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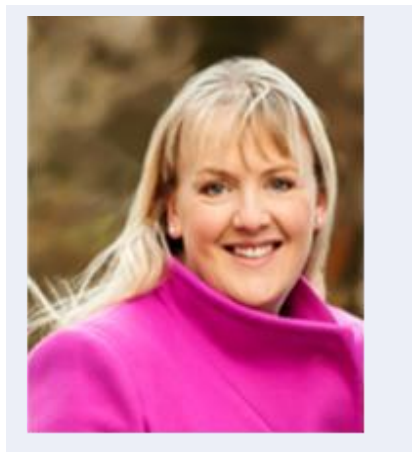
# HOME ECONOMICS NEWS

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## Dr. Amanda MCCLOAT – IFHE President 2024 – 2028



Dear IFHE members and friends,

I am honoured to introduce myself as the new IFHE President (2024–2028) and I look forward to working on your behalf over the coming years. Thank you most sincerely for the good wishes that I have received over the recent months as I embark on my tenure.

I would like to acknowledge the immense contribution of our Past President, Dr Gwendolyn HUSTVEDT, who has served the Federation with enthusiasm and dedication through a very challenging time.

Since the foundation of the Federation in 1908, IFHE attracts professionals from different and diverse cultural, political and educational systems. What binds us together is our passion and belief in the field of Home Economics and, although we may operate across the globe under different areas of practice, the richness of our profession brings us together.

As President of the Federation, I will work to strengthen and promote IFHE to provide an international and global perspective that supports its professionals to be advocates for families. I will make it a priority to ensure my Presidency is defined by inclusivity for all regions, and work towards cultivating and strengthening the links between the Federation and its members so that IFHE is a strong, engaging global federation for its members, respectful of the richness of the diversity of our profession. If any member would like to get in touch with me, please feel free to reach out to me to share your ideas for the Federation. My email address is [president@ifhe.org](mailto:president@ifhe.org)

Dr Amanda McCloat  
IFHE President

## Bridging the past – Charting the future



Audience during Keynote Session in  
Conference Room Bailey Allen

### [2024 Abstract Book](#)



Picture: Beatrix Flatt  
Dr. Amanda McCloat &  
Prof. Dr. Gwendolyn Hustvedt

From 23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024, the XXV IFHE World Congress took place in Ireland, hosted by the National Centre of Excellence for Home Economics, ATU St Angelas, Sligo. The co-chairs of the Congress were Dr. Amanda McCloat and Dr. Helen Maguire. More than 500 international Home Economics experts – teachers, researchers and practitioners and, in addition, on a daily changing basis, about 150 Home Economics teachers enjoyed the vibrant atmosphere at the University of Galway.

The Congress started on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> June in the morning with the Opening Ceremony. IFHE President (2020 – 2024) President Gwendolyn HUSTVEDT gave a warm welcome to the attendees followed by the first of seven Plenary Keynote Sessions.

During the following days, the congress attendees were invited to attend in total 13 Symposia, 29 Concurrent Sessions and 3 Workshops.

The XXV IFHE World Congress 2024 Abstract Book includes all oral, poster and design presentations and is available on the IFHE Website.

The Technical Tours on Wednesday provided a broad inside into Irelands Home Economics landscape from a farm near Galway to St. Angela's College in Sligo, many choices were available to spend a learning day on the move.

The Poster and Textile Exhibitions invited people to stop over and have a look at the most recent research from the different Home Economics disciplines.

Besides the official Congress activities, the venue provided excellent opportunities for networking and discussing, having fun and meeting with colleagues around the world. The International Junior Forum met the first time in person, regional meetings took place and the work for the next four years was planned.

The Congress was closed with an emotional moving ceremony. Three longstanding IFHE members were honored with IFHE Service Awards and the venue for the XXVI IFHE World Congress was announced as well as the handover of office from IFHE Past President Gwendolyn HUSTVEDT to IFHE President Amanda MCCLOAT.

## Congress Proceedings and Publications

### [IJHE Volume 17 \(1\) 2024](#)



### [2024 Design Catalog](#)

The International Journal of Home Economics (IJHE) and the Textile Catalog provide a first insight into research studies presented at the XXV IFHE World Congress.

Volume 17 (1) 2024 of the International Journal of Home Economics (IJHE) has recently been published. The Journal presents 15 double-blind peer-reviewed research papers, including 10 full papers from studies presented at the Congress.

