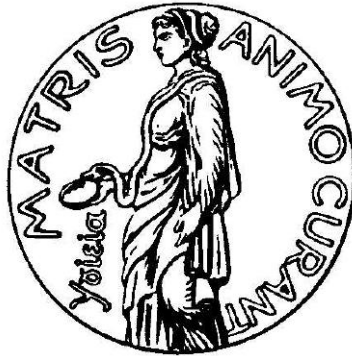


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Kyung Ah Park, Korea
MWIA President 2013-2016

FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Dear colleagues,

It is true that time flies like an arrow. I feel that it was like yesterday when I was inaugurated as the President of MWIA in Seoul, Korea, in 2013.

In that inauguration speech, I declared MWIA should work for “Prevention and Elimination of Violence.”

During the last 3 years, MWIA worked to develop a manual on “Prevention and Elimination of Violence” and I appreciate all the efforts of our members who worked on this and especially Professor Bettina Pfleiderer who was in charge of that project. I myself gave lectures on this topic several times throughout the world.

The other mission that I wanted to do was “Expanding our Membership.” I focused on the Central Asian Region and visited Malaysia, Nepal, Singapore and contacted Vietnam and Myanmar. They agreed to work toward becoming our members in the near future.

A Korean proverb says, “When you leave, say nothing!”

According to that proverb, I have spoken too much! I was happy to serve MWIA as President for this last triennium and I look forward to serving as Immediate Past President for next three years.

See you all in the United States!

Bettina Pfleiderer
MWIA President 2016-2019

INAUGURAL ADDRESS BY MWIA PRESIDENT FOR THE 2016-2019 TERM

Dear Prof. Kyung Ah Park, immediate past president of MWIA, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, my dear friends and my dear family!

It is wonderful that I can share this special moment with you and of course with my family, who are here with me today - my daughter Rachel, my aunt Margot - sister of my mother - and my sister Anette - thank you for coming from Germany to share this special moment with me!

I would never have thought when I co-organized the International Congress in Münster 6 years ago that I would be standing in front of you today as MWIA president. Münster was my

first MWIA congress, Seoul was my second, where I was elected President -Elect and today is my third congress. But I fell in love with MWIA at first glance back in Münster!!!

When Professor Afua Hesse as new MWIA president asked me after the Münster congress if I would like to chair the MWIA scientific committee I was thrilled, because I had thought before that I would like to get more involved with MWIA.

It was lovely meeting all of you in Vienna - sharing memories, lively discussions, difficult decisions and acquiring knowledge in the last 4 days. I have made many new friends in the MWIA family. Thank you!!!

A special thanks from my heart goes to Waltraud Diekhaus, former Secretary-General and VP for Central Europe who has been my strong mentor in the activities of MWIA. She has become a dear friend over the last few years and it is wonderful to know that she will continue to support me in the coming years.

Now I will start my three year term as president of the Medical Women's International Association. The theme of triennium will be:

“Medical Women- Ambassadors of Change!!

I will focus on 3 broad areas:

Firstly, **the role of medical women in society and health care**

This includes making our voices heard and raising awareness of health issues such as violence, work-life balance, gender equality, migration and refugee issues, obesity and related diseases. Empower through knowledge!

Secondly, **develop strategies together with all of you to sharpen the profile and increase the visibility of MWIA** in the global health area and advocate on human rights issues. I also want to attract more young physicians to MWIA, to secure our sustainability and future.

Thirdly, **gender and health**. I want to work on the integration of the perspective of gender and health into medicine on all levels.

What will I do to achieve these goals?

- Go more digital
- Initiate a president's blog
- Make better use of our resolutions

- Start research projects which will have the benefit of MWIA member participation
- Have workshops at MWIA regional meetings on violence and gender issues. I envision a summer school on gender and health
- I have also suggested initiating two ad-hoc committees:
 - Strategy and membership*
 - PR and social media*

What can you do to support MWIA?

- Visit our MWIA webpage for updates and participation opportunities
- Please become a member of one of our committees to share your ideas, competence and knowledge.
- Send e-mails to me as your president with your ideas and suggestions

A president cannot act alone. I need you all at my side as a source of inspiration to make MWIA a lively active association of wonderful and knowledgeable women!

Last but not least, in 2019 MWIA will be 100 years old. I am honored to serve as president in this centenary triennial. Let us work together to make this a wonderful occasion and a meaningful event - bridging the past with the future, and to bring my vision of the future of MWIA into life.

Medical women are ambassadors of change!

Thank you!

**Afua Hesse, Ghana
MWIA Past-President 2013-2016**

This triennium started from the conclusion of a very wonderful congress in Munster, Germany in 2013.

As Immediate Past President, I have had the honour and privilege to work with wonderful members of the MWIA executive to push forwards the agenda of MWIA in advancing our cause.

The enthusiasm and commitment of everyone has been exemplary.

I have had the privilege during this triennium to fraternise with many MWIA members in different countries on all the continents of the world. Thank you all for your friendship, which I will always cherish.

For me, this has been the last lap of at least 15 years of being actively engaged on the Executive Committee of our Association in various capacities, as Chair of the Ethics and

Resolutions Committee, Chair of the Finance Committee, President-elect, President and now as Immediate Past president.

I have been involved in mentoring many young women especially in the Near East and Africa Region and the Associations there continue strong!! In my own home country I am so proud of all of them too numerous to mention here. Ayekoo I say. Keep the flame burning bright!

As I now take a back seat to join the Committee of Past Presidents, looking to the future, even after the celebration of our centennial which is upcoming in 2019, I have no doubts that MWIA will continue strong, focused, committed to its ideals, promoting the welfare of its members especially the interests of its young members and advocating also for the improved health of women and children worldwide.

I will now be concentrating my efforts on the new Medical School my husband and I have started in Accra, Ghana- The Accra College of Medicine (www.acm.edu.gh) where our curriculum embodies all that MWIA stands for in our continued struggle to eliminate gender based violence.

I salute all past Executive Committee members of MWIA with whom I was honoured to serve and encourage the incoming ones to hold fast to their convictions as they work together with the indefatigable incoming President, Professor Bettina Pfliegerer to move this noble Association to even greater heights.

God Bless the Medical Women's international Association as He blesses us all.

Shelley Ross, Canada
MWIA Secretary-General 2007-2016

SECRETARY-GENERAL'S MESSAGE

This is the third triennium that the Secretariat has been in Vancouver, Canada. The virtual office continues to be a cost-saving for MWIA and electronic communication is the modern way. Bricks and mortar is a thing of the past.

The Secretary General would like to thank Dr. Kyung Ah Park and the executive for their great work this triennium. With the theme of "Prevention and Elimination of Domestic and Sexual Violence" the work by MWIA in developing an on-line violence module has involved both the executive and the membership over the triennium. MWIA partnered with the World Medical Association and WONCA to make a statement about violence against women at the World Health Assembly.

We have had great success in partnering with ZONTA to distribute birthing kits to those who have no basic supplies for delivery. We have also been involved with WHO in the development of the Safe Childbirth Checklist. MWIA's work on gender and health, adolescent sexuality and female genital mutilation continues.

The Secretariat puts out a quarterly newsletter, entitled the MWIA Update and is always interested in receiving information from all national associations about their accomplishments.

The MWIA website is now an easy means for the membership to keep up to date on news within MWIA. Thank you to Bettina Pfleiderer for her skills as webmaster.

Each triennium, the committee membership changes, so please let the Secretariat know of your interest.

Gail Beck, Canada
MWIA Treasurer 2004 - 2016

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

The Vienna Congress continued the tradition of excellent workshops and thoughtful deliberation that marks all of MWIA's International Congresses. I regret that an Emergency in Canada prevented me attending. I want to recognize the work of the organizing committee. I also want to thank the outgoing Executive Committee for their service to MWIA and to welcome the incoming Executive Committee whom I hope to meet next year in person, and sooner via Skype.

I especially want to note the devotion of Dr. Shelley Ross in ensuring the continued success of MWIA. In the next three years, may we continue our good work and careful stewardship of the funds entrusted to us by our Members and National Associations.



The Medical Women's International Association Executive 2013-2016

Front row left to right: Shelley Ross, Bettina Pfleiderer, Kyung Ah Park, Afua Hesse

Back row left to right: Mercedes Viteri, Carole Williams, Hiroko Yamamoto,
Khatuna Kaladze, Shafika Nasser, Christiane Pouliart, Gail Beck, Bong Ok Kim,
Helen Goodyear

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National Associations:

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and

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Central Europe
Southern Europe
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Latin America
Near East and Africa
Central Asia
Western Pacific

Committees:

Finance
Scientific and Research
Ethics and Resolutions

Finance:

General Fund
Lovejoy/ Jubilee Fellowship Fund
Dr. Leone Hellstedt Fund
Harumi Ono Fund
Dr. Märtha Holmström Fund
Scholarship Fund
Alma Dea Morani Fund

Meetings:

Executive : annual
General Assembly : once in three years
Congress : as determined by the Assembly

Voting Right:

General Assembly

Executive
Delegates of National Associations
Delegates of Individual Members

Delegates:

Each affiliated association with less than 200 members has 5 delegates. Associations with 200 and more members have additional delegates according to the number of members. No

association can have more than 25 delegates. The Individual Members are represented on the same basis as the National Associations.

