Dear IFHE Members,

Already a year has elapsed since my inauguration in Daejeon. I am grateful to IFHE Office in Bonn for their continuous support in carrying out the daily work of the office, the organisation of the IFHE Annual Meeting 2017 in Sligo and the ongoing preparation for the IFHE Council 2018 in Khartoum in February.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise Anne v. LAUFENBERG-BEERMANN, our previous Executive Director, whose contract ended in mid-August, based on her decision to resign as Executive Director, but will continue to work with us on the ERASMUS+ Project until February, 2019.

As no decision has been made to hire any of the applicants interviewed, she has agreed to help with some of the IFHE Office tasks as consultant until we find a replacement.

Anne's commitment to IFHE is enormous, most of us interacted with Anne and realised her dedication to Home Economics and IFHE for over 13 years as Executive Director. Her contribution to IFHE is evident in the progression of the organisation to its position today.

Her personality and ability to deal with diverse members, as well as her respect for others, are always acknowledged.

I wanted at this point to say on behalf of all IFHE Members:
Thank you Anne for all what you have offered and still willing to offer!! ...........continued on page 2

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Support Well-being of Families

We have been watching natural catastrophes that affect man’s life, such as the latest Hurricane Harvey, which affects many parts of South US and left some dead as well as homeless. Many who need our help to overcome the losses. As Home Economists we have great role to play in such situations as providing support, shelter, food and educating families on how to stay together to survive. Our sympathy for those who were affected and hope they will overcome the consequences soon. On this occasion I would also like to recognise the IFHE Council Committee Disaster Assistance Partnerships for Home Economics/FCS-Programs in Developing Countries (DAP) under the leadership of Juanita MENDENHALL who provided great help to many developing countries. It is worth mentioning that the International Home Economics Services, Inc. (IHES) initiated DAP in response to the many requests it has received for disaster assistance. DAP is now a committee of IFHE and has hundreds of Partners around the world, mostly donating used materials and giving professional support, not money at this time, to help after disasters where help is requested.

An excellent example was set by IHES and DAP who continued to work together with the Madina Village School and community in Sierra Leone, West Africa, where they have been assisting with the implementation of the first ever school in the village from its inception five years ago. As the young learners move through their education they will be exposed to Home Economics principles and eventually they hope to facilitate a Home Economics program for learners. They are also helping to develop a women’s cooperative that will be infused with an Extension like entrepreneurial model and are exploring starting an International 4-H Program.

IFHE Members from all Regions are encouraged to set up their own sales tables and contribute funds to the DAP. Funds generated in this way are used to ship materials and support to many Initiative within DAP work. The more Partners that get involved the more work they can accomplish - TOGETHER - which is the strength and purpose of the DAP. Congratulations for jobs that are well done, setting best practices for all of us and providing lessons to be learned.

Sidiga WASHI
IFHE President (2016 – 2020)

IFHE COUNCIL MEETING 2018
SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT PUBLISHED

The second announcement of the IFHE Council 2018 to be held in Khartoum, Sudan was distributed to all IFHE Members in August 2017.

Based on the invitation of IFHE President Prof. Dr Sidiga WASHI to her home city the IFHE Executive Committee approves Khartoum, Sudan as host city for the IFHE Council 2018.

The members of the Executive Committee discussed the risk categorisation for travelling to Sudan which differs from country to country. IFHE President assured that she never would invite IFHE Members, if from her point of view; there might be a danger for participants of the IFHE Council 2018. The second announcement of the IFHE Council 2018, which is published on the following IFHE Website https://www.ifhe.org/1062/ includes the welcome messages, the overall programme overview and schedule, the topics of the symposium of the Ahfad University Khartoum which will be held in conjunction with IFHE Council 2018, the information about the registration fees for both the IFHE Council 2018 and the Symposium and recommendations for hotels.

The online registration will be available up from the 1st October 2017 on the IFHE Website.
IFHE COUNCIL IMPLEMENT THE TASKS OF THE FEDERATION

The Tasks of the IFHE Council 2018

Based on the IFHE Constitution Section 11(3) the IFHE Council shall in principle perform all tasks.