Another exciting publication is the 2024 Design Catalogue. Home Economics and Textile Design colleagues from around the world have shown their understanding of the 2024 IFHE World Congress Theme “*Bridging the Past – Charting the Future*” at the Art & Textile Exhibition at Congress.

## IFHE Scholarship 2024 – 2026



Jacinta Hinson &  
Prof. Dr. Gwendolyn Hustvedt

Jacinta Hinson accepted the IFHE Scholarship 2024 – 2026. We warmly welcome Jacinta and are happy to work with her during the next two years.

Jacinta has been dedicated to Home Economics since she started her Bachelor studies at the University of Education in Winneba/ Ghana. She started her career with studies in Home Economics, both at the bachelor's and master's levels.

She was the secretary for the Student Representative Council at UEW, organized social and community service events and facilitated discussions on critical topics such as teenage pregnancy and criminal abortion.

Subsequent to her master's degree, she worked as a lecturer at the Department of Family Life Management Education at UEW, and served as an academic counsellor, providing mentorship and guidance to students on educational and career choices.

Motivated by the belief that education catalyses positive change and is crucial for individuals' and families well-being, she is pursuing a Ph.D. in FCSE at Texas Tech University (TTU) in Lubbock, Texas/ USA, focusing on promoting equity and empowerment through research, policy development, and educational practices.

## IFHE Awards 2024



Picture: Beatrix Flatt

M and Mme Juanita Mendenhall



Picture: Lee

Prof. emer. Dr. Lilha Lee



Picture: Leonhäuser

Prof. emer. Dr. Ingrid-Ute Leonhäuser

[IFHE Service Awards](#)

Mme Juanita MENDENHALL (USA) and Prof. emer. Lilha LEE (South Korea) were honoured with the IFHE Distinguished Service Award 2024 for her significant contribution to the work of IFHE. Prof. emer. Ingrid Ute Leonhäuser received the IFHE Award of Appreciation.

Juanita MENDENHALL was nominated by IFHE US and CAHE. Both organisations point out her longstanding contribution to IFHE. One of her singular accomplishments that has stood the test of time was to foster the creation of the Disaster Assistance Program (DAP), established to provide technical, material, and financial assistance to areas affected by natural disasters. DAP represents several home economics organizations and remains an IFHE Programme Committee.

Prof. emer. Lilha LEE has been nominated by a notable number of Asian Home Economics Associations.

Professor emer. Lilha Lee served as IFHE President from 2004–2008 during a time of challenge and change for the IFHE and the Home Economics profession. As an outstanding leader and academic, she served her term of office with the utmost integrity and professional conduct. During her term of office as IFHE President, Lilha led numerous significant initiatives including:

- 2008 IFHE Centenary Congress
- Introduction of the IFHE journal IJHE
- Development and launch of an IFHE position statement
- Vision to host the 2016 IFHE Congress in South Korea.

Prof. emer. Ingrid-Ute Leonhäuser received the IFHE Award of Appreciation from the IFHE Executive Committee for her longstanding dedication to the Home Economics profession and the IFHE. During more than 30 years of membership she has served at different Programme and Council Committees.

As an outstanding academic, she chaired the IFHE Congress Research Committee until 2022 during the challenging times of the pandemic.

Nominations for the IFHE Distinguished Service Award and the IFHE Award of Appreciation are accepted in Congress and Council Years.

## 2024 IFHE Council Delegates Assembly



[IFHE Executive Committee  
2024 - 2026](#)

[Information for Delegates](#)

(Log in to member area first)

The IFHE Council Delegates Assembly 2024 was the first in person only assembly since 2016. Delegates from 20 different countries discussed and decided about the future work of IFHE.

On Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024, 45 delegates attended the Council Delegates Assembly. In addition, 16 IFHE members were welcome to observe the meeting.

On Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 57 delegates, casted in total 74 votes for the IFHE members in their countries.

IFHE Past President Gwendolyn Hustvedt chaired the meetings. On Sunday, delegates casted their votes on formal matters. Then the items on the agenda were presented and the delegates were encouraged to ask questions and discuss the topics during the week and be prepared for the voting during the session on Sunday. The Vice Presidents of the IFHE Regions, the IJHE Editor and the Chairs of the Council and Programme committees delivered their reports to the Council. IFHE President Gwendolyn HUSTVEDT presented the World Home Economics Day Theme 2025: *“Tackling Overconsumption”*. Margaret Jepson, IFHE Executive Committee Minuting Secretary, presented some minor changes to the IFHE Constitution.

