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## BRINGING INNOVATION AND NEW IDEAS!

*Message from the President, Prof Dr Sidiga WASHI*

Dear IFHE Members,

Greetings from Sudan and I wish you all the success in all your endeavours. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Executive Director Annette PATASSK who resumed her job beginning of April and who assembled this issue of the Newsletter. Annette and Petra are working efficiently to serve you so do not hesitate to contact them about issues related to IFHE and/or your membership.

I would like also to welcome our new President-Elect and EC Members who have recently joined us and thank those whom their term ended at the end of our Council Meeting for their services to the organisation, and which will continue as IFHE Members.

Since the Council Meeting in Khartoum, my focus is on how to promote IFHE and create partnership/and or collaborate with organisations that are

having similar objectives as IFHE. This will increase our visibility as well as our membership. I would like to ask each current IFHE Member to try to recruit a new member and in this way, we will have double number of members with reasonable effort.

I would like to see more student membership as they will be our young professionals who will ensure the sustainability of our profession.

I am sure that our new members will be asking about what IFHE offers them? My answer will be a mutual benefit of having a strong platform to voice their issues as well as provide opportunities to network, learn from each other, formulate professional partnerships and strengthen our profession. ...continued on page 2

### IFHE ANNUAL MEETING 2019

### IFHE HOME ECONOMICS CONFERENCE 2019

“CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION IN HOME ECONOMICS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT”

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Trinidad & Tobago

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Bringing innovation and new ideas is core to the progress of our organisation.

I would like to see more activism for our profession. This can be done by more work at the regional level.

I wish to see more recruitment of professional organisations to join IFHE as organisational members and will rely on EC Members of the different regions to recruit at least one more professional organisation

in their respective region to join IFHE.

I am also hoping that our regional representatives will bring their members together to formulate and execute action plans that will result in advancing our profession in the various regions.

Let us also think together about means and ways of raising funds for our organisation to enable us do more joint research, training,

professional forums, policy engagement, and encouraging of our young scientists to be more involved in advancing our profession.

Let us join hands together for more productive work to advance our organisation and profession and achieve our objectives for a sustainable development of IFHE.

**Sidiga WASHI**

IFHE President (2016 – 2020)

## HOME ECONOMICS TO ADDRESS GENDER BIAS: IMPRESSIONS FROM IFHE PARTICIPATION IN THE 62<sup>nd</sup> CONFERENCE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

*Submitted by Janine DUNCAN, IFHE Representative New York*



The 62<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 62), was held at the United Nations headquarters in New York City, 12<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2018. Bringing together a few

thousand colleagues representing governments, NGOs, educational institutions, and others from countries around the world; its theme was, “**Empowering Rural Women and Girls**”. From the many side events on the programme, many of which had connections to Home Economics, I believe the session, “**#MeToo - Now What?**” provided a good backdrop to everything that was being discussed at this conference.

In the United States, at least, Home Economics, historically, has been criticised for not responding critically and/or affirmatively to addressing issues of racism and other civil rights issues (see Penny RALSTON’s work). As the **#MeToo** movement proceeded swiftly around the globe this last year, it seems that this historical moment is not only one for women and girls, but for Home Economics

to respond effectively by addressing the gender bias experienced by women and girls globally. A few important points surfaced from this major session:

1. Women must continue to speak their truths and challenge status quo power structures.
2. It is essential to keep women’s issues at the forefront of the media - women’s issues are covered in the news at a much lower rate than those of men’s.
3. Women with visibility need to bring into focus women whose lives have remained invisible. Referencing women in power, consider how Home Economists occupy spaces of power in their own communities, as educated women; and
4. Promote accountability among men: men must hold men accountable.

Bottom line: action is needed across all sectors of Home Economics - how might you keep **#MeToo** moving forward through your own work?

**To this end, consider these resources:**

1. **“The Men’s Story Project”** can assist with promoting equitable and accountable behaviour among men. Through this project, men’s stories are shared to promote healthy masculinities and to shift cultural norms regarding masculinity and the devaluation of any human being. There are multiple ways to get involved with this organisation from hosting a film screening to hosting presentations, training sessions and consultations tailored to particular groups.
2. **“I Know Gender”** is available through the UN Women Training Centre. A series of nine self-paced, online modules that are free of cost, **“I Know Gender”** provides an in depth look at gender issues pertaining to most of the Sustainable Development Goals. Offerings include 1. Gender Concepts to get Started; International Frameworks for Gender Equality; and Promoting Gender Equality throughout the UN System. Developed for use by UN

organisations, **“I Know Gender”** is a first step toward behaviour change, with 55% users who are male.

By addressing invisible gender bias across multiple sectors, these resources offer participants a better understanding of the pervasiveness of gender bias and strategies for addressing gender bias in their personal and professional environments.

Given the spaces that Home Economists occupy primary, secondary, tertiary, and university education; community and extension education programs; both for- and non-profit organisations, among others, by ritualising the use of these resources for staff and learner training, Home Economists have the potential to effectively address gender bias and promote gender equity for women and girls within our professional reach and beyond.

## HOME ECONOMICS CONTRIBUTES TO THE UN INTERNATIONAL WATER ACTION DECADE (2018 – 2028)

*Submitted by Annette PTASSEK, IFHE Executive Director*



The world water challenge is intensifying and the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) **“Ensure Availability and sustainable Management of Water and Sanitation for All”** is still far from being achieved. Deeply concerned over this situation, UN member states declared the start of the **“International Water Action Decade 2018-2028”** in March to foster further advancement in this area. With water, sanitation and hygiene being one of its core subjects, Home Economics is in a privileged position to contribute to the success of the Decade and the achievement of water related UN targets.

In its 2016 Position Statement, IFHE acknowledges that water, food and energy topics are inextricably linked and that an integrated approach is needed to solve the world water challenge. Home Economics in itself represents this integrated approach as it draws from a wide disciplinary diversity to achieve sustainable living. With members from both, the scientific and practitioners’ side, IFHE also profits from multilevel perspectives necessary to understand the water-food-energy nexus. Water may be perceived as a local good, but from a Home Economics perspective, the concern for the well-being of individuals, households and communities includes taking into account the global implications that local household activities and consumption have. Therefore, Home Economics can contribute to the achievement of **SDG 6 Water and Sanitation** at various levels:

**Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (with special Attention to Women and Girls).** Central subject of Home Economics is the impact of hygienic behavior on health, thus ensuring access to safe drinking water. IFHE and its members also advocate for adequate sanitation including handwashing facilities and toilets that guarantee privacy especially for women and girls.