For the next Council the following regular topics will be on the agenda:

- Reports of all Officers and Chairs,
- Finances 2017 and Budgets 2019/2020,
- Elections of IFHE President-Elect and IFHE Treasurer,
- Update of the IFHE Congress 2020, and
- Status of the IFHE Plan of Action.

In addition the IFHE Executive Committee decided to update the IFHE Constitution and Rules of Procedures. In the past few years the Executive Committee realised that some aspects of the IFHE Constitution and the IFHE Rules of Procedures should be clarified, so that the related IFHE Processes can be conducted smoothly without any reservation.

Delegates, who will represent the individual members of a country or an organisational member will be invited and receive the agenda in December 2017.

INVITATION TO THE SYMPOSIUM 2018

“Never too late for Elderly Well-Being: A Home Economics Perspective”

Khartoum, Sudan 25th February 2018

“Our world is ageing and, in some countries and regions, rapidly. The fact that people now live longer, in better health, and generally in better conditions than ever before is a remarkable success story. But what opportunities and challenges does this bring?” 2017 HelpAge Report

Beside interesting keynote speeches, Home Economics experts will present scientific speeches and project findings to different topics.

The Programme of the Symposium will be published on the IFHE Website.

XXIV IFHE WORLD CONGRESS “NEWS”

We are excited and looking forward to hosting the XXIV IFHE World Congress 2020, Atlanta, Georgia. Save the date,

August 2nd – 8th, 2020, and KEEP GEORGIA ON YOUR MIND!

Bev CARD and Janine DUNCAN, World Congress Co-Chairs, are working on preparations and plans that will make this a memorable World Congress for everyone. Don’t forget to check out their IFHE World Congress article for plans and details. The theme will be announced soon!

SAVE THE DATE

2020 August 2nd – 8th

XXIV IFHE World Congress 2020

Atlanta Hyatt Regency Hotel - Atlanta, Georgia, USA

| IFHE-US | roxie.godfrey@ttu.edu | coming soon IFHE-US Website |
This past August, IFHE-US members enjoyed renewing friendships and attending various sessions during the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Conference & Exposition in Dallas, Texas. IFHE-US members always look forward to the IFHE-US Development Fund event and this year’s event did not disappoint anyone. Joyce CAVANAGH, Director, Development Fund, reported the 19th Annual Fund-Raiser event, the “Tea-less Tea Evening” was a huge success. This event raises money for the Development Fund and is used to award grants for special projects during the next World Congress.

Fifty members and guests were present to hear guest speaker, Jordana BARTON, MPA, Senior Advisor in Community Development for the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. BARTON is the author of “Las Colonias in the 21st Century: Progress along the Texas-Mexico Border” (2015). She spoke about colonia life along the Texas Mexico border and the living conditions. There are currently close to 2,300 colonias on the Texas border counties. Colonias are communities that pop up near the Texas-Mexico border and lack the basics of living such as utilities and secure housing. Many colonias go without waste disposal and water to drink. Barton stated that because of culture values, they do not let any family member be left out. Two to three families will live in one house (Collins, 2015).

IFHE-US was honoured to congratulate co-winner Nancy GRANOVSKY (US) for winning the IFHE Distinguished Award 2016 at the closing ceremony of the IFHE World Congress 2016, Daejeon, Korea. Nancy attended her first Congress in 1976 and has not missed a World Congress since then.

AAFCS honoured IFHE-US member, Mary GILLILAND, for being one of the winners for the AAFCS Distinguished Service Award 2017. Mary has worked tirelessly at the state, national, and international level for Home Economics. This past year was a tough year for us as we lost five dedicated IFHE-US members: Jenny SCHROEDER, Janett GIBBS, Alberta HILL, Peggy MESZAROS, and Virginia FELSTEHAUSEN. During our business meeting, we remembered them with a moment of silence for their time and dedication to IFHE and IFHE-US. We will miss them greatly.

Anita FERRON, Director, UN Liaison, attended briefings at the United Nations and Family Committee meetings. Family issues discussed were the father’s role, mothers as role models, housing rights for everyone, female genital mutilation (FGM), teaching Holocaust in schools, people with disabilities, and the changing roles of girls and women. Another session Anita attended was about lifeguards from Spain that recommissioned a boat to rescue people leaving Libya for Europe. There are usually 200 - 300 people per boat with only the clothes on their back, most cannot swim, and the boat has only enough gas for 30 - 60 miles. If it were not for this lifeguard rescue boat, many would die.