On Thursday, the delegates elected Prof. Dr. Kerry RENWICK (IFHE Treasurer) and Isabelle WEBER-KORDINA (Internal Auditor). The existing IFHE Council Committees were adopted. The Financial Report 2023 was adopted and the IFHE Officers were released from their responsibility. The Delegates agreed on the Budget 2025 & 2026 and confirmed the new fee structure for individual members. Finally, the delegates accepted the minor changes to the constitution.

IFHE President Gwendolyn HUSTVEDT acknowledged the work of the outgoing EC members and welcomed the incoming members from the IFHE Region Pacific.

All documents presented at the Council are available on the IFHE Website. Please log in to the member area and visit the “Council Delegates Assembly 2024 – Information for Delegates” page for more information.



## New Fee Structure for Individual Members from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025

### [IFHE Fee Structure from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025](#)

IFHE Council Delegates confirmed a new fee structure for Individual Members starting from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

During the last one and a half year, a working group has analysed the IFHE membership and came to the conclusion that the membership fees for individual members should better reflect the different target groups and that the benefits of membership must be better communicated.

The fee structure was developed by the “IFHE New Approaches for Funding Group” and discussed by the IFHE Executive Committee during the Annual Meeting in August 2023 in Malaysia. The comments from this meeting were considered and in their meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023, the Executive Committee agreed to present the document to the IFHE Delegates at the Council Delegates Assembly 2024.

The new structure includes three tiers for individual members and two tiers for individual student members. For developing countries, according to the [World Bank List](#), lower rates are considered.

The new structure intends to provide more flexibility of participation in IFHE according to the different needs of members.

Members, who have already paid their membership in advance for upcoming years remain in “Tier 3 Comprehensive Membership” for the years paid. Also after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025, 4-year-payment of membership fee is possible, whereas only for Tier 3 members from developing countries a reduction is offered.

The new payment options via credit card on the IFHE Website will be available by the end of this year. All members who normally pay their membership fees through their country liaison will be informed about the new procedure in their country in Spring 2025 by their liaison. Country organisations are free to determine the payment procedures for their country. All country liaisons will be invited by the IFHE Office to an online meeting in February 2025. The IFHE Office Team Anke Wiedemann & Christiane Pakula will provide as much support as possible to make sure the new fee structure for individual members can be implemented smoothly and successfully for the Federation.

## Two more Events 2024

[International Junior Forum](#)

[Teacher Seminar](#)

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**The International Junior Forum & the Teacher Seminar Series continue to be a meeting point for Home Economics teachers and emerging researchers.**

*The international Junior Forum* meets online on 9 December 2024 at 6pm (CET Vienna) and is targeted at PhD students and emerging researchers.

The next *Teacher Seminar* on “*Blended Learning in the K-12 and Post Secondary Home Economics/Family and Consumer Sciences classroom*” is presented by Natalie Hancock & Dana Hunter (USA) and takes place online on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 10.30am (MT Denver Time).

The Teacher Seminar Series continues in 2025 with four online Seminars in February, April, October and December. Do you want to bring an interesting subject to the attention of Home Economics Teachers and/ or are you interested in taking the lead of one of the Seminars? PLEASE let us know! We are aiming at spreading the lead of the Seminars over the IFHE regions.

## World Home Economics Day 2025

[WHED 2025: Tackling Over-consumption](#)



[WHED 2025 Theme is linked to UN SDG 12](#)

**The Home Economics World celebrates World Home Economics Day every year on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025. Celebrate with IFHE by organising projects in your area, publishing position statements, research papers and post on social media...**

The 2025 World Home Economics Theme is:

### **TACKLING OVERCONSUMPTION**

Our current way of living and consuming is unsustainable. We use more resources than the Earth can provide and often more than is good for us. This overconsumption leads to health and financial problems, climate change, loss of biodiversity, and pollution. It's time for a change. Home Economics can help guide these changes, making it easier for everyone to live sustainably and enjoy a good quality of life.

IFHE Past President Gwendolyn HUSTVEDT has developed promotion material that might help you to prepare WHED 2025 celebrations in your region. Not only on 21<sup>st</sup> March but, also throughout the year 2025 and PLEASE let us know about your activities so they can be included in the IFHE Annual Report.