**Water Quality.** Home Economics research contributes to increasing knowledge in sustainable waste management. At community level or in extension services, education how to handle human waste helps to avoid pollution and, under certain precautions, use it as a resource. On the consumer side, Home Economics can influence individual consumption behaviour, offering alternatives to the harmful use of plastic bags, dumping of medicine or use of personal care products with micro particles.

**Water Use Efficiency.** Household technology experts advise on the production or use of water efficient appliances and Home Economics Education focuses on sustainable water consumption, taking into account locally appropriate solutions like e.g. rain water harvesting. With food waste being a reason for water waste, Home Economics advocates for regulations to allow the selling of fruits and vegetables considered “misshaped”, educates cities and local governments to recycle food waste and informs consumers how to prevent food waste.

**Integrated Water Resource Management.** Home Economics Education uses the concept of virtual water (water embedded in consumer products and production processes) to foster reflection on the individual water food print and change consumption behaviour.

**Water-related Ecosystems.** Household technology research and Home Economics Education and training contribute to decreasing the use of wood and to establishing renewable energy sources for household cooking. Training in sustainable farming methods helps protecting rivers and groundwater from pollution.

To overcome the world water challenge, the UN also calls for international cooperation, capacity-building support and participation of local communities. As an international NGO, IFHE enables exchange and knowledge sharing between professionals and activists worldwide. Home Economics fosters community participation and the inclusion of private households as water consumers into the municipal planning processes of water and wastewater management.

## IFHE ADVOCACY FOR WATER RELATED TOPICS AT UN LEVEL

Profiting from its consultative status with the UN, the Federation advocates for the development of appropriate indicators for safe water and hygiene practices and the reporting of regression in access to water, sanitation and hygiene in urban areas. IFHE advocates WASH as a primary prevention, breaking the vicious circle of disease and malnutrition, and calls for a full-scale water-cultural revolution within UN and member states.

If you would like to read the full IFHE Position Statement published with input of the Associated Country Women of the World and all other IFHE Position Statements on SDGs, please have a look under

<https://www.ifhe.org/publications/ifhe-special-publications/ifhe-position-statements-on-un-sdgs/> .

## ACTIVITIES PLANNED UNTIL 2020 - REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES MEETINGS IN KHARTOUM

The IFHE Council Meeting in Khartoum in February 2018 provided an excellent opportunity for IFHE Members active in Programme and Council Committees to discuss tasks that lie ahead. Programme Committees (PC) are open to all members willing to actively serve in implementing IFHE Objectives in a specific area whereas Council Committee (CC) members are appointed by the Executive Committee, their task including more administrative aspects. Minutes of all meetings can be found in the Website membership section soon...

### PC Food Security, Nutrition & Nutritional Health (FSNH)

*based on the Minutes provided by Patricia MBAH, PC Chair*

The meeting focused on the conceptualisation of a one-hour workshop during the World Congress. Based on SDGs 2 (Zero Hunger) and 3 (Good Health and Well-Being) as well as various research topics raised by Council Committee on Research, the PC Members decided on the topic: **“Advocating Sustainable Nutrition for Healthy Well-being of Individuals, Families and Communities across Boundaries and Globe”**.

The concept of the workshop should provide an overview of food security for all age groups starting from zero age to senescence. Important sub-themes should include nutrition for pre and post-natal women, paediatric nutrition, nutrition for teenagers and adolescence, nutrition for elderly, nutrition for people with special needs, nutrition during emergency. The focus is on the importance of nutritious feeding at a minimal cost, utilising available food commodities, preparation of safe, healthy, nutritional meals that are acceptable for all age groups. Additional emphasis is put on educating families, individuals and communities how to best possibly to meet nutritional needs.

### PC Home Economics Policies in Education and Training (HEPET)

*based on the minutes provided by Margaret B. JEPSON, PC Member*

The PC focuses on SGD 4 (Quality Education) which aims to **“Ensure inclusive and equitable Quality Education and promote Lifelong Learning Opportunities for All”** although many of the other SDGs will rely on education to implement their programmes. The meeting consisted mainly of Home Economics educators from Africa who were new to the committee and were enthusiastic about their ability to contribute to the PC sessions in Congress 2020. The group shared their experience of Home Economics in their country. It was decided that an input to the 2020 World Congress in Atlanta, Georgia will take the form of a presentation consisting of:

1. A description of the national policies in Home Economics Education.
2. How this policy is implemented in schools, colleges, universities, technical/vocational.
3. The knowledge, skills, teaching methodology used and
4. An evaluation of practice with both positive outcomes and challenges for Home Economics Education and the contribution to SDG 4. The latter is the most important part of the presentation.

Each person would choose an age range as the entire policies and curricula could not be covered in the short time available, e.g. Zambia - secondary education, Ghana - early childhood, Nigeria – university. The aim would be to have a range of countries and a range of provision. Other members of the committee who could not be present in Khartoum are encouraged to follow the template above and present in Atlanta 2020.

**Please contact the IFHE Office if you are able to attend the Congress and would like to contribute to this presentation.**

**PCs Household Technology & Sustainability (HT&S) and Institutional and Hospitality Management (IHM)**

*by Christiane PAKULA, PC HT&S Member and Franziska HONEGGER, PC IHM Chair*

During the Council Meeting in Khartoum a two hours meeting of the Programme Committees Household Technology and Sustainability (PC HT&S) and Institutional and Hospitality Management (PC IHM) took place. Members discussed the needs and opportunities of future work within the PC HT&S and PC IHM.

There was no doubt about the importance of the work the PC HT&S has done in the past and it was pointed out that the development of posters and other learning material on efficient and sustainable processes in households should be continued. Moreover, some IFHE Members working in food technology would like to join the PC HT&S, as there is no other PC occupied with food processing in small and medium enterprises. The group agreed to ask the chair of the PC HT&S, Rainer STAMMINGER, to broaden the focus of the PC HT&S in terms of food technology or other technological aspects. The discussion revealed that recent modifications in the curricula of Universities and Universities of Applied Sciences influence the work of Home Economists in practice and science worldwide and that these changes should be considered by planning future activities within the PC HT&S.

These curricula changes also led to the discussion of the PC IHM's purpose. It was agreed that due to these changes, the term "Institutional and Hospitality Management" is not fitting anymore. A conclusion for a new, more fitting term was not yet reached. The task of renaming, redefining and hence reviving this PC was left with the chair and will be taken up on upcoming meetings.