Eligibility for Membership:

Qualified Medical Women according to the rules applicable to the medical profession in their countries.

Relations with other International Organizations:

UN ECOSOC (United Nations)	consultative status
WHO (World Health Organization)	official relations
CIOMS (Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences)	member of the board
EWL (European Women's Lobby)	member of the board
WMA (World Medical Association)	observer
UNICEF (United Nations)	observer
CSW (Commission on the Status of Women)	observer
CONGO (Conference of Non- Governmental Organizations in Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council)	member

THE MEDICAL WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Aims and Purposes

Throughout the 94 years of its existence, the Medical Women's International Association has provided an international forum for the interchange of information about a variety of vital medical problems with worldwide implications. The discussions at the Association's Congresses and Assemblies have been of inestimable value to the participants, women in medicine who perceive that they bring to the healing arts a special quality.

The Association has held steadfast to its aims as developed through the years in which the group has grown to its present proportions, over 20,000 members from 81 countries. The aims are:

1. To offer medical women the opportunity to meet so as to confer upon questions concerning the health and well-being of humanity.
2. To promote the general interest of medical women by developing cooperation, friendship and understanding without regard to race, religion or political views.
3. To overcome gender-related differences in health and healthcare between women and men, girls and boys throughout the world.
4. To overcome gender related inequalities in the medical profession.
5. To promote HEALTH FOR ALL throughout the world with particular interest in WOMEN; HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT

MWIA CONGRESSES

1924	1st Congress	London, U.K.: Maternal Morbidity
1929	2nd Congress	Paris, France: Sex Instruction for Children and Adolescents - Analgesia in Midwifery.
1934	3rd Congress	Stockholm, Sweden: Physical Education - Birth Control
1937	4th Congress	Edinburgh, U.K.: Cancer in Women and its Prevention - Maternal Mortality and Abortion
1947	5th Congress	Amsterdam, Netherlands: The Responsibilities of Medical Women in the reconstruction of the post-war world
1950	6th Congress	Philadelphia, U.S.A.: Anaemia in Women - Pathology and Hygiene of Housework
1954	7th Congress	Gardone, Italy: The Menopause
1958	8th Congress	London, U.K.: The Adolescent
1963	9th Congress	Manila, Philippines: Parent Education and the Medical Practitioner
1966	10th Congress	Rochester, N.Y., U.S.A.: Optimal Utilization of Medical Women Power
1968	11th Congress	Vienna, Austria: The Hungry Millions
1970	12th Congress	Melbourne, Australia: The Health of Women in Industry
1972	13th Congress	Paris, France: Toxoplasmosis
1974	14th Congress	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: Genetic and Environmental Factors affecting Human Health
1976	15th Congress	Tokyo, Japan: Viral Infections and their Sequelae
1978	16th Congress	Berlin, F.R. Germany: Mass Medica and Medicine
1980	17th Congress	Birmingham, U.K.: Medical Priorities in Developing, Progressing and Established Countries
1982	18th Congress	Manila, Philippines: Humane Management in Medicine
1984	19th Congress	Vancouver, Canada: Men and Women: Biological and Behavioural Differences
1987	20th Congress	Sorrento, Italy: Adolescence: Medical and Psycho-Social Aspects
1989	21st Congress	Seoul, Korea: Incidence of Cancer in Women in Different Countries

1992	22nd Congress	Guatemala City, Guatemala: Health for All Children
1995	23rd Congress	The Hague, The Netherlands: Women's Health in a Changing World.
1998	24th Congress	Sao Paulo, Brazil: The Health of Women in the XXI st Century
2001	25th Congress	Sydney, Australia: Women's Health in a Multicultural World
2004	26th Congress	Tokyo, Japan Medicine in a New Life Style
2007	27th Congress	Accra, Ghana Women in the World of Medicine
2010	28 th Congress	Munster, Germany: Globalisation in Medicine: Challenges and Opportunities
2013	29 th Congress	Seoul, Korea Medical Women Advance Global Health
2016	30 th Congress	Vienna, Austria Generation Y: Challenges of the Future for Female Medical Doctors

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Lorna LLOYD-GREEN*, Australia	(1972)
Cicely D. WILLIAMS*, U.K.	(1972)
Lena OHNESORGE*, F.R.Germany	(1972)
Mother Anna DENGEL*, Austria/Italy	(1972)
Mary ESSLEMONT*, U.K.	(1974)
Leone McGREGOR HELLSTEDT*, Sweden	(1974)
Lola VILAR, Spain	(1974)
Alma Dea MORANI*, U.S.A.	(1976)
Rosa Lee NEMIR*, U.S.A.	(1976)
Hildegard STOLTZ*, Brazil	(1976)
Minerva S. BUERK, U.S.A.	(1978)
Gabrielle HENRY*, France	(1978)
Isobel ROBERTSON, South Africa	(1978)
Harumi ONO*, Japan	(1980)
Helga THIEME*, Germany	(1980)
Katharine W. WRIGHT*, U.S.A.	(1980)
Beryl D. CORNER*, U.K.	(1982)
Märtha HOLMSTRÖM*, Sweden	(1982)
Martha KYRLE*, Austria	(1982)
Joan REDSHAW*, Australia	(1984)
Frances A. SANO*, Hawaii	(1984)
Trinidad A. GOMEZ*, Philippines	(1987)
Barbara McCLINTOCK	(1987)
Beverley TAMBOLINE, Canada	(1989)
Fernanda DE BENEDETTI-VENTURINI*, Italy	(1992)

Il Ok CHOO, Korea	(1995)
Vibeke JÖRGENSEN, Denmark	(1995)
Catrin WILLIAMS*, U.K.	(1995)
Rinko YAMAZAKI*, Japan	(1995)
Carolyn MOTZEL*, Germany and U.S.A.	(1998)
Dorothy WARD*, Scotland, U.K.	(1998)
Florence W. Manguyu, Kenya	(2001)
Shelley Ross, Canada	(2007)
May Cohen, Canada	(2007)
Waltraud Diekhaus, Germany	(2007)
Joan Ford, Canada	(2010)
Gabrielle Casper, Australia	(2010)
Margaret Maxwell, New Zealand	(2013)
Kyung Ah Park, Korea	(2016)
Afua A J Hesse, Ghana	(2016)
Dr. Ameyor Adadevor, Nigeria (posthumously)*	(2016)

* deceased

MEMBERS OF HONOUR OF MWIA

Hertha M. DAX*; Austria	(1982)
Ruth BONNER*, Switzerland	(1989)
Rita LEVI-MONTALCINI, Italy	(1989)
Dr. Wariara MBUGU, USA	(2007)

* deceased

PAST PRESIDENTS

Esther POHL LOVEJOY*, U.S.A.	(1919-1924)
Lady Florence BARRETT*, U.K.	(1924-1929)
L. TUILLIER-LANDRY*, France	(1929-1934)
Alma SUNDQUIST*, Sweden	(1934-1937)
Louisa MARTINDALE*, U.K.	(1937-1947)
A. Charlotte RUYS*, Netherlands	(1947-1950)
Ada CHREE-REID*, U.S.A.	(1950-1954)
Jolanda TOSONI-DALAI*, Italy	(1954-1958)
Janet AITKEN*, U.K.	(1958-1962)
Fe del MUNDO*, Philippines	(1962-1966)
Lore ANTOINE*, Austria	(1966-1968)
Lorna LLOYD-GREEN*, Australia	(1968-1970)
Leone McGREGOR HELLSTEDT*, Sweden	(1970-1972)
Alma Dea MORANI*, U.S.A.	(1972-1974)
Harumi ONO*, Japan	(1974-1976)
Helga THIEME*, Germany	(1976-1978)
Beryl D. CORNER*, UK	(1978-1980)
Joan M. REDSHAW*, Australia	(1980-1982)
Trinidad A. GOMEZ*, Philippines	(1982-1984)
Beverly TAMBOLINE, Canada	(1984-1987)
Fernanda DE BENEDETTI-VENTURINI*, Italy	(1987-1989)
Il Ok CHOO, Korea	(1989-1992)
Dorothy WARD*, U.K.	(1992-1995)
Florence MANGUYU, Kenya	(1995-1998)
Lila STEIN KROSER, * USA	(1998-2001)
Shelley ROSS, Canada	(2001-2004)
Gabrielle CASPER, Australia	(2004-2007)
Atsuko HESHIKI*, Japan	(2007-2010)
Afua AJ HESSE, Ghana	(2010-2013)
Kyung Ah PARK, Korea	(2013-2016)

*deceased

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Bulgaria

Croatia

Czech Republic

Kosovo

Russia

Southern Europe

Christiane Pouliart

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Greece

Israel

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Albania

Armenia

Greece

Spain

Turkey

Yugoslavia

North America

Carole Williams

National Associations

Canada

United States of

America

Individual Members

West Indies (St. Lucia)

Latin America

Mercedes Viteri

National Associations

Argentina

Bolivia

Brazil

Columbia

Ecuador

Mexico

Nicaragua

Panama

Peru

Individual Members

Costa Rica

Venezuela

Near East and Africa

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Cameroon

Egypt

Ghana

Kenya

Nigeria

Sierra Leone

Tanzania

Uganda

Zambia

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Burundi

Chad

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Ethiopia

Guinea

Iran

Iraq

Jordan

Mali/Rwanda

South Africa

Sudan

Tunisia

United Arab Emirates

Zimbabwe

Central Asia

Usha Saraiya

National Associations

India

Thailand

Individual Members

Pakistan

Sri Lanka

Uzbekistan

Western Pacific

Hiroko Yamamoto

National Associations

Australia

Hong Kong

Japan

Korea

Mongolia

Philippines

Taiwan ROC

Individual Members

Indonesia

Malaysia

New Zealand

**XXXth CONGRESS
OF THE MEDICAL WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

The XXXth MWIA Congress was held at the University of Vienna in Vienna, Austria, from July 28- 31, 2016. Sincere thanks goes to Dr. Edith Schratzberger-Vecsei and Dr. Iris Habitzel and their entire organizing committee for organizing such an excellent congress for the Medical Women's International Association.