Anita and Dr. Sandra POIRIER will be working with an IFHE Committee to prepare a statement to present to the United Nations in 2018 on “Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration”. A new user-friendly IFHE-US website will be unveiled in November, 2017.

We thank Gwendolyn HUSTVEDT for developing our new website!
IFHE CONGRESS 2020: “HOME ECONOMICS: SOARING TOWARD SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT”

IFHE-US is pleased to announce the 2020 Congress theme, “Home Economics: Soaring Toward Sustainable Development”.

Family and Consumer Sciences colleagues from across the United States, and the state of Georgia, are excited to welcome everyone to Atlanta, Georgia, August 2nd – 8th, 2020. While the anticipation for this next World Congress continues to grow, we invite you to get a glimpse of Atlanta, Georgia and learn a bit about the city and all it has to offer.

The Congress will be housed in the heart of Atlanta, at the Atlanta Hyatt Regency, offering attendees much to do and see. IFHE World Congress 2020 will feature a Learning Day on the Move, offering attendees a day of more focused experiences, both in and around Atlanta, including the University of Georgia-Athens (UGA).

The UGA College of Family & Consumer Sciences looks forward to welcoming you to their campus!

We will communicate more with everyone as Congress plans are refined.

Tentative dates include:

• November 2017 Congress Website will be opened,
• June/July 2018 Registration Information will be available,
• June 2019 Abstract Submissions (research/best practices) will be opened,
• November/December 2019 Registration will be opened,
• December 2019 Abstract proposal acceptance confirmed,
• August 2020 Welcome to Atlanta, Georgia USA!

In the meantime, give thought to your own research and best practices, identifying work that is important to report to international colleagues. While the Congress is centered in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, it is the work of Home Economists globally, that is central to a meaningful IFHE 2020 World Congress.

More soon,

Bev CARD, CFCS and Janine DUNCAN, CFCS
IFHE 2020 Congress Co-Chair

The event generated a high level of interest, underscoring that both youth and older persons play an important role in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals. The event was one of the first to be held that emphasised the voices of both of these groups of people.


Participants could choose between several Dialogues themes:

- Breaking the Intergenerational Cycle of Poverty,
- Gender Equality Opening the Door to Full Inclusion,
- Access to Employment Throughout Life,
- Sharing Responsibility for the Plane,
- Intergenerational Technology and Innovation Mental Wellness.

The conference aimed to raise awareness of the valuable role youth and the elderly can play together in implementing the SDGs – ambitious and all-encompassing development targets agreed by more than 190 countries nearly two years ago to ensure growth and protect the people and planet.

On September 25th, 2015, member nations of the UN adopted the SDGs and hoped these goals would be reached by year 2030.

IFHE Statements see [https://www.ifhe.org/ifhe-statements/](https://www.ifhe.org/ifhe-statements/)
INTEGRATED FOOD SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (IPC)
EVIDENCE AND STANDARDS FOR BETTER FOOD SECURITY DECISIONS

Submitted by: Dr. Gertraud PICHLER, IFHE Representative at the FAO

The integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC), developed in 2004 to guide response to the food security crisis in Somalia, has evolved to be applicable in different country contexts, focusing not only on acute food insecurity but also on chronic food insecurity and nutrition analysis. As of 2017, the IPC is used in over 25 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America to help decision makers’ better address the food insecurity challenge.

The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) is a set of analytical tools, and processes, to analyse and classify the severity of acute and chronic food security situation according to scientific international standards. As said it aims at providing decision makers with a rigorous analysed of food insecurity in both emergency and development contexts, and key objectives for response to better coordinate the interventions.

The IPC tools and procedures are compatible with whatever data collections systems, methodological approaches, and institutional arrangements exists in-country, and allow comparison of findings over time and across countries.

IPC is also a forum involving Government, UN, NGOs and civil society that conduct joint food security analysis to reach technical consensus on the nature and severity of food insecurity in their country.