**PC HT&S - Work in Progress**

Subsequent to the PC meeting during the Council Meeting in Khartoum, the PC HT&S Chair, Rainer

STAMMINGER, organised a telephone conference in order to discuss the future work of the PC HT&S. Considering the statements from the IFHE Members, attending the Khartoum meeting, a working plan was developed.

**The PC HT&S intends to:**

- prepare a workshop for the Annual Meeting in Trinidad in 2019, in order to define the needs of IFHE Members in terms of their fields of interest in technology, with the assistance of the IFHE President-Elect Gwendolyn HUSTVEDT
- accomplish a poster on "Food Waste" including FAQs and background information by 2020
- continue working on the broad field of "Air Quality". Preparations for a poster on "Air Pollution" are ongoing. As the theme is a broad field, comprising different household technologies from cooking with biomass in rural areas to air conditioning in urban areas, more expertise in all aspects of "Air Quality" is highly welcome. All members interested in the subject are kindly requested to engage and support this important task
- organise a 1 day Symposium and ½ day Workshop during the World Congress 2020 on "**Technology and Sustainability in Housing, Appliances and Food Systems**" (Symposium) and "**Best Practices in Housing, Appliances and Food Systems**" (Workshop). The call for papers for the Symposium and Workshop will be distributed to all IFHE Members in due time.

All IFHE Members interested in any subject related to technology are kindly requested to join in the PC HT&S, communicate their needs and subjects of interest, attend the workshop during the Annual Meeting 2019 in Trinidad, and prepare papers, presentations and posters for the PC HT&S sessions during the World Congress 2020 in Atlanta.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Chair Rainer STAMMINGER via [pc-hts@ifhe.org](mailto:pc-hts@ifhe.org)

**PC IHM – Work in Progress:** Subsequently to the PC Meeting in Khartoum, the PC Chair Franziska HONEGGER decided that the PC IHM intends to:

- prepare a workshop for the Annual Meeting in Trinidad in 2019, in order to redefine the purpose of “Institutional and Hospitality Management” within the Home Economics community
- Organise a time slot dedicated to “the role of Hospitality Managements within Home Economics”. The definite format of this time slot has yet to be confirmed. Information to all IFHE Members will be distributed in due time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Franziska HONEGGER, Chair of the PC IHM via [pc-ihm@ifhe.org](mailto:pc-ihm@ifhe.org) or the IFHE Office team via [office@ifhe.org](mailto:office@ifhe.org)

### PC Textiles and Design (T&D)

*based on information provided by Leena SAVISALO, PC Chair*

The discussion focused on outlining a new program direction 2018 - 2020. Ideas centered on an education program including psychological aspects with handicraft being the main topic. Crocheting with various materials like thread, wool, cotton, silk, paper, or nylon, matching different colours not only enable young and to learn a new technique but enables them to become a “creator” thus giving them a feeling of achievement and make them happy.

(Source Photo: Private, Leena SAVISALO)



### PC Family (& Gender)

*based on the Minutes of Leena KIRJAVAINEN, PC Member*

The group discussed the following questions:

- Challenges faced by families today
- Care for children and elderly, with comparisons between Switzerland, Nigeria and Germany
- Issues faced by working parents in nuclear families
- Benefits of extended family systems
- Situation of the care of the elderly – in developed and developing countries
- Stigma if taken to elderly homes - in developing countries
- Government assistance to provide care for the elderly – medical care and day-care facilities
- Nursery day-care (crèche) for children of working mothers or to “free” mothers to work at home
- Provide care and program for children after school-hours.

The purpose of the meeting was to highlight the PC’s work, including the preparation of a monograph entitled “**The Economic and Social Situation of Families in the Context of Home Economics**” which was launched in the IFHE Meeting in Canada in July 2014 in connection with the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Year of the Family (document can be accessed through the IFHE Website).

Moreover, as an introduction to the PC’s work, there was a brief review of critical International UN Congresses and themes, such as Women’s World Conferences in Mexico (1975), Nairobi (1985), and Beijing (1995), the Millennium Development Goals (10 MDGs) and Sustainable Development Goals (17 SDGs) and how these action plans have addressed the issues of family, women, gender, children, youth and elderly (key documents were sent distributed by mail later).

On the occasion of the IFHE Congress 2016 in Daejeon, Korea, IFHE Position Statements on selected Sustainable Development Goals (1, 3, 5, 6, and 12) were distributed, with a special relevance to IFHE and the Associated Country Women of the World. These could form the core set, around which the PC strategies and projects could be further developed. All these IFHE Position Statements have respective references and links included.

Meanwhile the UN work on SDGs has continued and a global indicator list has been established which could help planning, monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the SDGs.

However, more time is required to have face-to-face discussion among those IFHE Members who are interested in the work of the PC Family (& Gender) during the next Annual Meeting to be held in Trinidad & Tobago in 2019, in lieu the next IFHE 2020 Congress.

### CC Research

*based on the Minutes provided by Ingrid-Ute LEONHÄUSER, CC Chair*

The CC discussed the next formal steps toward the IFHE World Congress 2020 which are:

1. Information of the present IFHE Programme Committees to think about their contribution to the congress and to propose their topics and presentation form.
2. Informing the IFHE CC Congress via Geraldene HODELIN (Chair) on the PC Results respectively on their ideas/suggestions and

3. Exchanging of information on abstract submission form, guideline for review, nominating reviewers (a list of former reviewers has been requested).

Discussion on the identified thematic priorities for the Congress 2020 concurrent sessions focused on research as well as on best practice projects, e.g.:

- Sustainable Home Management of natural, human and technical resources
- Ageing friendly society
- Prevention and reduction of poverty in regions, countries
- Sustainability in households/families along lifespan
- Sustainable policy initiatives of IFHE
- Sustainable consumption and production
- Home Economics Education and sustainability etc.
- Social responsibility of business related to Home Economics.

The CC Research will propose them to the IFHE Council Committee Congress 2020 and coordinate with its suggestions.

This was followed by a discussion about the strengthening of the African region by networking of the National Home Economics Associations of Sudan, Ghana, and Nigeria. Zambia and South Africa will start. Within this network, the presidents will distribute the call for abstracts for best practice as well as for research.

### THE IFHE THANKS

**President Prof Sidiga WASHI for the generous donation of the Council Registration fees of European participants to the federation.**

## PROFESUS NEWS – IFHE PARTNERSHIP IN THE PROFESUS PROJECT

*Submitted by Anne v. LAUFENBERG-BEERMANN, ProfESus Project Partner*



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Over 20 IFHE Members are participating at the ProfESus innovative teacher training course. The blended learning course will end with a one week presence phase at the University for Applied Sciences in Finland. The project results and outcomes will be presented at the final event of the ProfESus-Course the “**International Education Conference 2018**”. High profile keynote speakers will present **to special aspects of the theme of the conference**.