The Theme of the Congress was:

***GENERATION Y: CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE
FOR FEMALE MEDICAL DOCTORS***

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA (lifted from the program)

The University of Vienna celebrated its 650th Anniversary in 2015. It is the oldest university in the German-speaking world and one of the oldest universities in Europe. With 175 degree programmes, 40 university continuing education and training programmes and about 94,000 students, the University of Vienna is the largest and most diverse educational institution in Austria.

For further information please visit the website: <https://www.univie.ac.at/en/>

The Castalia Fountain in the Arkadenhof of the University of Vienna:

In the middle of the Arkadenhof (arcaded courtyard) in the main building, in the center of the University of Vienna's memorial topography, Castalia sits enthroned.

In Greek mythology, she is the guardian of the fountain of knowledge in Delphi. This fountain statue, erected around 1900, symbolizes the wisdom of the men whose monuments surround her in the Arkadenhof – the first and only monument for a woman was unveiled later, in 1925. In historical context, however, her meaning is much more diverse: She stood for a male-dominated civil society that discriminates against women, protesting against the ruling system. Her relevance as a symbol for a misogynistic university was especially long-lived. In 2009, finally, this level of meaning was broken by the inclusion of the Castalia fountain into Iris Andraschek's art project "Der Muse reicht's" ("The muse has had enough.").



University of Vienna, as lifted from the program

BRIEFING OF MWIA NATIONAL COORDINATORS

Wednesday, July 28, 2016

All National Coordinators (NCs) and National Presidents were invited for a briefing by the Secretary-General, Dr. Shelley Ross. Each NC received the password for the secure site for National Coordinators that contained the relevant reports for the General Assembly, the proposals for the election of officers, Voting Procedure, Information about the current and incoming executive, the up-dated list of National Presidents and NCs, Statutes and By-Laws, meeting report forms, job description for NC's, information about dues, the annual report, information about the website, twitter, resolutions and a foldable leaflet to use with information about MWIA.

The executive and committee chairs were introduced and the NCs and National Presidents then had the opportunity to ask questions, and the rights and responsibilities of all officers were discussed in detail.

CONGRESS TIMETABLE

Thursday	July 28, 2016	Saturday	July 30 2016
1400-1800	Registration	0800-1800	Registration
0800-0900	Committees	0900-1030	Parallel sessions
0900-1300	Executive meeting	1100-1230	Parallel sessions
1530-1630	NC Briefing	1230-1330	Lunch
1800-1930	Welcome reception	1330-1530	2nd General Assembly
2000	yMWIA networking	1530-1800	Parallel sessions
Friday	July 29 2016	Sunday	July 31 2016
0800-1800	Registration	0800-1700	Registration
1000-1200	Opening Ceremony	0900-1030	Parallel session
1200-1300	Lunch break	1030-1100	Coffee break
1300-1445	1 st GA & Election	1100-1230	Parallel sessions
1445-1515	Coffee break	1230-1330	Lunch break
1515-1645	Parallel sessions	1130-1430	Keynote lecture
1645-1700	Coffee break	1430-1530	3 rd General Assembly
1700-1830	Parallel sessions	1530-1630	Closing and Awards

OPENING CEREMONY

1000-1200 on Friday, July 29, 2016, in the Audimax at the University of Vienna

The opening ceremony was a combination of music and speeches and was well received by the attendees.

President of MWIA, Prof. Kyung Ah Park, in traditional Korean dress, opened the congress with remarks from MWIA. Dr Edith Schratzberger-Vecsei, head of the organizing committee, then brought greetings from the Austrian Medical Women's Association. This was followed by greetings from the Vice Rector for Research and Innovation at the Medical University of Vienna, Dr. M. Fritz. The keynote lecture was given by Dr. K. Gutierrez-Lobos who spoke on the Challenges for Generation Y.

Then followed the Jhirad Oration Award Ceremony by the Association of Medical Women in India (AMWI) as sponsored for congresses for many years and is in honour of Dr. J. Jhirad. This year's award recipient was Prof. Kyung Ah Park who spoke on violence against women.



GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

Friday, July 29, Saturday July 30 and Sunday July 31, 2016

AGENDA

1. Welcome by the President
2. Roll Call
3. Greetings and Apologies
4. In Memoriam
5. Rules of Procedure
6. Voting procedure
7. Election results and appointing of committee chairs
8. Membership
 - a. New Affiliations National and Individual Members
 - b. Honorary Members and Members of Honour
 - c. Golden Jubilee Members
8. President's Report
9. President-Elect's Report
10. Immediate Past President's Report (incl. Past President's Advisory Council)
11. Secretary-General's Report
12. Treasurer's Report
13. Vice Presidents' Reports
14. Committees' Reports
 - Finance
 - Scientific and Research
 - Ethics and Resolutions
15. Resolutions
 - a. Statutes
 - b. By laws
 - c. Policy Resolutions
16. MWIA International Representatives 'Reports'
 - a. Geneva
 - b. New York
 - c. Vienna
17. Report on 29th Congress, Seoul, Korea
18. Other Business

The agenda was approved by the General Assembly.

WELCOME BY THE PRESIDENT

On Thursday, July 29th, the President, Prof. Kyung Ah Park, opened the 1st General Assembly of the XXXth International Congress of MWIA and welcomed the delegations of the affiliated countries and individual members present.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary-General, Dr. Shelley Ross, took the roll call and established that a quorum was present.

GREETINGS AND APOLOGIES

Greetings had been received from Dr. Gail Beck, Treasurer, and Past Presidents, Dr. Beverley Tamboline of Canada and Dr. Florence Manguyu of Kenya.

IN MEMORIAM

The President expressed her deep regret over the death of the colleagues who had passed away since the XXIXth Congress in Seoul in 2013.

Australia

Dr. Dulcie Grace Rayment Dec 24 2014
Dr. Nellie (Nell) Marian Muirden June 6 2013
Dr. Patricia Scrivenor (Howard) November 2 2013
Prof Tess Cramond AO OBE January 2016
Dr. Mary Pease March 2016
Assoc Prof Lesley Williams April 5 2016

Canada

Dr. Marlene Rose Lidkea Dec 23, 2013

Germany

Dr. med. Marianne Brandt January 2013
Dr. med. Gisela Gittermann March 2013
Dr. med. Gertrud Oehmia April 2013
Dr. med. Thea Schirop June 2013
Dr. med. Susanne Becker June 2013
Dr. med. Irmgard Blandfort July 2013
Dr. med. Hildegard Weber July 2013
Dr. med. Kornelia Bruske-Bourscheid August 2013
Dr. med. Gisela Benz August 2013
Dr. med. Helga Porath 2014
Dr. med. Ursula Galandiuk 2014
Dr. med. Ulrike Kittner 2014
Dr. med. Margarete Braune 2014

Dr. med. Johanna Puls August 2014
Dr. med. Elisabeth Scharpff December 2014
Dr. med. Irmtraud Fink-Schneider 2015
Dr. med. Hildegard Tewes 2015
Dr. med. Susanne Bachl 2015
Dr. med. Hildegard Mulert 2015
Prof. Dr. med. Andrea Ludolph September 2015
Dr. med. Isolde Schüßler October 2015
Dr. Med. Helga Beater October 2015
Dr. Med. Eleanore von Salisch January 2016
Dr. med. Elisabeth Stierle January 2016
Dr. med. Ingeborg Keyser March 2016

India

Dr. Jyoti Trivedi (Mumbai) was Vice President Central Asia from 2001 to 2004
Dr. Meenakshi Ghosh (Kolkata), Editor, Journal of AMWI for many years.