By using the IPC standardised acute and chronic scales and ‘currency’, key stakeholders work together to consolidate wide-ranging evidence on food insecure populations and answer the following questions:

- How severe is the situation?
- Where are the areas that are food insecure?
- How many are the food insecure people?
- What are the key driving factors?

IPC Core Functions:

- Promotion of Technical Consensus: To ensure key stakeholders from government, NGOs UN and academic agencies concur with the technical findings of the analysis.
- Common Scale: To classify complex information and data into meaningful categories and enable comparability of results from place to place and over time.
- Communication for Action: To consolidate essential conclusions for decision makers in an accessible and consistent format.
- Quality Control Assurance: To assure the validity and reliability of the analysis.

This concept is a very important issue for the world wide Food Security. More information can be found: [www.ipcinfo.org](http://www.ipcinfo.org).

I like to encourage IFHE Members who are involved in Nutrition and Food Security to learn more about the IPC concept.
MAKING THE GLOBAL LOCAL

Submitted by: Janine DUNCAN, IFHE Representative at the UN, New York

The 61st session of the Commission on the Status of Women, CSW 61, convened in New York on the United Nations campus from March 13th – 24th, 2017. Over 4,000 colleagues from organisations across the world attended this event, which focused on “Women’s Economic Empowerment in the Changing World of Work”. From the perspective of Home Economics, it is important to consider the economic empowerment of women, especially as women are central to the well-being of their family members through their paid labour and unpaid care. These two items - paid labour and unpaid care - were two themes that were central to the CSW 61, bringing focus to the need for gender equity in both.

CSW 61 was both a global and local experience, as I became acquainted with a group of colleagues from my home state of Kentucky (USA), who were representing the initiative, Cities for CEDAW. Through a very rich discussion with these women, I learned much about their work toward making Louisville, Kentucky a City for CEDAW. CEDAW, the Convention on the Elimination of all Discrimination Against Women, was adopted by the UN in 1979; and as of 2013, was ratified by 187 countries.

The United States, along with the Pacific island nations of Tonga and Palau; Iran, Somalia, South Sudan, and Sudan remain the seven countries who have yet to adopt CEDAW. In the United States, American citizens created the movement, Cities for CEDAW, as a means of realising the vision of CEDAW at the grassroots level. Currently, 25 cities across the United States have either ordinances or resolutions committing their cities to CEDAW, of which Louisville is one.

At the same time, I shared with these colleagues about the work of Home Economics internationally, nationally, and locally in Western Kentucky, where in September 2016, Murray State University hosted the first Family and Consumer Sciences Summit on the Status of Women in Western Kentucky. This work resonates with the focus of the Commission on the Status of Women, but more pointedly on the needs of rural women, as noted in CEDAW General Recommendation # 34 on the Rights of Rural Women.

Focusing on the broad themes of political participation; employment & earnings; work & family; poverty & opportunity; reproductive rights; and health & wellbeing, participants began prioritising the future work of this group. Violence against women (VAW), employment, and political participation are three areas that are being targeted immediately, with plans to utilise CEDAW as an organisational tool for building a long-term effort to educate professionals and community members about the Status of Women/rural women. It is important to note that CEDAW GR # 34 identifies the similar issues of exclusion and shared needs of rural women in both developing and developed countries, demonstrating the importance of the collective work of Home Economists worldwide.

Intersections between CEDAW initiatives and the work of Home Economics continue to emerge, highlighting multiple points for future collaboration to address the needs of women and to develop their capacities to sustain themselves and their families.

As IFHE Members consider how to make the global local, partnerships with organisations working toward CEDAW in local communities would be an excellent starting point. Further, given the consultative status which IFHE holds...
with the United Nations, it would be of benefit to learn how colleagues around the world are addressing the major premises of CEDAW. Surveying IFHE Membership on their programs of work will permit a clear understanding of the breadth, depth, and shortcomings of our collective efforts, and likewise identify points for international collaboration. Please respond to this survey as it becomes available in the coming months.