Theme of the conference is „**Enabling - Provocation – Reflection “Education 4.0 - Promotion of Sustainable Development through Innovative Teaching”**”.

The conference will take place at the University College for Agrarian and Environmental Pedagogy, Vienna, Austria from 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

### Keynotes

- „**Education in the Anthropocene**” – Climate change can not be negotiated - a new “Green Deal” for Sustainable Development

Prof. Dr. Kai **NIEBERT**, Professor for Science and Sustainability Education, University Zurich, Switzerland

<http://www.ife.uzh.ch/de/research/lehrstuhlniebert/mitarbeitende/niebertkai.html>

- “**Pedagogy for Sustainable Development**” - Empowering learners for Transformation Processes in every-day life, in businesses and in social communities - **Requirements for education systems, learning environment and teaching**

Prof. David **SELBY**, Founding Director of Sustainability Frontiers and Adjunct, Professor at Mountain Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Canada

<http://www.sustainabilityfrontiers.org/index.php?page=david-selby>

- “**The Didactic Concept of Green Pedagogy**” - Use in professional education to support sustainable development, findings of scientific results

Mag. Wilhelm **LINDER**, University College for Agricultural and Environmental Education, Vienna, Austria

- “**Education 4.0 – Dynamics of Digital Learning in Future**” - The future belongs to Disruptives

Alexander **PINKER**, Medialist – Innovation – Profiling, [www.medialist.info](http://www.medialist.info)

**There is no registration fee for this conference. The invitation with registration details will be published in June. 2018.**

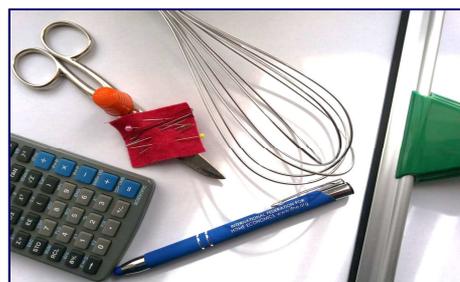
**For more information regarding the ProfESus Project please have a look under <https://www.ifhe.org/ifhe/projects/erasmus/>**

## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR IFHE EUROPEAN HOME ECONOMICS CONFERENCE IN AUGUST 2018

*Submitted by Franziska HONEGGER, IFHE Vice-President Region of Europe*

**Dear Colleagues,**

We are pleased to invite you to the Home Economics conference “**What is happening in Home Economics?**” **A spotlight on European Activities** brought to you by the European Region of the International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE) in collaboration with the University of Applied Sciences Osnabrück, which will take place on 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018 in Osnabrück/Germany.



Home Economics is a vital profession which must continue to evolve since society is constantly and rapidly changing, with new and emergent issues and challenges. The aim of this conference is to highlight what is going on in the various fields of Home Economics, whether it is in industry or academia, research or practice and by whatever name. This conference offers networking opportunities and fosters debate among Home Economists from all over Europe. Through your participation, you can help to strengthen the perception of Home Economics as a vital profession in times of change.

This **conference schedule** provides an opportunity to explore how Home Economists are helping society to achieve empowerment and wellbeing and to facilitate sustainable futures. At the core of the two-day programme are the **concurrent sessions**: A series of striking presentations putting the spotlight on the wide array of Home Economics activities happening in Europe. They are flanked by **keynote addresses**: IFHE President Prof. Dr. Sidiga WASHI looks at “**Home Economics Impact on Health – an International Perspective**”, Prof. Dr. Elisabeth LEICHT-ECKARDT looks at what has changed in the past 30 years of Home Economics and Prof. Dr. Karen WISTOFT suggests a new paradigm for food education.

A further highlight is the **foundation meeting** of the European Association for Home Economics (EAHE), which is for members of IFHE from the European region. So far this body had no legal status. The foundation meeting is held to change this. Legal status not only enables us to apply for EU funds but also provides liability advantages for future European Home Economics activities.

The social programme, including a welcome reception at the unique WABE-Centre including a Welcome Address by Prof. Dr. Andreas BERTRAM, President of the University of Applied Sciences Osnabrück, a Civic Reception at Osnabrück City Hall and a casual conference dinner provides excellent networking opportunities for the conference participants.

**We very much look forward to seeing you this August in Osnabrück!**

**For more information please have a look under [https://www.ifhe.ch/2018/03/eahe\\_konferenz\\_2018/](https://www.ifhe.ch/2018/03/eahe_konferenz_2018/)**

## GET TO KNOW THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2018!

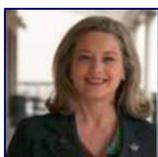
After the IFHE Council 2018 the new IFHE Executive Committee (EC) was installed which is responsible for the implementation of the federation's objectives within the upcoming two years. Below, please find a short presentation of each EC Member showing the variety of backgrounds and experiences the current Executive Committee can draw upon.

### **Sidiga WASHI, President (2016 - 2020)**



Sidiga is a Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences/Community Nutrition and former Dean of the School of Family/Health Sciences at Ahfad University for Women, Sudan. She earned her M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees from Iowa State University. She is involved in scholarly teaching, curriculum development and research, served in many leadership positions in and outside Sudan and sat on many Organisation's Boards. She is an international trained visionary leader in population, reproductive health and nutrition and was trained as a woman Leader in the New World at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in the US. Sidiga chairs the IFHE Council Committees Human Resources, United Nations and Publication & Communication.

### **Gwendolyn HUSTVEDT (President-Elect 2018 - 2020)**



Gwendolyn is a Professor of Textiles at Texas State University's School of Family and Consumer Sciences in United States. Her Home Economics specialisation is Textiles and she is especially interested in Sustainable Production and Consumption, Household Technology, Organic and Animal Welfare labelling, Product Development and Innovation Education. Gwendolyn serves as Chair of the CC Textiles.

### **Christiane PAKULA (Treasurer General 2018 - 2022)**



Christiane is an Assistant Professor of Catering Technology and Processes at the University of Applied Sciences Niederrhein, Germany. She holds a Ph.D. from the Faculty of Agricultural Engineering/Household Technology Section at University Bonn. Her expertise is household and commercial kitchen technology, hygiene standards in commercial kitchens, sustainability and efficiency of kitchen processes as well as standards in menu planning for institutional households. Christiane serves as Vice-Chair of the Special Committee for International Issues/German Section of IFHE and holds the position as Chair of the IFHE CC Finance and Membership.