Korea

Professor Bok Young Rha, 3rd President of KMWA and mother of Prof Kyung Ah Park
Dr. Deok-Kyung Choi, 6th President of Korean Medical Women's Association (KMWA)
Dr. Aejoon Kim
Dr. Min-Ja Park
Dr. Yoon-Seon Choi
Dr. Young-Ok Nah
Dr. Kyung-Sook Yoo
Dr. Soon-Pyo Lee
Dr. Hyn-Keum Lee

The Netherlands

Prof. Dr. Els Borst, Minister of Health of the Netherlands, 2014

Nigeria

Prof. Nonye Aniebue
Dr. Abimbola Silva
Professor Esther Ofoegbu
Dr. Lawani Osunde
Dr. Oliyoke Akintudne
Dame Dr. Olufunmilayo Fashoro
Prof Doris Uchenna
Dr. Gladys Jiya Iwooh
Dr. Sandra Galadinma
Dr. Favour Ogbonna
Dr. Ngozi Anaeme
Dr. Akinkunmi
Dr. Juryat
Dr. Ameyo Adadevoh from the Ebola epidemic
Dr. Anita Obarezi

United Kingdom

Dr. Mollie McBride 2013

Dr. Sheila Cromwell 2013

Dr. Helen Sapper 2013

Dr. Dorothy Ward, 2013 Former President of both the MWIA and the Medical Women's Federation of the UK

Dr. Eileen McGill 2013

Dr. Mary Hartley 2013

Dr. Maida Dunn 2014

Dr. Prudence Barron 2014

Dr. Bridget O'Connell 2014

Dr. Jean Ross 2014

Dr. Margaret Cox 2015

Dr. Elizabeth Harper 2015

Dr. Agnes Verel 2015

Dr. Vera Coutts 2015

Dr. Kathleen Hughes 2015

Dr. Margret Fleming 2015

Dr. Margaret Langton 2015

Dr. Frances Richards 2015

Miss Helen Stewart 2015

Dr. Marita Harper Oliver

Dr. Joyce Board 2015

Dr. Margaret Neithercut 2015

Dr. Alison Bush 2015

Dr. Margaret McGregor 2016

Miss Romola Dunsmore 2016

United States of America

Dr. Lilo Suskind

Dr. Roselyn Epps

Dr. Margaret Sullivan

Dr. Helen Christensen

Dr. Charlotte Edwards Maguire

Dr. Linda Brodsky

Dr. Doris Bartuska

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

General Assemblies shall be run according to Roberts Rules of Order.

ELECTIONS

Voting Rules

1. When it is time for your national association to vote, the national coordinator and her delegates will be called and will proceed to the voting area.
2. Ballots will be distributed to the national coordinator to distribute to her delegates. The number of ballots is decided according the average number of members of your national organization per year for whom dues have been received over the preceding three year period.
3. A delegate may be responsible for more than one of her country's votes if there are more votes for that country than delegates present. However, each delegate present must have at least one vote until the number of votes per country has been reached.
4. Individual members act as one group and receive the minimum number of votes (5).
5. Members of the executive each have one vote. ARTICLE 12 of the Statues defines the Executive Committee as the President, President-Elect, Past President, Secretary-General, Treasurer, and each of the 8 Vice Presidents. It does not include committee chairs.
6. The National Coordinator cannot dictate to delegates how to vote.
7. Each delegate with a vote must deposit their own vote in the voting box.
8. An election will be held for the position of President-elect. ARTICLE 17 of the Bylaws states that Members of the Executive must receive 2/3 (two thirds) of the votes of those voting in order to be elected. If this majority is not obtained after the first ballot a second ballot is taken and the candidate obtaining the highest number of votes is elected. If there are two or more nominations for the same office in the Executive, the election is conducted by secret ballot.

The ballot will have the names of the two candidates in alphabetical order. Either an X or a check-mark is to be placed in the box beside ONE NAME ONLY. If more than one name is indicated, the ballot will be spoiled.

9. The voting will take place during the first General Assembly, following the presentation of candidates.

10. The national coordinator is not allowed to deposit all the ballots unless she is the only delegate from her country.
11. There is no proxy voting allowed.
12. Once the votes are counted, the President will announce the winner in the General Assembly. The number of votes will not be announced.

Due to tweeting by a member during the course of the election an additional bullet will be added that states social media that could influence the course of an election is prohibited during any election occurring during the General Assembly, whether it be for an office or a venue.

The General Assembly elected the following officers for the term 2016-2019.

President	Bettina Pfleiderer, Germany
Immediate Past President:	Kyung Ah Park, Korea
President-Elect:	Clarissa Fabre, United Kingdom
Secretary-General:	Shelley Ross, Canada
Treasurer:	Gail Beck, Canada

Vice-Presidents

Northern Europe:	Tuula Saarela, Finland
Central Europe:	Khatuna Kaladze, Georgia
Southern Europe:	Antonella Vezzani, Italy
North America:	Padmini Murthy, USA
Latin America:	Marta Maite Sevillano, Brazil
Near East and Africa:	Mabel Aboah, Ghana
Central Asia:	Piyanetr Sukhu, Thailand
Western Pacific:	Cissy Yu, Hong Kong

The following committee chairpersons were appointed by the Executive.

Chair Finance Committee	Marta Maite Sevillano, Brazil
Scientific and Research Committee	Antonella Vezzani, Italy
Ethics and Resolutions Committee	Helen Goodyear, UK
Centennial Committee	Atsuko Heshiki, Japan
Strategy and Membership	Clarissa Fabre, UK
Communications and Social Media	Padmini Murthy, USA

MEMBERSHIP

NEW AFFILIATIONS

National Associations and Individual Members

1. Professor Ashrafun Nessa from Dhaka, Bangladesh
2. Professor Laila Arjumand Banu from Dhaka, Bangladesh
3. Dr. Afroza Khanam, Bangladesh ak1_dr@yahoo.com
4. Dr. Yew Fong Lee from Penang, Malaysia
5. Dr. Sarah Khalid Khan from Lahore, Pakistan
6. Medical Women Association of South Africa (MWASA)
7. Dr. Londiwe Sibisi-Maboye from Pretoria (preceding formation of MWASA)

HONORARY MEMBERS

Professor Kyung Ah Park (Korea)

Professor Afua Hesse (Ghana)

Dr. Ameyor Adadevor (Nigeria) awarded posthumously as died leading the war against the Ebola epidemic

MEMBERS OF HONOUR

There were no nominees for member of honour.

GOLDEN JUBILEE MEMBERS

MWIA wishes to congratulate Golden Jubilee Members for 50 years of faithful affiliation to MWIA:

Australia

Dr Barbara Sawyer, VMWS

Dr Rosalind Terry, VMWS

Dr Barbara Knothe, VMWS

Dr Irene Rose, VMWS

Dr Barbara Martin, VMWS

Dr Kathleen Hayes, VMWS

Dr Janice Peeler, VMWS

Dr Eleanor M Dawson, NSW MWS

Dr Joan Buchanan, ACT

Dr Valerie Hill, ACT

Dr Ann Hosking, ACT

Dr Heather Lopert, ACT

Dr Sue Packer, ACT

Dr Barbara September, ACT

Dr Ellen (Ella) Stack, ACT

Dr Mary Vett, ACT

Dr Helen Wiles, ACT

Canada

Dr. Jean Swenerton

Korea

Dr. Chang-Hee Kim

COUNTRY NOMINEES TO yMWIA (under age 40)

Australia

Dr. Melanie Dorrington

Germany

Barbara Schmeiser and Eva Hennel

Hong Kong

Chow She Wan Sharon

Japan

Dr. Takako Kuroki

Nigeria

Dr. Adaobi Patience Agbata

Sweden

Dr. Desiree Lichtenstein/Dr. Susanne Ehn

The Netherlands

Dr. Genevieve Koolhaas

USA

Dr. Samia Osman

TRIENNIAL REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Kyung Ah Park, Korea

It has been already three years since we had the 29th International Congress of MWIA in Seoul. When I recall it, I cannot help just saying "What a wonderful memory!"

It was a great opportunity for me to participate in the CSW (Commission on Status of Women) meeting of the United Nations in New York from March 8 to 18, 2014. It was the first time I had joined the MWIA delegation and I was very curious about that huge meeting. MWIA held a parallel event and I was wondering if the audience would be small in number; however, the hall was fully occupied by the members of MWIA and especially by medical students and young doctors. Most of the talks were about MWIA and its activities and Satty was the perfect president. I am deeply grateful for all the enormous work and effort Satty and Mini do every year for this CSW event.

Fortunately, I had an opportunity with other Korean delegates to meet Mr. Ki-Moon Ban, the Secretary General of UN. During the visit, I informed Mr. Ban about the MWIA project on domestic violence and reported on the on-going survey. Mr. Ban was very positive about my proposal to continue this project with the UN.

After the CSW meeting, I went to Washington, D.C. to participate in the 99th annual meeting of AMWA. It was a great meeting with an attendance of around 400 members from all over the US. The scientific program was very fruitful and helpful. The mentoring program was excellent and about 140 medical students participated. I could assume that AMWA would be a very active member country of MWIA in the near future. I gave a talk that MWIA would like to have its Centennial Celebration in New York in 2019 and it was hoped that AMWA would be the host of that 31st MWIA celebration.

In May, I had a trip to Geneva to participate in the 67th WHO General Assembly. It was my second trip to WHO, the first being in 2010 when I was the President-elect of MWIA. And this year, we were seven; Shelley, Gail, Shafika, Christine, Clarissa, Allison and myself. And we met Joanna Vogel who is the WHO focal point for MWIA. Through her efforts, we met several important officers and discussed our collaboration in the future. Discussions included Violence, Mother and Child health, HIV, Gender equality, and Female Genital Mutilation among others.