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<td>Anita FERRON, IFHE Representative contributes to the UN and INGO discussions in New York. A subcommittee of the IFHE Programme Committee Family is developing an IFHE Position Statement Migration, which will be finalised for the Executive Committee until end of October. Based on a Call for interest the following IFHE Members contributed to the position paper:</td>
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The conference is for both researchers and practitioners within the broad field of Home Economics. Details about conference theme and Call for Contributions follow soon: [www.eahe2018.ifhe.ch](http://www.eahe2018.ifhe.ch)

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“Developing Skills for improved social and economic Conditions of Families and global Communities: Home Economics Future Direction”

**CALL FOR CONTRIBUTION RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

*Submitted by Ingrid-Ute LEONHÄUSER/Germany (Chair) and Mi Young SON/Korea (Co-Chair)*

The IFHE Research Committee invites researchers from all regions to take part actively in the committee’s work. Following the definition of tasks based on the IFHE Policies and Procedures Manual 2016 the IFHE Research Committee will encourage research according scientific principles, organise research presentations as well as presentations on good practise in co-operation with all IFHE Programme Committees and the IFHE Congress Committee for the next World Congress 2020 in Atlanta.

Members who are interested to participate in the IFHE Research Committee are asked to send an email to ingrid-ute.leonhaeuser@ernaehrung.uni-giessen.de and to the IFHE Office under office@ifhe.org.
WORLD HOME ECONOMICS DAY 2018 – BE PREPARED
“HOME ECONOMICS LITERACY: SKILLS FOR HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE COOKING”

Home Economics Literacy is the central topic of the World Home Economics Days (WHEDs) since 2015. The significance of Home Economics Literacy and the responsibility of Home Economists to promote Home Economics Education were described in the IFHE Newsletter December 2014 by Tahira HIRA, USA.

For the WHED 2018 the IFHE Programme Committee Consumers and Sustainability proposed the additional focus “Skills for healthy and sustainable Cooking”, which was approved by the IFHE Executive Committee.

The theme of the WHD 2018 “Home Economics Literacy: Skills for Healthy and Sustainable Cooking” is in line with two main aims of the World Health Organisation WHO.

1. Reduce Non Communicable Diseases and 2. Food Safety to avoid Foodborne Illness.

Healthy Cooking to Reduce Non Communicable Diseases

The WHO Healthy Diet Fact sheet N°394 points out the consequences of healthy diet and unhealthy diet in correlation with lack of physical activity.

(http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs355/en/)

The WHO action plan aims to reduce the Non Communicable Diseases by 25% until 2025. The context of the programme is described in an infographic, please see on the website http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs355/en/

Healthy Cooking to reduce foodborne illness

Diseases that people get from eating contaminated food are an important cause of illness, disability and deaths around the world, as revealed by the first ever WHO Estimates of the Global Burden of Foodborne diseases published in December 2015.

Consumers play a major role in Food Safety

The WHO highlights, even though food producers have the primary responsibility to keep the food we buy safe, consumers have an important part to play. Knowing our food, and the associated benefits of being an empowered consumer, should be taught from the youngest possible age.

https://www.unspecial.org/2015/04/empowered-children-are-the-best-health-ambassadors/2/

WHO built the Five Keys to Safer Food Programme to assist Member States in promoting safe food handling behaviours and educate all food handlers, including consumers, with tools easy to adopt and adapt. The Five Keys to Safer Food explain the basic principles that each individual should know all over the world to prevent foodborne diseases. See the video and other tools, which can be used for the WHED 2018 to support Home Economics Literacy and healthy cooking. Education for safety Food should start with the children as ambassadors.

Sustainable Aspects for Cooking

The IFHE Best Practice Tips Cooking, Refrigeration, Canning of Vegetables and Drying of Fruits and Vegetables developed and published as posters by the IFHE Programme Committee Household Technology and Sustainability demonstrate guidelines for sustainable food preparation.

The posters can be downloaded on the IFHE Website: http://he.ifhe.org/857/

Please see also the presentation from Karin HJAELENESKOG with additional aspects related to sustainable cooking on the IFHE Website in the section “In Focus” under https://www.ifhe.org/1110/

“TAKE ACTION: CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORLD HOME ECONOMICS DAY 20th March 2018!”