### **Patricia MBAH (Vice-President Africa 2018 - 2022)**



Patricia is a Professor of Home Economics at Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Umuahia in Abia State, Nigeria. She is an expert in the topics of foods, nutrition, health and family well-being and Home Economics Education. Patricia is President of the Home Economics Professional Association of Nigeria (HEPAN) and, within IFHE, serves as Country Liaison for Nigeria, and chairs the PC Food Security, Nutrition & Nutritional Health.

### **Jan F. SCHOLL (Vice-President Americas 2018 -2022)**



Jan is an Associate Professor Emerita at Penn State University Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education. Her research interest focus on 4-H Youth Curriculum

Development and the Expanded Foods and Nutrition Program (EFNEP). Jan is an extension historian and centennial AAFCS historian and is Associate Editor of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences' *"Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences"*.

**Yukiko KUDO (Vice-President Asia 2018 - 2022)** is a Professor for Home Economics at the Japan Womens' University in Tokyo with a specialisation in Home Economics philosophy and family resource management. Yukiko is serving as Vice-President of the Japan Association of Home Economics Education and is a member of the Science Council of Japan, Committee of Home Economics.



**Franziska HONEGGER (Vice-President Europe 2016 - 2020)**

Franziska is a Senior Research Associate at Zurich University of Applied Sciences Institute for Facility Management and Head of Cleaning at a large Swiss hospital. She holds a M.Sc. in Facility Management and deals with Home Economics under the umbrella term of Facility Management. As President of the Swiss IFHE Section, Franziska is country liaison for Switzerland. Franziska also serves as Chair of the PC Institutional and Hospitality Management.



**Kerry RENWICK (Vice-President Pacific 2018 - 2022)**

Kerry is an Australian scientist and is now Assistant Professor for Home Economics at University of British Columbia's Faculty of Education in Vancouver, Canada. She is also Associate Editor of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences' *"Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences"*.



**Mona SHARAF ABDEL GALIL (Member Africa 2018 - 2022)**



is Professor for Home Economics at Alexandria University in Egypt. She is IFHE's UN Representative at UNESCO and Country Liaison

for Egypt.

**Louise NEUFELDT (Member Americas 2016 - 2020)**



Her Home Economics specialisation is in the social service field with low income families, sharing Home Economics literacy with them on many levels

Other IFHE Functions: Within IFHE, Louise serves as treasurer IFHE Canada managing the country's individual membership fees.

**Amanda MC CLOAT (Member Europe 2018 - 2022)**



Amanda has extensive experience teaching, lecturing and researching in Home Economics/Home Economics education at post

primary and third level. She was appointed to the Healthy Ireland Council by the Minister for Health in May 2014. Amanda's research interests lie in the areas of Home Economics and food education, education for sustainable development, Home Economics Education in the community and Home Economics philosophy. Within IFHE, Amanda serves as Chair of the Young Professional Network (YPN) and Co-Chair of the CC Certifications.

**Wee Leng SOO (Member Asia 2018 - 2022)**

Wee Leng works at the Ministry of Education in Malaysia, Examinations Syndicate.



**Andrew McVITTIE (Member Pacific 2016 - 2020)**

**Gertraud PICHLER (Co-opted Member)**



Gertraud has a long history within IFHE: having joined in 1976, she was member of the IFHE Board 1988 - 1992, Chair of the PC Women and Families, European Vice-President 1996 - 2000 and finally IFHE President 2000 – 2004 and since then IFHE President of Honour. She currently serves as Chair of the CC Senior Advisory Committee and is IFHE UN Representative in Vienna.

**Ingrid-Ute LEONHÄUSER (Co-opted Member)**



Ingrid-Ute is a Professor of Nutrition Education & Consumer Behaviour (Emerita) at Justus Liebig' University's Centre for International Development and Environmental Research, Germany. She's an expert in empirical analysis of nutrition and consumer behaviour of individuals & population groups with regards to socio-economic and family aspects. Her specialisation also includes food and nutrition security in cooperation with partner universities and NGOs in Eastern European and African countries. Ingrid-Ute is Chair of the CC Research and serves as member of the IFHE Congress Committee 2020.

**Margaret B. JEPSON (Co-opted Member)**



Margaret's specialisation is in Education. She has been a member of the Home Economics Policies in Education and Training Programme Committee since 1988 and also a member of Executive representing the European region. She has attended all Congresses since 1988 and contributed to many as keynote speaker and workshop leader of the PC Home Economics Policies in Education and Training. Margaret currently serves as Chair of the CC Constitution and Executive Committee Minute Secretary.

**Annette PTASSEK (Executive Director)**



Annette has joined IFHE in April 2018. She has a track record of international leadership positions in the non-profit and profit sector in emergency aid, food security, academic exchange and impact investment, among others. Annette holds two degrees, in Political Science/Slavic Languages and Human Resources Management, and is an expert for people & process management in value based organisations.

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## NEWS OF THE IFHE REGIONS

### AFRICAN REGIONAL MEETING

*Submitted by Patricia MBAH, IFHE Vice-President Region of Africa*



On the occasion of the Council Meeting in Khartoum, a meeting of the African Region was held and attended by numerous members. The following Countries were represented: Nigeria (seven members), Sudan (five members), South Africa (one member), Zambia (two members) and Ghana (two members). Issues concerning increasing membership numbers,



harnessing the region for stronger relationship as well as the past and upcoming Africa Regional Conference was discussed extensively.

The outgoing Vice-President for the region, Prof Hester STEYN, thanked every member for their co-operation throughout her tenure of office and urged them to remain resolute in ensuring that the region continues to grow and remains a strong voice.

One of the most important activities during the meeting was the assuming office as new IFHE Vice President Africa Region by Prof Patricia MBAH from Nigeria whose tenure commenced from 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2018 to 2022. There were announcements of next conferences in Nigeria coming up 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 and in Zambia coming up in 2019 respectively. Group pictures and handing over pictures also formed part of the Africa Region meeting in Khartoum.

### EUROPEAN REGIONAL MEETING

*Submitted by Franziska HONEGGER, IFHE Vice-President Region of Europe*

Franziska HONEGGER IFHE Vice-President Region of Europe welcomed 16 European IFHE Members attending the European Regional Meeting. The agenda covered an update on the European structure, where establishing a legal body for the European Federation of Home Economics (EAHE) is a priority in 2018.