During 4th-7th of September, 2014, I attended the Northern European Regional Conference and MWIA executive meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark. The conference was quite impressive scientifically and I would like to thank the Danish Women's Medical Association for hosting the meeting.

I was happy to meet the new organizing committee for the 30th International Congress of MWIA chaired by Dr. Edith Schratzberger of Austrian Medical Women's Association. They

were working very hard to make the Vienna Congress in 2016 another successful meeting for us.

I participated in the CMAAO (Confederation of Medical Association of Asia-Oceania) meeting which was held in Manila, Philippines from 24th to 27th of September, 2014. This meeting was especially meaningful because the member countries of CMAAO were located in the Central Asia region of MWIA which currently has only two member countries. For our membership expanding project, I contacted the National Presidents of the Medical Associations of Myanmar, Malaysia, Indonesia, Nepal and Singapore. Among them, only Indonesia was unable to move forward in forming a national association of women doctors because it consists of thousands of islands, making it too difficult to organize an Indonesian Medical Women's Association. However, the other countries were positive to the idea of organizing a medical women's association in each country. Actually, I visited Nepal and Malaysia after that and they are currently preparing to be member counties of MWIA.

The centennial meeting of AMWA (American Medical Women's Association) was held in Chicago from 24th to 26th of April, 2015. Before the beginning of the program, I took the special tour to the museum of Dr. Bertha van Hoosen (who founded AMWA) and it was a very impressive and memorable visit. AMWA's centennial meeting was very well organized and the scientific program was excellent. In the Gala dinner party, I got the surprise present of small piano concert which was prepared by the Korean Medical Society in Chicago as a celebration of my Presidency. The thirteen year old girl was a genius at the piano and played excellent pieces. It was a good opportunity for me to think about the centennial meeting of MWIA in 2019.

From July 7-9th, I visited Nepal to donate money on behalf of MWIA after Nepal suffered a devastating earthquake. I met the Prime Minister of Nepal and women doctors of Nepal. They are going to launch Nepal Medical Women's Association soon.

From September 24-26th, I participated in the North American Regional Meeting of MWIA and we had the Executive meeting as well.

From October 12-14th, I participated in the World Medical Association General Assembly in Moscow and gave the presentation, "Introduction of MWIA." I had the opportunity to meet several National Presidents of Central Asian countries and contacted them to arrange meetings of medical women in Malaysia, Myanmar and Singapore, etc.

From October 23-26th, I visited the Sao Paulo Medical Association where I had been invited to give a one-hour lecture on "How to eliminate domestic violence?"
From December 4-6th, I participated in the MWIA Central Asia Regional meeting in Kolkata, India. I gave the lecture about "Violence" and got the impression that the Association of Medical Women in India is very active with a long history and traditions.

From February 19-21st, I was invited by the Malaysian Medical Association to give a lecture on "Work life balance of women doctors." I had a chance to meet the opinion leaders of Malaysian women doctors and gave advice on how to organize a National Association of medical women. They agreed and the organization is in progress.

From March 17-20th, there was an Asian Pacific International Congress of Anatomists in Singapore. I am one of the executive members of that organization and participated the meeting. This gave me the opportunity to meet the leaders of medical women in Singapore. I plan to meet them again in CMAAO or WMA.

Personally, I lost my mother last October 31st. She was my beloved mentor through my lifetime and we shared the same vision as women doctors and anatomists.

I was awarded a “Decoration” from the President of Korea for my dedication to medical education and for promoting work life balance for women doctors.

Lastly, I retired from Yonsei University on February 29th after working for 37 years in the Department of Anatomy. I was re-assigned as the “Distinguished Professor Emeritus” and am going to work in the field of medical education.

I have sincerely appreciated the opportunity to represent MWIA in these many ways during my term. Thank you all for your support over the past three years.

PAST PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Afua A J Hesse, Ghana

2013-2014

Since the wonderful Congress in Seoul, Korea which I was privileged to chair, the year threw many challenges my way. I was able to work with a dedicated group to review the PLANNING A MWIA CONGRESS document which has been given to the Austrian Medical Women as they planed this Congress. We wish them well.

I have convened a number of rounds of email discussions with the Committee of Past Presidents and we have been privileged to have Dr Beverley Tambourine as the oldest Past President on the Committee, to discuss and formalise a document on the conduct of MWIA elections at our triennial Congresses. I updated the Executive Committee of MWIA with the latest and the recommendations are being used at this Congress.

I have contributed to the inputs of the MWIA Scientific committee and congratulate the President-elect, Professor Bettina Pflaiderer, on her hard work.

On a personal level, I was promoted to Full Professor of Surgery (Paediatric) by the University of Ghana. This is a first in two ways as I am also the first female in my specialty. I am also the first female Chairperson of the Faculty of Surgery of the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons and this is quite intensive work over 4 periods in the year. I am also spearheading the establishment of a Private Medical School in Ghana, the first of its kind, so my days are full but blessed and enjoyable.

2014-2015

I assisted the Local Organizing Committee of the Medical Women’s Association of Ghana to organize the Near East and Africa congress which was held very successfully from 7th-10th

July 2015 in Accra. Five countries were represented. With escalating costs and our economies not doing so well in this region, many women doctors who would have wished to be present were not able to attend! Nevertheless there were over 120 attendees from 5 countries and we held very successful deliberations.

We were honoured to have Prof. Bettina Pfliederer, the President-elect, take part in the congress and the VP for the Region, Prof. Shafika Nasser, was there as well as was her predecessor, Dr Petronilla Ngiloi. Many resolutions were passed and these have been forwarded to the Secretariat.

I also contributed as much as I was able to the international conversations that took place throughout the year.

CASE STUDIES

I was been able to complete three case studies for the MWIA manual. I benefited from one example, (with permission) which was presented in a paper at the Near East and Africa Regional Congress.

One a personal level, I have been very busy with the setting up of the first private medical school by my husband, me and our family in Ghana. It is called the 'Accra College of Medicine' and is affiliated to my alma mater, the University of Ghana, for a number of years until we are granted full charter. The web address is www.acm.edu.gh for those interested. I was privileged to be able to show Professor Bettina Pfliederer, Professor Shafika Nasser, Dr Petronilla Ngiloi and Dr Eleanor Nwadinobi around the facility.

2015-2016

I continued my work as a member of the WHO Technical committee on Male Circumcision

MWIA activities

1. Participated in the Exco meeting in Toronto
2. Worked with President-elect on Scientific Committee for Vienna
3. Worked with President-elect on inputs and cases for the violence manual
4. I attended local meetings in Accra:

NETRIGHT: The Network for Women's Rights in Ghana, which include their health rights, which are part of what MWIA is championing. All the groups together are pushing for revisions in the Domestic violence bill in Ghana, which will make the provisions stronger and less inclined to stereotype and further victimise individuals.

MWAG took part in and supported various actions for highlighting issues of gender based violence. On March 8th this included a brief public demonstration and talks by various speakers on the issues.

PERSONAL

This past year, I, as co-founder have started a private Medical School, which is fully accredited and affiliated to the University of Ghana. It is called the Accra College of Medicine

(ACM) and we started the 2015/2016 academic year in February, 2016 with 14 students. I have been appointed the President of the Medical School. Our curriculum in the clinical years fully incorporates issues of gender-based violence and the gender dimensions of Medicine that MWIA champions.

CONCLUSION

I have enjoyed very much my tenure of activity within MWIA, since I joined MWIA in 1990, and believe I have contributed to advancing our cause over the years.

As I step back from being active in the Executive Committee, I look forward to nurturing the many friendships and relationships made within our global partnership of Medical Women and will continue to be available in any role I should be needed to fulfil.

PRESIDENT-ELECT'S REPORT **Bettina Pfeleiderer, Germany**

2013-2016 (ongoing tasks):

I have been serving as:

- *webmaster of the MWIA webpage*, writing texts and preparing material to be put online; continuously updating the webpage
- *Chair of the working group "MWIA manual of violence"* working on the MWIA manual on violence. Collections of up-to-date material and links regarding violence to serve as information source for the MWIA manual on violence on the restricted MWIA page
- *Chair of the International scientific committee* for the Vienna congress and working closely together with the local scientific committee regarding the scientific programme of the upcoming MWIA world congress in Vienna 2016 and also serving as ambassador for the Vienna congress at various meetings.

2013-2014 (completed tasks)

- Under the great stewardship of past president Prof. Afua Hesse I was privileged to serve as member of the MWIA congress organizing committee, completely revising and modernization of the old manual.
- Design of a new MWIA flyer that was put on the MWIA website for downloading.
- Implementation of secure e-mails for all members of the Executive as well as a secure site with a restricted login for the NC's and the EXCO on our MWIA website. An instruction how to access the e-mail accounts and the restricted site was written and distributed by Shelley.
- Development of a MWIA survey on the regional situational analyses on violence. The survey was sent to all MWIA members and 29 surveys received. A summary of the results was drafted and served as base for the planned MWIA manual on violence.