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The 7th International Conference of Sustainability Science took place in Stockholm 24th - 26th August 2017. Under the title “Global Goals – new Approaches to Knowledge Generation – Challenges and Solutions from local to global scales” Future Earth hosted 200 researchers and enabled a dynamic exchange of science around some of the priority topics of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

A core intention of the conference circled around the question how to better and more convincingly approach policy decision makers at all levels and from different ideological leanings to become more interested in, and committed to, shaping a society where we can all live sustainably?

IFHE Member Sylvia LOREK was invited to contribute to the session “The Core of a Sustainable Society – Exploring Sustainable Consumption”. Based on the valuable statements prepared by IFHE on the SDGs last year she took the opportunity to point towards the various benefits a better uptake of Home Economics thinking could have in societal exchange as well as in political decision making.

Results from the conference will feed into the High Level Political Forum of the UN SDG process.

Beyond the conference Future Earth is an international research initiative on global environmental change and sustainability transformations. It is an open network for scientists of all disciplines, natural and social, as well as engineering, the humanities and law endorsing world-class projects, networks and institutes who can contribute to our research agenda and are committed to transformation.

Next to local and regional hubs Future Earth is organised in Knowledge-Action-Networks, among others on Water-Energy-Food Nexus, Natural Assets, Urban, Health, Finance & Economics, Systems of Sustainable Consumption and Production. They might provide a useful platform to bring the Home Economics perspectives to a broader attention.

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INVITATION TO INTERESTED EDUCATION EXPERTS, TEACHERS AND TRAINERS

Next multiplier event of the EUROPEAN ProfESus Project event takes place at LAUREA, University of Applied Sciences, Finland on 15th and 16th January 2018.

“Implementing a sustainable Mindset Innovative Teacher Training in the Fields of Household and guest oriented Businesses”

Programme and Registration form will be published soon on www.profesus.eu
IFHE PARTNERSHIP IN THE EUROPEAN PROJECT “ProfESus”

Professional Education for Sustainable Consumption and Production

Sustainable consumption is an integral element of sustainable development and an issue of paramount importance, increasingly recognised by the international community. Education for Sustainable Consumption (ESC) is essential for learning how to make lifestyle choices in the market, consume better and more responsibly and effect changes by seeking creative new solutions and engaging in policy debates.

“Education for Sustainable Consumption (ESC) aims at providing knowledge, values and skills to enable individuals and social groups to become actors of change towards more sustainable consumption behaviors” (http://drustage.unep.org).

Improving Education for Sustainable Consumption and Production in the context of professional Home Economics fields is the aim of the ERASMUS+ Project “ProfESus”, which started in October 2016.

Key Challenges for Teachers

The task for teachers, to promote a sustainable mind set, is very challenging. All related dimensions of the teaching process such as sustainable consumption, professional demands in Home Economics businesses as well as the special expertise in education for sustainable consumption including related competences, methods and tools require insights in current findings of different theories, results from former projects and current standards. The Project team put together the most important background information as a basis for the development of the competences for an innovative blended learning teacher training.

The results are published as “Output I” of the ProfESus Project under the theme ”Planning Teacher Training for the field of Home Economics – Collection of practical needs, tools, materials and recommendations!”

The Blended Learning Course open for interested Teachers

Based on the most important basic information and a developed curriculum the four modules of the ProfESus blended learning course are developed. The first module will take place as a one week course at the University College for Agrarian and Environmental Pedagogy, Austria. The second and third module will be conducted online, based on a moodle platform and the fourth and last module will be a course at LAUREA, University of Applied Sciences, Finland.

To develop a sustainable mind set requires specific competences such as system thinking, future thinking, value thinking, strategic thinking and collaboration. To organise or facilitate the learning process to promote these competences concrete experiences or the integration of scenarios or stories for reflective observations, abstract conceptualisation and active experimentation should be integrated.

For more information and downloads please see www.profesus.eu
IFHE MEMBERS PRESENTED AT THE EUROPEAN SEMINAR ON EXTENSION (AND) EDUCATION

Submitted by: Leena SAVISALO, Chair of IFHE CEEC Outreach Committee

At the 23rd European Seminar on Extension (and) Education, ESEE2017 seminar in Chania, Greece in July Leena SAVISALO introduced the IFHE.