It further informed about upcoming actions that arose from the 2017 meeting in Sligo: The European IFHE Conference 2018 in Osnabrück is being organised! A huge thank you to everyone involved in this task was given. Concluding the meeting, the present European members emphasised on the importance of a strong IFHE Involvement in the organisation of the IFHE World Congress 2020.

## HOME ECONOMICS WORKSHOP UNDER PATRONAGE OF THE UNESCO EGYPT OFFICE AND ALEXANDRIA UNIVERSITY

*Submitted by Mona SHARAF ABDELGALIL, IFHE EC MEMBER Region of Africa and IFHE Liaison Egypt*



The 7<sup>th</sup> Workshop of the Faculty of Specific Education- Alexandria University was held under the theme:

**“Creativity and Entrepreneurship to achieve Sustainable Future”** on 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at the Museum of Fine Arts in Alexandria.

The welcome speech was delivered by Prof Mona SHARAF ABDEL GALIL in the presence of Alexandria University Vice President for Community Affairs and Environmental Services, the Faculty Vice Dean for Education and Students Affairs and the Vice Dean of Community Affairs and Environmental Services. Prof SHARAF ABDEL GALIL said that the workshop comes as part of UNESCO's mission to build peace, eradicate poverty and drive sustainable development for youth, women and families.



As an IFHE Liaison for Egypt she mentioned that the ultimate goal of the Federation is the improvement of the quality of everyday life for individuals, families and households through the management of their resources. We believe that arts and music education can build peace in the minds of youth boys and girls, Home Economics Education can build social peace within the family members. Creativity could be found in all fields of specialisation (Home Economics - art and music education and education technology), focuses on the learning of hand crafts, hand work for setting mini or small projects, which form a parallel line with the academic disciplines that serve the community as a whole, thus becoming the second face of the national economic boom.

**The Activities of the Workshop included:**

- lectures that are related to creativity in setting small and minor projects, fashion and design, and preparing food, making use of food waste

- Workshops using different materials (papers, plastics, wax and pearls) oriented to different age; children, teenagers and adults
- Galleries presented by some staff members and the students
- A music concert at the closing ceremony held by the students directed by a staff member in the music department.

**The Speakers in the Field of Home Economics were:**

- Prof. Mona SHARAF ABDEL GALIL - Alexandria University **“Creativity in Food Preparation - Molecular Gastronomy and note à note recipe”**
- Associate Prof Wafaa M. KHALIL – Fayoum University **“Keys to the Success for Family Institutions”**
- Prof Nabila EL WARDANY – Port Saïid University - **“Creativity and the quality of family life”**
- Prof Gwendolyn HUSTVEDT - Texas State University - **“Marketing handicrafts to the world on the internet”** (via online).

**Workshops:**

- Dr. Abeer YASSIN -Alexandria University **“Creativity in Setting Household small Projects”**
- Dr. Aml KHATTAB and Yathreb HABIB - Alexandria University – **“Reuse of Household Wastes to produce aesthetic Accessories”**
- Dr Riham BASIOUNY - Menoufeya University **“Leather Techniques and its utilisation in Setting Household Projects”**
- Dr. Heba M. SHOAIB - Menoufeya University presented two workshops on **“Recycling of Household Waste to produce decorative Accessories at Home”** and **“Making candles as a small Project for Youth”**.

On this occasion and on behalf of the Organising Committee I present my sincere thanks and appreciation for Prof Sidiga WASHI for her support and for the national office of UNESCO in Egypt for the Patronage of this workshop.

**MARKETING HANDICRAFTS TO THE WORLD ON THE INTERNET**

If you want to know more about Prof Gwendolyn HUSTVEDT’s presentation at the workshop, please visit the post on her website: <http://gwendolyn.hustvedt.us/marketing-handicrafts/>

## CELEBRATING WORLD HOME ECONOMICS DAY 2018 IN MANITOBA, CANADA

*Submitted by Diana MAGER, PHEc, IFHE Member Canada*

Every year the Manitoba Home Economics Association (MAHE) rolls two celebrations into one. We celebrate World Home Economics Day with our IFHE Colleagues and Friends, and also with our provincial government, MAHE members and the University of Manitoba's student led Home Economics Connections Club. We receive a proclamation from the Minister of Agriculture within the provincial Government of Manitoba recognising World Home Economics Day as Home Economics Day in Manitoba, Canada.

It is a wonderful opportunity for MAHE to connect with the Minister of Agriculture to provide an update on activities MAHE has worked on to move Home Economics/Human Ecology forward in Manitoba. We bring awareness to areas and initiatives MAHE may ask the provincial government to support, and provide our thanks and appreciation to the Minister and his staff for their long standing support of the profession.

Over the past few years, MAHE members and the Manitoba government have worked to complete the Human Ecology Middle Years provincial school curriculum (Grades 5 to 8) update and train Human Ecology teachers in Manitoba to teach the new curriculum. We are currently in the process of updating the Senior Years Human Ecology provincial school curriculum (Grades 9 to 12) which will be ready to pilot this fall through the provincial government's Department of Education. MAHE is also working with three Faculties at the University of Manitoba (the faculties of Education, Agricultural and Food Sciences, and Health Sciences) to ensure Human Ecology teachers receive the appropriate academic and practical skill set to teach in Manitoba schools. We are developing competencies for the practice of Home Economics to reflect the current Human Ecology curriculum updates and career opportunities.

MAHE also partners with the provincial government and an industry partner Peak of the Market (a grower owned, not for profit, vegetable supplier) to collaborate and continue to grow our popular Farm to School Manitoba Healthy Choices Fundraiser. The fundraiser is a fresh, local, healthy and profitable program for schools and licensed child care facilities across the province:

<http://www.farmtoschoolmanitoba.ca/>.

14<sup>th</sup> September is proclaimed annually as Local Veggie Day in Manitoba by two government departments - Agriculture, and Health, Seniors and Active Living. This awareness day supports the Farm to School Manitoba Healthy Choice Fundraiser, Manitoba farmers and Home Economics Education.

Our celebration day is topped off with a student/professional evening mixer event. This year, MAHE co-hosted the event with the Home Economics Connections Club. This is a very active group of University of Manitoba students, mainly from the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences that collectively work toward developing skills and making connections related to the field of Home Economics, and preserving the integrity of Home Economics. We met at a local restaurant in Winnipeg, Manitoba where locally-sourced hors d'oeuvres and craft beer was available. A local clothing artist and business owner also gave a presentation on sustainable fashion.