2014-2015 (completed tasks)

- I hosted the first Skype meeting of the financial committee of this triennium and drafted the corresponding minutes.
- Recruitment of members for the International scientific committee for the Vienna congress 2016 (see list of members in the attachment)

2015-2016 (completed tasks)

- Hosting of the second Skype meeting of the financial committee in November 2015
- The review process of the International conference of Vienna was organized and recommendations were sent back to the local scientific committee in January 2016.
- The revision process of the case studies for the planned MWIA manual was completed with the great support of Dr. Helen Goodyear, as well as Prof. Afua Hesse and Dr. Gail Beck, who had been members of the MWIA case studies review committee. All cases including the accompanying background material was sent to Dr. Pam Liao in March, who will create an online version of the MWIA living document on violence.

Meetings I have attended on behalf of MWIA 2013-2016

- Annual meeting of the Austrian Medical Women Association November 2013, organizing a workshop on MWIA and gender mainstreaming
- Representation of MWIA at the annual meeting of the Swiss medical women association in March 2015
- Representation of MWIA at the regional meeting Africa and Near East in Accra (Ghana) in July 2015. Presentation of MWIA's work on violence.
- Representation of MWIA at the MWIA regional meeting *North-America* in Toronto in September 2015. Presentation of MWIA's work on violence.
- Representation of MWIA at the MWIA regional meeting *South Europe in Brussels*
- Representation of MWIA at the 60th CSW in New York in March 2016. Keynote of MWIA's work on violence in a parallel event.

SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT **Shelley Ross, Canada**

Thank you for the honour and privilege of serving as your Secretary-General for the triennium 2013-2016, since the 29th International Congress Seoul, Korea, July 31-August 3, 2013. The theme was *Medical Women Advance Global Health*. This is the last triennium that I shall serve as Secretary General, as my term shall conclude at the end of the 2019 Centennial Meeting.

Thank you to MWIA's president, Professor Kyung Ah Park, for her excellent representation for MWIA. I would also like to thank the executive committee for all of the work they have done this triennium.

This has been a busy time for MWIA and I wish to report on the activities handled by the Secretariat.

I would like to divide the duties of the Secretariat into a number of categories, as follows:

1. general administration
2. financial
3. membership
4. newsletter
5. website
6. public relations and media
7. meeting organization
8. project coordination
9. liaison with WHO and UN
10. meetings attended for MWIA (at own expense)

1. General administration includes the day to day routine of the Secretariat from answering emails to registering members to various organizations, meetings and committees.
2. Financial includes coordinating the banking in Canada, Switzerland and Germany, looking after dues, both incoming and outgoing and arranging the audit.
3. Membership includes keeping the national officers updated and encouraging new membership.
4. The MWIA Newsletter, entitled the MWIA Update, goes out every three months by email to interested members and it is also posted on the website.
5. The MWIA website keeps members up to date with meetings and newsworthy items. Thank you to the webmaster, Professor Bettina Pfleiderer. In an effort to go paperless, all the meeting materials will be on the website for the congress. The National Coordinators have access to documents through a password they obtain through the Secretariat.
6. The Special Interest Group for Young Women Doctors and Medical Students has a Facebook account (<http://mwia.net/young-mwia/>).
7. Public Relations and Media involves contact with other organizations, radio and TV and keeps the MWIA name visible.
8. Meeting organization is multifaceted and includes organizing the executive meetings, minute keeping, and gathering reports. It also includes registering delegates to various UN and WHO meetings. The Secretariat has been in close contact with the organizing committee for the 30th International Congress in Vienna, providing information when necessary and advising re program structure. The Secretariat sent out the First and Second Special Updates for the congress, with detailed information requested of national associations.
9. Project coordination and oversight of many activities including:

- Gender based violence including the Violence Module to be launched at the Vienna Congress
- Safe Childbirth Checklist in partnership with WHO
- Birthing kits in partnership with Zonta International
- Application through the Egyptian Medical Womens Association to interview adolescents for the development of the Framework for Accelerated Action for Adolescent Health
- Writing a letter to the editor of the Journal of Ethics who suggested a genital nick as a compromise for female genital mutilation
- Advocacy against female genital mutilation
- Advocacy against cosmetic gynecologic surgery
- Respectful Maternity Care
- Partnership for Maternal Newborn and Child Health
- HPV and cervical cancer
- Diabetes and Pregnancy
- Gender and Health
- Adolescent Sexuality
- Leadership
- Non-communicable diseases
- Primary Health Care
- Prevention of Maternal to Child Transmission in HIV/AIDS (PMTCTPlus)
- Issues for Women Doctors
- Millennium Development Goals and now the Sustainable Development Goals

10. Liaison with UN and WHO

- Economic and Social Council of the UN (ECOSOC) in New York with Dr. Satty Gill Keswani and Dr. Padmini Murthy representing MWIA
- Department of Public Information, NGO division (DPINGO) in New York with Dr. Satty Gill Keswani and Dr. Padmini Murthy representing MWIA
- WHO in Geneva with Dr. Clarissa Fabre representing MWIA
- UN in Vienna with Dr. Iris Habitzel representing MWIA
- CIOMS (Council for the Organizations of the Medical Sciences), in an executive committee capacity, with Dr. Clarissa Fabre and Dr. Petra Thuermann representing MWIA
- Executive member status at the NGO Section of the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations in New York. Dr. Padmini Murthy sits on the executive
- Dr. Edith Schratzberger has been on the executive of the European Women's Lobby and has recently been elected its President.
- Observer status at the World Medical Association

11. At any meeting I attend, I always network for MWIA.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Vienna. It is always a pleasure to meet former acquaintances and make new friends. Beyond the scientific portion of the congress, which looks to be excellent, is the camaraderie that can only be experienced by attending an international congress of medical women. No matter how different the country and culture from which we come, as medical women we have a common bond. Many of the friendships made through MWIA will last a lifetime.

Once again, thank you for the honour of serving as your Secretary General.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gail Beck, Canada

1. Introduction

Apart from reviewing the current audited financial statements which show MWIA's current financial position, I also want to review the outcome with respect to the proposal for equitable dues, which has not, in the end been approved to move forward by the Finance Committee.

2. Proposal for Equitable Dues

For the past two International Congresses, the topic of equitable dues has been discussed. Such a proposal would see those members in less wealthy countries paying lower dues in exchange for MWIA being able to have a better understanding of the true size of membership since we suspect that many countries have more members than those for whom they are paying dues. I have done considerable research on this topic and proposed 6 principles for a new model of dues payment:

1. Use of the World Bank Classification in the determination of Dues categories. This would give us 4 categories of National Association dues payers and the category of Individual Member. (Ref: http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-and-lending-groups#High_income)
2. National Associations should pay membership dues based on their true membership.
3. National Associations with a membership less than 50 persons shall pay a set membership fee of 300 CHF regardless of World Bank status since this is the minimum required for MWIA to support the services provided to a National Association.
4. National Associations with 50 members or less will not be eligible to host Regional or International Congresses.
5. National Membership dues per member will decrease with increasing membership. For example, the full tariff could be payable for the first 200 hundred members, a reduced tariff for the next 200 members and a further reduced tariff for the next 200 members, etc. Those National Organizations willing to share their membership lists with MWIA for internal communications purposes only would be eligible for a further reduction in dues.
6. Membership dues should be paid annually.

I have researched these principles with other organizations including the World Medical Association, World Psychiatric Association, and Ecumenical Women at the United Nations. The specific guidelines/numbers have yet to be set and I am seeking your guidance with respect to these.

Unfortunately, the Finance Committee has examined these and has not come to a recommendation acceptable to all member national associations and so this initiative will not move forward.

3. Remarks Concerning the Financial Statements and Audit

Along with this report, you will receive a copy of the Audit Report and the Audited Financial Statements. As you can see, a continuing concern is that we have no way of verifying – and, so, neither do our auditors – that we are actually receiving dues from National Associations that accurately reflect the true number of members they have. For this reason, we cannot verify that we are receiving the correct dues. This was the reason that part of Principle #5 above is that those National Associations willing to share their membership lists will be given a reduction in dues. This improves our audit's veracity.

Other than this concern, MWIA's financial statements represent fairly our financial position as at June 30, 2015. This means that you, as an Executive Committee can be assured that the books are being well-maintained.

The Executive Committee should note that this year we have net revenue of 44,484 CHF. This reflects that we are in the year of an International Congress when many member national associations will pay their dues so as to guarantee their votes at the Congress.

4. Concluding Remarks

I want close by thanking all members and member National Associations who continue to pay their dues to this organization. Reaching back to one of our Updates, let me remind everyone what your dues are due on behalf of members:

- A presence at the World Health Organization, including representation at the World Health Assembly.
- A presence at the United Nations, including representation at the Commission on the Status of Women.
- Representation by the President once every triennium at the World Medical Association.
- Representation by the Regional Vice Presidents at their Regional Meeting.
- Representation by the Executive Committee at 2 regional meetings during the triennium. In 2014, the Executive Committee attended the Northern European Regional Meeting near Copenhagen and this September they will attend the North American Regional Meeting in Toronto.
- Support for the virtual Secretariat (less than 2000 US dollars annually, which is all we can afford).
- Support for the Manual on Domestic Violence which is the President's theme for the triennium.
- Support for the Birthing Kits Project.