### **Upcoming WHED Themes:**

2026: *You are what you Eat: Feeding the Future*

2027: *Slow down Fast Fashion*

2028: *Water for Everyday Life*

## Annual Meeting 2025

[Preliminary Programme](#)

[DHWiR Congress Website](#)

[Invitation – Writing Retreat](#)

In 2025, the IFHE Annual Meeting will take place in a new format, that particularly reaches out to members in the region where the Annual Meeting is held. The 2025 event is particularly interesting for European IFHE members who speak English and also have knowledge of the German language.

In cooperation with the German Home Economics Council (DHWiR), the IFHE Executive Committee invites IFHE members to attend an International Afternoon at the IFHE Office in Bonn/ Germany on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025, 2pm – 7pm.

The DHWiR Congress under the theme “*Hauswirtschaft – Zukunft – Transformation*” takes place in Cologne on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June and Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025. The full programme will be available soon on the DHWiR Website.

IFHE President Dr. Amanda McCLOAT (Ireland) has agreed to speak at the DHWiR Congress Opening Ceremony on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and Professor Dr. Janine DUNCAN (USA) will chair the Workshop “*Teaching the World – HETE: Home Economics Teacher Education*” on Monday afternoon.

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June in the morning, the IFHE Executive Committee will have their non-public Executive Committee Meeting at the IFHE Office in Bonn.

On Tuesday afternoon, IJHE Editor Prof. Dr. Donna PENDERGAST (Australia) offers a Writing Retreat targeting at phd students and emerging researchers at the IFHE Office in Bonn.

Registration for the International Afternoon and the Writing Retreat will be possible via the DHWiR Congress Website from December 2025. We keep you informed!

## IFHE Council March 2026

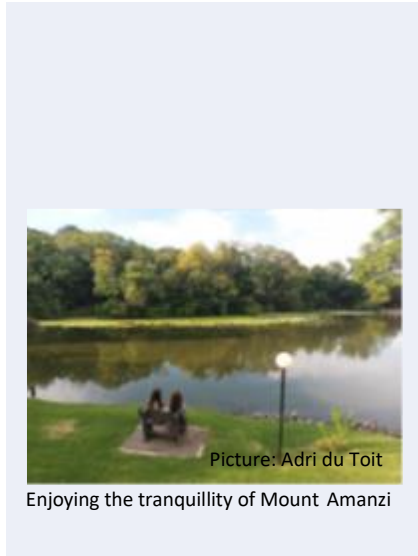


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Hartebeespoort dam wall & Crocodile River

The IFHE Executive Committee Members are delighted to announce that the venue for the IFHE Council 2026 is South Africa. The SAAFECs (South African Association of Family Ecology and Consumer Science) invites the 2026 IFHE Council to be part of their international SAAFECs Conference in March 2026, at Mount Amanzi.

The SAAFECs conference is attended by around 100 national and international delegates from various fields of Consumer Science/ Home Economics specialisation. These include specialists in food & nutrition, textiles & clothing, education,





Picture: Adri du Toit

Enjoying the tranquillity of Mount Amanzi

community engagement, entrepreneurship and family matters, among others. Delegates include researchers from tertiary institutions and industry, and educators from various institutions, including high schools with specialisation across South Africa.

The conference includes presentations and posters and is in-person. Several engaging keynotes from various fields are invited to contribute their expertise. In addition, the Biennial General Meeting of SAAFECs is part of the programme.

Mount Amanzi is a tranquil resort, situated in the North West Province of South Africa. It is located near the Crocodile River, which emanates from the Hartebeespoort dam. This venue is well-known for its natural beauty, excellent management and high standards regarding health and safety.

More information will be published as soon as available.

## XXVI IFHE World Congress 2028



Picture: HETTANZ

For more information please visit:

<https://www.ifhe.org/events/teacher-webinar-series>

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<https://www.ifhe.org/events/ifhe-annual-meeting>

## IFHE CALENDAR

### Teacher Seminar

Online, 12th November 2024

### International Junior Forum

Online, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### International Conference under the theme "Strong Blended Families – Understanding what works" from 6 – 7 February 2025 in Malta

6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025, Malta

### 18th Canadian Symposium on Home Economics Education

28<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025, Hamilton (Ontario)/ Canada

### Caribbean Home Economics Conference "Home Economics, AI, Values and Attitudes: Interrogating the Nexus"

13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025, Trinidad & Tobago/ Caribbean

### IFHE Annual Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 Bonn/ Germany

### 22<sup>nd</sup> ARAHE Biennial Intern. Congress

7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025, Manila/ Philippines

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