Celebrating World Home Economics Day in Manitoba helps us communicate the importance of Home Economics literacy to youth, families, educators and community leaders. It's a day to honour our profession and acknowledge our responsibility as educators to teach essential life skills to empower people to live their lives in a healthy and productive way. It also gives us the opportunity to reflect on our strength as leaders to raise awareness that holistic family well-being is the foundation for all other forms of social and economic development.

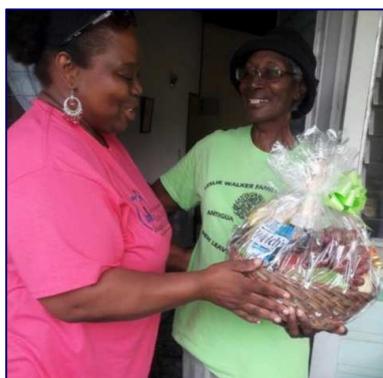
## NEWS FROM ASSOCIATIONS IN THE CARIBBEAN AND CAHE OFFICE

*Submitted by Audrey A. JONES-DRAYTON*

### THE ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA HOME ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION (ABHEA)

#### Recognition of Retirees

ABHEA recognised a number of retired stalwarts for their contribution to Home Economics on the island. New members of the profession visited the retirees and shared light refreshments. Retirees were each presented with a fruit basket. Both parties expressed gratitude for this valuable experience



#### Fundraising Activity

The Association catered for the Education Summer Institute, an annual Professional Development Workshop put on by the Ministry of Education for two weeks in the summer.

#### Hurricane Irma Relief Efforts

After Antigua and Barbuda was hit by the devastating hurricane Irma, many Home Economists served as volunteers at various shelters and offered of their time, financial and emotional support and material items. Two Home Economics teachers were displaced as a result of this disaster.

#### Visit to the Boys Training School

The Association visited the Boys Training School, a home for young males who are at risk. The team and children were engaged in several games and communication activities. The boys eagerly participated as were rewarded with prizes. The team shared light refreshments and distributed care packages. The Institution expressed their gratitude and looks forward to future visits

#### Visit to the Fiennes Institute

ABHEA visited the Fiennes Institute, which is an institute for the elderly less fortunate. This was done during the Christmas season and members and residents joined engaged in carol singing. Members were also able to mingle with the residents. Care packages containing toiletries and foodstuff were presented to the Matron. This was well received and the Matron expressed her appreciation on behalf of management and the residents.

#### Kettling with the Salvation Army

Every year, during the Christmas season, The Salvation Army goes out kettling to collect funds which is used to assist the less fortunate. Last Christmas, ABHEA partnered with the Salvation Army and were able to raise over \$5,000 from this

effort.

#### Home Economics Week 2018

For the first time ever in ABHEA's history, there was a grand celebration of World Home Economics Day. The week of activities included the Junior Home Economics Quiz Competition, an exhibition, a media blitz for Home Economics awareness and promotion, a banquet to honour retired Home Economists and the inaugural Home Economics Talented Teen Competition. The Ministry of Education, schools, teachers and students are all gearing up to celebrate in grand style.

### THE GUYANA ASSOCIATION OF HOME ECONOMISTS (GAHE)

#### Officer for Home Economics

Home Economics has seen a resurgence of interest in the subject by students, teachers and Ministry Officials. This is in part due to the appointment of a Home Economics Officer within the Ministry of Education and the interest shown by members of the local Association, GAHE. The Guyana Association of Home Economists, held their Annual General Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November,

2017 which saw the elections of an entirely new Executive Body and regional representatives.

### New Executive

The New Executive held their first General meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2018, which saw a total of one hundred and twenty five (125) teachers in attendance. The Agenda included: Preparation for CAHE Conference 2019; Activities for World Home Economics Day; National Food Nutrition and Health Quiz Competition; Professional Development session – Standardising of assessments for CSEC portfolios and Prize drawing ceremony for fund raising raffle

### Congratulations

Former President of GAHE and Assistant Secretary of CAHE, Marlyn DAVIS, was awarded the Caribbean Association of Home Economists Inc. Dame Gwendolyn TONGE Scholarship. Ms. DAVIS is reading for a Master's Degree in Education in Measurement and Evaluation at the University of Guyana.



### Quiz Competition

The Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Unit within the Ministry of Education, has planned and is in the process of executing a National Food Nutrition and Health Quiz Competition throughout all education regions in Guyana. This Event kicked off with the Grand launch on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2018 in the presence of Ministry Officials, teachers, students and Media personnel. Preliminary rounds run from January to June 2018 with the finals being held in September during the observance of Education month activities. The 1<sup>st</sup> year students from the Bachelor of Education (Home Economics) University of Guyana held a fashion of outfits they designed and constructed as part of their course activities.

### Facebook Page

A Facebook page “Home Economics in Guyana” was created for Home Economics professionals in Guyana to share information from the Ministry of Education and from Home Economists around the region. We encourage you to visit the page and spread the word.

### TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO HOME ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION (TTHEA)

Representatives from the Trinidad & Tobago Home Economics Association attended the Tobago Blue Food Festival in October, 2017 to lend support for local events. The team headed by CAHE’s president donned outfits which reflected the theme. The Blue Food Festival, now in its 19<sup>th</sup> year is held annually in a remote village of Bloody Bay in Tobago. The festival showcases the culinary uses of the indigenous root crop, Dasheen. The term “blue food” is synonymous with the bluish hue that the dasheen turns when it is cooked.

(Photo: Members of T.T.H.E.A with C.A.H.E.’s President Ms. Pauline WHITEMAN far right, at Blue Food 2017)

The team wore head dresses depicting the green leaves of the dasheen plant. This was complemented by black and brown speckled scarves that represented the skin of the unpeeled dasheen. The ladies also wore white shirts to reflect the peeled raw dasheen and blue pants representing the cooked dasheen/blue food.

Patrons were educated on the various names by which dasheen is known and the varied culinary uses of dasheen and the nutritive value and health benefits of consuming dasheen. The members of the team also offered the services of Body Mass Index (BMI) evaluations and blood pressure testing. A hamper was raffled with proceeds going towards the CAHE Jean Edwards Disaster Relief Fund. The Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, Dr. Keith ROWLEY visited the T.T.H.E.A’s booth to have his blood pressure taken. This action clearly showcased responsible leadership by example. The Association pledges



to continue its quest towards the improvement of the quality of life of individuals, members of households and families in the society by participating in future food festivals.