Thank you all again for the efforts you have made on behalf of MWIA.

MEDICAL WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Statements of Financial Position
As at June 30, 2015 and 2014

	June 30 2015 CHF	June 30 2014 CHF
Assets		
Current:		
Cash and Bank Accounts		
Apothekerbankble		
Euro	24,919	53
Bank Schroders		
Euro	23,618	29,758
Swiss Francs	64578	58,146
US Dollar	-	-
TD Canada Trust		
Euro	5,396	6283
US Dollar	24,604	
22,996		2,721
7,273		
Petty Cash	856	857
	146,692	125,366
Investments:		
Fixed deposits	635,788	663,024
Equity investments	230,524	180,514
Bonds	-	-
	1,013,004	968,904
Liabilities		
Current:		
Accrued liabilities	2,772	3073
Due to members	0	83
	2,772	3,156
Net Assets		
Beginning fund balance	965,748	959,368
Excess of receipts over expenditures	44,484	6,380
	1,010,232	965,748
	1,013,004	968,904

MEDICAL WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Statements of Income and Expenditures/Statement of Operations
For the Years Ended June 30, 2015 and 2014

	2015	2014
	CHF	CHF
Receipts:		
Subscriptions	59,222	79,474
Donations and fundraising	1,581	-
Interest	2,938	1,272
	63,741	80,746
Expenditures:		
Secretariat	10,310	10,624
Website	-	4,288
	10,310	12,122
Administration Costs:		
Bank charges	2,106	2,396
Travel	27,247	31,127
Audit	3,374	4,288
	32,727	37,811
Other items:		
Fair value adjustment (loss)	19,842	48,080
Foreign exchange loss	3,938	(72,513)
	23,780	(24,433)
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over expenditures	44,484	6,380

VICE-PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

Helen Goodyear (United Kingdom) – VP Northern Europe (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom)

1. List of the national associations and individual members in your region with the names and emails of the Presidents and the National Coordinators

Denmark

President: Sarah Carlsen

NC: Margit Niebuhr

Finland

President: Eeva Leppävuori

National Coordinator: Irina Lindqvist

Iceland

Organization inactive for last 3 years. Lilja Sigrún Jónsdóttir responds to emails

Ireland

Monica McWeeney is an individual member

Netherlands

President: Sylvia Buis

NC: Geneviève Koolhaas

Sweden

President: Ingela Heimann

NC: Désirée Lichtenstein

UK

President: Dr Sally Davies

National Co-ordinator: Dr Amanda Owen

2. Names and emails of those from your region who served on MWIA Committees during the triennium

MWIA Rep on WHO Dr Clarissa Fabre (UK)

Ethics committee

Chaired by Helen Goodyear (UK)

Cisca Griffioen – (Netherlands)

Dr Amanda Owen - (UK)

Dr Judith Mirsky (UK)

Scientific committee

Dr Helen Goodyear (UK)

3. Activities that have taken place in your region including meetings and regional congresses since the 2013 Congress in Seoul, including any issues that have arisen from these activities

Denmark

- Held regional congress in Copenhagen September 2014
- In January 2015 The Danish Women's Association were co-organizers of a public meeting about asylum seekers, their situation and living conditions
- In May 2015 the annual meeting and general assembly included presentations from the three recipients of the research grant administered by the Association.
- In July 2015, one board member went to Myanmar to assist the Ministry of Health introduce the Safe Delivery app (freely available in App store and Google Play) for use by midwives. The app-in a Burmese language version- will eventually be used by all midwives in Myanmar.

Finland

- In 2015, held a meeting with a lecture on voluntary doctors and voluntary team who give medical help and treatment to paperless people who arrive in Helsinki, mostly from Romania, and lack money and insurance. There has been media debate and the aim is to change the law so that they can be treated in communal health care.
- On 11th June 2015 members met a group of colleagues of Medical Women Association in Frankfurt who visited Finland. A visit to a City Hospital was organised
- Meetings held on osteoporosis in October 2015 and palliative treatment in February 2016.

Netherlands

- Annual meetings including awarding the yearly 'Corrie Hermann prize'.
- In 2014, there was a special symposium as the Northern region had their 60th birthday.
- Supports regular courses for female leadership and 'balance training'
- In 2015-6 active in the area of Gender sensitive medicine raising the profile nationally and leading to production of a special book on this subject. This will be presented to The Dutch Ministry of Healthcare. . Most medical research is done with male subjects (both animal and human) and the book, the first of its kind, shows the shortcomings regarding women's healthcare. The Minister of Healthcare after extensive lobbying has promised 12 million euro to enable research for gender sensitive medicine.
- In April 2016, VNVA organized a symposium about gender sensitive medicine and have haled a symposium on "career boost", providing support for medical women.

Sweden

- Hold yearly General Assembly and spring symposium each April.
- The Swedish Women Doctors' Society hold a yearly "Karolina Widerström -lecture". Topics have included criminal justice and where legislation and medicine collide, especially in sexual violence questions

- April 2016, Stockholm: 100 years anniversary of the Women's Doctor Association in Sweden - Theme: Past, present and future. Different aspects of the life of Karolina Widerström, Highly inspirational meeting.

UK

- MWF holds 2 meetings per year in Spring and Autumn. Topics have included 'Healthy Doctors: Healthy Patients' Stepping Up & Speaking Out; Empowering Women Doctors and their Patients' and Building resilient leaders'
- MWF has taken part in a number of activities to support medical women: encouraging an Equality Assessment of the new Junior Doctors' contract, contributed to the Academy of Royal Colleges Flexible Careers Committee Maternity/Paternity Leave Survey and the President giving evidence to the House of Commons Equalities Select Committee about the Gender Pay
- A lot of focus and planning for MWF Centenary meeting 11-13th May 2017 '*100 Years of Medical Women: The Past Present and*

4. **Liaisons with other organizations, including WHO, UN, medical associations, etc. with any suggested follow-up by MWIA**

A number of activities in each country with liaison with politicians and healthcare organisations

- In July 2015, one **Danish** board member went to Myanmar to assist the Ministry of Health introduce the Safe Delivery app (freely available in App store and Google Play) for use by midwives. The app-in a Burmese language version- will eventually be used by all midwives in Myanmar.
- **Finland** are members of UN Women in Finland
- **The Netherlands** have collaborations including with the Dutch Female Board (NVR, Nederlandse Vrouwen Raad), the KNMG (Royal Dutch Medical Association), NHG (Dutch GP Association), De Orde van Medisch Specialisten (professional organization of medical specialists). In 2015-6 the Dutch NC attended the regional symposium in Brussels organized by MWIA Belgian colleagues enabling networking.
- **Sweden** belongs to the Swedish Women's Lobby, the White Ribbon and the Women's Organizations Cooperation in Alcohol and Drug related Issues.
- **UK** has representative on Women's Advisory Council to United Nations and WONCA (World Organisation of Family Doctors). The British NC attended the MWIA Calcutta Conference in December 2015, robustly promoting the MWIA President's message about 'Domestic Violence'

5. **Meetings you have attended on behalf of MWIA during the triennium and resolutions arising from these meetings for the Vienna 2016 meeting.**

- Medical Women's Federation UK meetings
- The Regional congress of Northern Europe in Denmark in 2014

- The 100th anniversary of the Swedish medical women's association held in Stockholm on April 24th 2016. This was a lively gathering of over 100 female doctors, with a wide age range. A number of inspirational talks were given and barriers that doctors had overcome. I gave a speech at the evening reception.
6. **What has been done in your region regarding the triennial theme of “PREVENTION AND ELIMINATION OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE”**
- There have been a number of local and national meetings in each country and all are active in this area, liaising with the relevant organisations and politicians.
 - I have been active in the MWIA manual on violence writing one case and edited over 30. The editing has in a number of cases involved completely rewriting the case and searching for references. I am the Chapter 6 author on training and have helped with Chapter 2: Identify women who are being violated (risk factor identification) - what questions to ask.
7. **Any other comments**

It has been a privilege to be the MWIA Vice President of Northern Europe. I wish my successor Dr Tuula Saarela from Finland every success. I am contributing to the MWIA centenary celebration plans for 2019

**Khatuna Kaladze (Georgia) – VP Central Europe
(Austria, Bulgaria, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Switzerland)**

1. List of the national associations and individual members in your region with the names and emails of the Presidents and the National Coordinators

CENTRAL EUROPE

Azerbaijan, Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Switzerland

Azerbaijan (not EU)

Dr. Aynur Safieva (Azerbaijan)
General Surgeon

Dr. Nigar Karayeva- Alizade

Austria

Dr. Edith Schratzberger (President)
Dr. Iris Habitzel (NC)

Office

<http://www.aerztinnenbund.at/>

Bulgaria

Dr. Liliana Havezova

Czech Republic

Dr. Nada Kocnarova

Dr. Lenka Bennerová

Estonia

Dr. Ene Tomberg

Georgia

Dr. Nino Zhvania (President)

Dr. Khatuna Kaladze (NC)

Dr. Ia Davitaia (VP)

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Germany

Dr. Christiane United (President)

