for Executive Committee Europe 2006-2010.

Three candidates were nominated and presented themselves at the IFHE Annual Meeting 2006 in Berlin. The IFHE Members had a hard choice to make.

Up to the end of April 139 European IFHE members sent in their ballotpapers to the IFHE Vice President. The result of the election is as follows:

Valid ballots: 137

**Mary MAGEE**, Ireland: 34

**Michael CHOLEWA-MADSEN**, Denmark: 41

**Kaija TURKKI**, Finland: 61

Prof. Dr. Kirsten SCHLEGEL-MATTHIES thanked all candidates and IFHE members for their participation in the

election. She wishes the new IFHE EC Member Europe Kaija TURKKI all the very best for her new task in IFHE. She expressed her gratitude to Kari MØLLEN, who carried out excellent work as the European EC member during her term of office.

## NEW IFHE OFFICE ASSISTANT

*Sabine REINHART*



I am a student of Home Economics and Nutrition

at the University of Bonn. My student placement in February and March 2006 started with the Annual Meeting in Berlin. Here I had the opportunity to get a first impression of the federation and the chance to meet some IFHE members. Now I have the opportunity to work as an Assistant in the IFHE Office in Bonn.

My main tasks are updating the IFHE Member Database, preparing documents for several IFHE meetings like the IFHE Council in Cape Town 2006 and supporting daily office work. In addition I work on a worldwide compilation of important institutions for Home Economics Education, which Petra WEHMEIER started for Europe.

It is very interesting to gain a deeper impression of the wide field of Home Economics and to deal with a lot of different IFHE

members. For me it is important to learn more and more about how the processes in IFHE Office are organized and it is interesting to regard the continuous improvement of the work, for example as an effect of the quality management system.

## IFHE OFFICE REPORT

*March 2006 – May 2006*

### The IFHE member only area is operational since March 2006

This section of the IFHE website is a special service for IFHE members. It will be extended more and more. This special information section is available for all IFHE members with e-mail access.

If IFHE members will have problems when requesting their password, it may be that we do not have the current e-mail address. Please do not hesitate to send a request to IFHE Office.

On this IFHE member only area (moa) current meeting agendas, information, documents, reports, documentations are published.

Up to now six different sub areas are established.

In the subsection "**General**" you can read messages from the IFHE President, statistics etc.

The sub section "**Federation Management**" can be seen as support for the IFHE officers. We publish special forms, documents and information for the IFHE officers on this websites. IFHE Office has established a quality

management system. So if IFHE organisational members or other IFHE members are interested in some of the developed checklists, plans or documents, they can request them from IFHE Office.

#### **In the sub section “IFHE Meetings and Committees”**

IFHE members receive information about forthcoming meetings such as registration forms, agendas and other issues. Also published are documentations, minutes and presentations about former meetings. The reports, minutes, announcements of the IFHE Programme Committees and Council Committees will be published in this section too.

The sub area “**Regions**” is sub divided in “AFRICA, AMERICAS, ASIA, EUROPE and PACIFIC”.

These areas are reserved for the regions so that all Vice Presidents and EC Members of the Regions can publish their special messages and information for members in the region. It can be seen as a platform for regional information.

The section “**List of Experts**” will be established in the near future. At the IFHE Council in Cape Town we will start to gather first information from IFHE members.

The next sub area is the “**Discussion platform**”. Up to now we can use two different discussion platforms. We would like to invite you to participate at the first discussion platform. What is your opinion to the question “What kind of information do you want to have

from an “expert”?” Please enter the discussion platform and write your statement!

#### **Documentation of the IFHE Annual Meeting 2006**

The documentation of the IFHE Annual Meeting 2006 (125 pages) is published (pdf file) on the IFHE moa in the subsection “IFHE Meetings and Committees”. The documentation includes the agenda, minutes of the EC and the plenary sessions, reports of the different Committees and the presentations of the IFHE Symposium. If someone wants to have a printed version of the documentation of the IFHE Annual Meeting 2006, please send an e-mail to IFHE Office.

#### **IFHE Council General Assembly**

The convention of IFHE Council General Assembly with all relevant documents, which has to be voted on, was sent to all IFHE organisational members, liaisons and registered participants of the IFHE Council in Cape Town on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2006. The documents are also published on the IFHE moa sub area meetings and committees.

The other relevant documents will be handed over to all voting Delegates at the Council in Cape Town. They also will be published on the IFHE moa.

#### **New IFHE poster**

IFHE Publication and Communication Committee decided to design a poster for promoting IFHE. The design of the poster is published on the

IFHE public website. (Have a look at “About IFHE”).

The file on the web can be downloaded to print a Poster in size DIN A 4 or DIN A3.

If someone wants to produce a poster in size DIN A2 or DIN A1 please send an e-mail to IFHE Office, we will mail the special file as hard copy.

#### **Credit Card payment will be available**

The IFHE Executive Committee decided to establish credit card payment on the IFHE website for IFHE membership payments and payments of registration fees etc.

The credit card payment will be available at end of June 2006. All IFHE Liaisons and IFHE Organisational members will receive an e-mail as soon as it is operational.

### **HONOURING FOR GERALDENE B. HODELIN**

On May 5<sup>th</sup> 2006, Dr. Geraldene B. HODELIN was awarded the Distinguished International Alumni Award 2006 from the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Minnesota, in Minneapolis. Dr. HODELIN was cited for her extensive work and influence in Educational Leadership and Administration at the University of Technology, Jamaica.

For more information please see under [www.ifhe.org](http://www.ifhe.org)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2006

6 – 9 June

#### **5<sup>th</sup> International Household & Family Research Conference 2006**

“Human Perspectives on Sustainable Future”

Savonlinna, Finland

20 – 22 June

#### **18. EuroMaintenance Congress 2006 and 3. International Maintenance Congress**

Congress Centre Basel, Switzerland

12 – 14 July

#### **8<sup>th</sup> National Conference – SAAFECs**

“Family Ecology and Consumer Sciences` Unity across our Specialisations”

South African Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

University of Cape Town, South Africa

16 – 21 July

#### **IFHE Council Meeting 2006**

“IFHE Supporting Sustainability for a better Quality of Life for All”

Breakwater Lodge

Graduate School of Business

University of Cape Town

South Africa

15 – 17 October

#### **10<sup>th</sup> Karlsruhe Nutrition Congress**

“Health Aspects of Vegetables and Fruits: Scientific Evidence for 5-a-day”

Federal Research Centre for Nutrition and Food – Karlsruhe, Germany

### 2007

2 – 6 February

#### **IFHE Annual Leadership Meeting 2007**

Gustav-Stresemann-Institut,  
Bonn, Germany

**For more information see:**

**[www.ifhe.org/calendar.html](http://www.ifhe.org/calendar.html)**

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