(Photo: Prime Minister of

Trinidad & Tobago, Dr. Keith Rowley, getting his blood pressure taken at TTHEA's booth

### NEWS FROM BARBADOS

Keisha WENT, Secretary of the Caribbean Association of Home Economists Inc. and teacher at the Lodge School, Barbados spearheaded conducted a session on Appreciative Inquiry (AI) as a part of the activities of Teachers' Professional Day. This was used to design an educational roadmap for the future of the Home Economics Department at her school. The final presentation was entitled "**Educational Roadmap: A Home Economics Department for the 21st Century**". This outlined a clear vision for the future and strategic objectives for achieving the vision. In attendance was a wide cross section of the school leadership, staff, students and also Home Economics teachers from other schools. Ms WENT also took the opportunity to inform other colleagues about Home Economics. These activities were well received. You can find Ms WENT's work on the CAHE website at [www.caribbeanhomeeconomist.org](http://www.caribbeanhomeeconomist.org).

### NEWS FROM THE CAHE OFFICE

The Caribbean Association of Home Economists Inc. will host the Annual Leadership Meeting and Home Economics Conference of the International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE) in the twin island state of Trinidad & Tobago from 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2019. We look forward to welcoming you. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Conference of the Caribbean Association of Home Economist Inc. was held in the twin island state of Antigua and Barbuda from 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2019.

## ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING OF THE IFHE SWISS SECTION

*Submitted by Franziska HONEGGER, IFHE Liaison Switzerland*

In March 2018 the Swiss IFHE Section held the annual member's meeting. The program featured again international aspects and opportunities



IFHE provides for its members – this was highly appreciated by the present members as the complex IFHE Structures are not easy to grasp.

A current main activity of the Swiss section is fostering membership growth in the French-speaking region of Switzerland, aspiring also to reach out to France. To do so, the Swiss IFHE Website together with merchandise material (Flyer & Postcard) and correspondence from the Swiss IFHE Office was professionally translated into French.

To see the result, please check [www.ifhe.ch](http://www.ifhe.ch).

A further highlight was the presentation held by IFHE Member Ruth ROSSIER about her successful potato project in Madagascar "**So that hope grows again!**".

**Corresponding nicely with the theme of the 2018 World Home Economics Day**, it is about facilitating hands-on literacy in growing, distributing and cooking potatoes in Madagascar, providing opportunities especially for women in remote villages. Her efforts for this project are impressive.

(Photo: Swiss Section Swiss IFHE Section Board Members: From left to right: Simone HUNZIKER (Executive Director) Irène LÚTHI, Franziska HONEGGER (Chair), Désirée HAGGER, Nathalie SCHENKEL)

## MEET MS VICKEY SMITH, HOME ECONOMIST FROM GUYANA!

*Submitted by Audrey A. JONES-DRAYTON, IFHE Liaison for the Caribbean*



Meet Ms Vickey SMITH from the Aishalton, Region # 9, Deep South Rupununi, Guyana (the bottom of the map). Aishalton is located 492 km from the capital Georgetown. It is 2 ½ hours by air and 19 hours travelling by road close to

the Brazilian Border, just 5 hours and 120 km by road or 45 mins by air from Bonfim, Brazil. Ms. SMITH was first trained at the Carnegie School of Home Economics in Georgetown, Guyana, 2004 - 2006 and has been teaching since 2008. She attended the Cyril Potter College of Education (CPCE) from 2009 - 2012 and is a trained Home Economics teacher.

Ms SMITH teaches Grades 7 - 11 to an enthusiastic bunch of students who possess an insatiable desire for learning and things Home Economics. Her school, Aishalton Secondary School is the only secondary school in the Deep South Rupununi and their motto is **“FLY TO THE TOP”**.



Ms SMITH, an Amerindian, is from the ethnic tribes of Arawak and Wapishana. The majority of her students are Wapishana. These students perform excellently with the few resources at their disposal. Ms SMITH possesses the ethic of adaptability as is expected of Home Economists, since the cultural norms of this faraway savannah land are vastly different from those on the coastland.

For example her students have never seen a microwave oven, a toaster or a blender and sometimes use open flame and clay stoves “fire sides” in food preparation. Despite this they are still successful at the regional Caribbean Examinations Council examinations in Home Economics.

Her dream is to fully equip a Home Economics Department so that students can acquire a wider range of competencies. Do share her joy and our pride as we share her story in pictures with the world.

**If you are interested to learn more, find this article and others are located on the Association Facebook page at [https://www.facebook.com/Caribbean-Association-of-Home-Economists-Inc-CAHE-1972-359116969093/?hc\\_ref=ARRIkDmsWYAK5cghOAUTH0SCskDciSnw70eMRWyPzotqNSMmElxOP-ij3tzYXGIDbOY&fref=nf](https://www.facebook.com/Caribbean-Association-of-Home-Economists-Inc-CAHE-1972-359116969093/?hc_ref=ARRIkDmsWYAK5cghOAUTH0SCskDciSnw70eMRWyPzotqNSMmElxOP-ij3tzYXGIDbOY&fref=nf)**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2018

24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> June

109<sup>th</sup> American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) Annual Conference & Expo 2018

“Cultivating Social and Emotional Competence for Healthy Relationships”

Atlanta Marriott Marquis – Atlanta, Georgia, USA

7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018

XXIII International Conference of the Society for Human Ecology  
“Navigating complexity: human-environmental solutions for a challenging future”

Lisboa, Portugal

30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August

IFHE European Region of the International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE) – A spotlight on European Activities

“What is happening in Home Economics?”

in collaboration with the University of Applied Sciences Osnabrück, Germany

24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October

Home Economics Professional Association of Nigeria (HEPAN) 8th National Conference

“Family Dynamics: A Home Economics Perspective of Building A Strong and Peaceful Nation Across Boundaries”

hosted by: National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA)

Prof. Taiwo AJAYI HALL, NIEPA Ondo City, Ondo State, Nigeria

### 2019

22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February

15<sup>th</sup> Canadian Symposium for Home Economics

“Home Economics | Family Studies | Human Ecology | Family & Consumer Science Education: Issues & Directions”

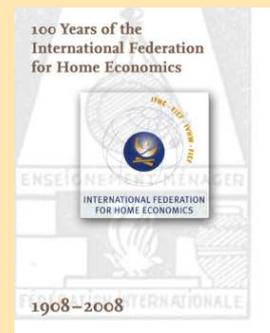
University of British Columbia Campus - Vancouver BC, Canada

14<sup>th</sup> – 17 April

23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Conference of the Caribbean Association of Home Economists Inc. (CAHE)

Antigua and Barbuda

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