The context of the ESEE Seminar was innovation. Studies increasingly focus on learning, with emphasis on facilitation and the processes of human interaction from which learning emerges; currently, growing attention is given to various types of (process) “intermediaries/facilitators/brokers”. In order to address such questions and deepen our understanding of current transformations in agricultural education and extension and the ways they promote transformative learning, especially in the context of systems change towards sustainability, ESEE welcome a diversity of theoretical perspectives and case studies/practice examples which will constructively contribute to debates on a number of topics such as the following (http://www.see2017.gr/en/about/about).

Leena SAVISALO also presented the activity of IFHE in a multicultural women project in Espoo city Finland. IFHE association members Warsan and Avory were involved in a research project at University of Helsinki. The title was “The Extension Education of Food Production among multicultural Newcomers – Case Study in Espoo”. The abstract and poster material are available in ESEE2017 pages and from author Leena SAVISALO. At the ESEE2017 seminar were three IFHE Members gave an interesting information. E. AGWU focussed on her research findings to the theme “Information Needs and Information Seeking Behaviour of Rural Women on Household Food Security issues in Bayelsa State, Nigeria”.

“How agricultural advisory service can improve engagement with farm women” was the title of the project as basis for the thesis of Aisling MOLLOY, Teagasc, Ireland. She presented the outcomes of the project which was supervised by Teagasc Supervisor: Jane KAVANAGH and UCD Supervisor: Dr Monica GORMAN. Teagasc – the Agriculture and Food Development Authority – is the national body in Ireland providing integrated research, advisory and training services to the agriculture and food industry and rural communities. The third presentation is from Turkey “Women Entrepreneurship and Young Female Farmer Project – case in Turkey”. Author Mucahit PAKSOY from University of KSU, Turkey: “The study is about the women entrepreneurship, seen one of important tools to solve women unemployment problem”. The research pointed the importance of advisory work and education as role model and successful women and create awareness among young population in rural areas, and contribute rural development. The abstract of Tetyana KALNA-DUBINYUK – IFHE Member - submitted to the ESEE Seminar is available in ESEE 2017 pages.

GERMAN IFHE SECTION WILL VISIT TAHEA IN OCTOBER 2017

Submitted by: Prof. Dr. Barbara FREYTAG-LEYER, Germany

In the framework of her farewell lecture on the University of Applied Sciences Fulda Professor Dr Barbara FREYTAG-LEYER presented the IFHE and announced the visit of TAHEA in autumn 2017. A group of the German IFHE Section will go for one week to the Tanzania Home Economic Association to strengthen their 20 years partnership. In a workshop, they will exchange their experiences on the Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6) water and sanitation.

They will use as basis the IFHE Statements to SDG 6. Furthermore they will visit schools, ECD – Early childhood Development, orphans and some projects with hygiene programmes and sweet potatoes.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2017
24th – 28th October
Home Economics Council of Nigeria (HECON)/International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE)
Africa Region International Conference 2017
“Developing Skills for improved social and economic Conditions of families and global Communities: Home Economics Future Dimension”
Hosted by: The Department of Home Economics, Nutrition & Dietetics, University of Uyo, Nigeria
Elf Auditorium, University of Uyo Main Campus – Uyo, Nigeria

28th November – 1st December
XXII International Conference of the Society for Human Ecology, the Philippines
“Envisioning Pathways to Just and Sustainable Futures: Celebrating diversity, pursuing integration, and developing liveable communities”
University of the Philippines - Los Baños, Philippines

2018
25th February – 1st March
IFHE Council Meeting and Symposium 2018
“Never too late for elderly well-being: A Home Economics Perspective”
Ahfad University for Women (AUW), Khartoum Sudan

5th – 9th March
13th International South African Association of Family Ecology and Consumer Science (SAAFECS) Conference
“Consumer Science: In Pursuit of the Future”
Hosted by SAAFECS in conjunction with the University of Technology, Faculty of Applied Sciences, Department of Food and Nutrition Consumer Sciences, Durban
Saint George Hotel and Convention Centre – Pretoria, South Africa