Dr. Gudrun Guenther (NC)

Eva Hennel

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Hungary

Dr. Agnes Fenji

Poland

Dr. Adriana Pietraszkiwicz

Dr. Barbara Bruziewica

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Romania

Dr. Pisisana Shamlikashvili

Russia

Dr. Olga Goncharova

Larisa Skuratkovskaya

Serbia

Dr. Nada Radan Milovancev

Krstina Dokleštic

General and Emergency Surgeon

Slovak Republic

Dr. Irina Sebova

Dr. Elena Zigova

Switzerland

Agnes Burkhalter (President)
Adelheid Schneider-Gilg (NC)
Office

[http:// www.medicalwomen.ch](http://www.medicalwomen.ch)

2. Names and emails of those from your region who served on MWIA Committees during the triennium

1. SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Dr. Olga Goncharova, Russia

2. ETHICS AND RESOLUTION

Dr. Nino Zhvania (Georgia)

Dr. Aynur Safieva (Azerbaijan)

Dr. Iris Habitzel (Austria)

3. Activities that have taken place in your region including meetings and regional congresses since the 2013 Congress in Seoul, including any issues that have arisen from these activities

1. Triennial Report of Georgian MWA

2013-2014

1. Conference, together with Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation dedicated to the “Georgian Natural Drugs in the treatment and prevention of different diseases,” September 2013.
2. The 4th Volume of Journal dedicated to the scientific conference “Georgian Natural Drugs in the treatment and prevention of different diseases.”
3. In October 2013 Conference in Telavi. together with Peace Corps dedicated Women Health President of GMWA was awarded with special prize for the best presentation.
4. Humanitarian action together with Union of Ossetian women in Kakheti Region, Lagodekhi.
5. Dr. Manana Gogol is Executive director and Prof. Khatuna Kaladze (members of GMWA) is President of the Association of Women Surgeons of Transcaucasia (from December 2013).

Since January 2014, during 6 month, GMWA made following actions:

1. GMWA had three common meetings.
 - a) At one meeting the lecture dedicated to the current state of stem cells practical usage for treatment of different diseases was presented, in February 2014.

b) The second meeting was dedicated to the situation about domestic violence in the country, in April 2014.

c) The next big meeting was dedicated to the current state of public health state in Georgia. The head of Department of Public Health of Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia Dr. R. Gogolashvili was invited at the meeting, in May 2014

2. In May 2014 GMWA held Shida Kartli Regional Scientific Practical conference in Gori, Sukhishvili University. The lectures and presentation concerning modern topics on Women Health and about domestic violence were presented. GMWA members distributed the 5th volume of journal to the Conference participants. GMWA members are interesting to broaden the cooperation with all countries representatives, in the field of Journal "Actual topics in Women Health". www.actualtopicswomenhealth.org
The journal contains article concerning women rights in Yemeni (violence against women and children). One article is dedicated to Nano medicine and its new directions. The editorial board of journal was broadening, as the number of organizations when Journal is distribute.

3. GMWA published the 5th volume of International Scientific Journal "Actual topics on Women's Health" (see web of Journal).

2. In June GMWA with Union of Manufacturers made a humanitarian action and presented food, clothing, detergents to helpless families in Tbilisi.

2014-2015

1. July 18-20, 2015, GAMPHA Conference
2. June 27, 2015. International Conference "Actual Topics on Women's Health", held in "Muza Centre.
3. June 27, 2015. Presentation of GMWA board members: Marina Shakarashvili and Ekaterine Sukhishvili book: "Psychology of Health"
4. April 17, 2015, 4th Health Care and Medical Tourism international congress
5. February 5, 2015, American Heart Association and GMWA event "Go Red for Women", DKC clinic, Tbilisi.
6. November 5, 2014. Project, supporting Brest Cancer Patients
3. Journal "Actual Topics on Women's Health", No. 6, in March 2015
4. Journal "Actual Topics on Women's Health", No. 7, in June 2015
5. Humanitarian action-free consultations to victims after the disaster (Horrible flooding in Tbilisi) on June 13.

GMWA had four common meetings, 7 Executive board members and 3 Journal editorial board meetings.

2015-2016

1. The 8th Volume of International Scientific Journal "Actual topics on Women's Health" (www.actualtopicswomenhealth.org).
2. Humanitarian action in Kartli Region, Kaspi.

3. Together with Sukhishvili University - Prof. Khatuna Kaladze and Dr. Ekaterine Sukhishvili (members of GMWA) founded **Health Professional Development and Support Fund (HDSF) and** in frame of HDSF - Gender Medicine Educational and Research Centre for Caucasian region and neighbourhood countries.

4. For May 24 we are planning poetry evening for doctors, with participation of poet women doctors. Doctors and well-known artists would perform songs on verses of women doctors. At the same time we will hold an exhibition of art-works of the women doctors.

GMWA had four common meetings, 7 Executive board members and 4 Journal editorial board meetings.

a) At the 1st meeting the discussion and debates were dedicated to the current problems in Health Care programmes, in October 2015.

b) The second meeting was dedicated to the situation about domestic violence in the region – Georgia and neighbourhood countries, in March 2016.

c) The last meeting was dedicated to the Poetry evening for Doctors, scheduled for May 24, 2016, with participation of poet women doctors.

2. Triennial Report of German MWA

2013-2014

Medicine through the ages and the challenges. The 33rd Scientific Congress of the German MWA took place from 03 to 05 October 2013 Priority 1: Organ Donation

- Priority 2: commodification of medicine and its consequences
- Priority 3: Communication, Internet, Blog & Co
- Priority 4: Obesity
- Priority 5: Free Lectures

Workshops:

- 4:10:13, 14.00 - 16.00 clock Workshop I: Conflict management - implement purposeful
- 5:10:13, 11.00 - 13.00 clock Workshop II: Career planning - step by step
- 5:10:13, 14.00 - 16.00 clock Workshop III: Practice Organization

01.10.2014. Berlin. [Women's Health Women's Health Congress 2014 - active, moving, informed](#)

The Federal Centre for Health Education (BZgA) and the Federal Ministry of Health (BMG) will hold on October 1, 2014 in Berlin the Women's Health Congress. Women-specific life situations, lifestyles and health problems require targeted at women and their everyday health promotion. Against this background, the National Congress discussed, among other things specific to women dealing with drugs issues of mental health of women as well as ways of

promoting health through sport and exercise. Interesting facts and figures are presented and discussed.

06/11/2014 Hannover Medical School, dental clinic, auditorium in Hanover, with German MWA [Conference: "10 years of successful promotion of women in MHH - ... and still room for improvement!"](#) 2014 looks MHH to ten years of successful promotion of scholars back. Both the mentoring program as well as the postdoctoral funding for women went in 2004 to the start. At the conference we want the success of both programs - now named after deserving professors of the university "Ina-Pichlmayr mentoring" and "Ellen Schmidt Program" - celebrate. We also want to consider together, where there are deficits in the promotion of scientists and what we can do even better. **Dr. Bärbel Miemietz, Equal Opportunities Officer.**

07/11/2014 - 11/09/2014. [Autumn Meeting of the Forum 40 plus on "resilience / mindfulness"](#)

14.11.2014, in Heidelberg is the [2nd Interdisciplinary Conference on Women DGHO on 14/11/2014 at Heidelberg](#) the [Second Interdisciplinary Conference on Women DGHO](#). German Society of Haematology and Medical Oncology are instead. Together with representatives of other disciplines, they have a programme compiled under which we would like to discuss specific issues with you, with faced by young doctors faced in everyday clinical practice.

Workshops will be singled out specific topics:

"How can women lead",

"Career planning in science, clinics and teaching",

"Work-Family life balance"

2014-2015

2015/10/17 – 2015/10/20

The 34th Scientific Congress of the German MWA "War Miscue urns eon" (We are a mix/ we are mixed in one) will take place from 17 to 20 October 2015, in Düsseldorf, in the House of the medical professionals.

Congress issues are:

- Prioritization in healthcare,
- Oocyte cryopreservation,
- Pros and cons of mammography screening.

Workshops:

- The changes brought about by the so-called "feminization of medicine" - the treatment of patients from another focus.
- Double workshop, focused on the networking of mentoring programmes and about international network of physicians.
- For ladies the opportunity to get to know one way or another supports method for their own personal development.
- Reports on violence against women in public places, such as in offices and practices, the offers of a de-escalation rate as an additional and meaningful preventive measure. North Rhine Medical Association is taking part in the attractive supporting programme.

2014-2015 Actual [Themes](#)

- [Physicians 2020](#)
- [Career and family](#)
- [Occupation policy](#)
- [Ethics Committee](#)
- [Women in Science](#)
- [Gender Medicine](#)
- [Health Policy](#)
- [Mamma carcinoma](#)

PRESS

2014 PRESS RELEASE

- 10/21/2014 [90 years German Ärztinnenbund eV - the network for professional political interests of doctors in Germany](#)
- 01.09.2014 [German Ärztinnenbund eV calls for reassessment of mammography screening](#)
- 22/05/2014 [The future of medicine is far from female](#)
- 05/08/2014 [Minister Manuela Schwesig discussed with women's organizations on the proposed law for more women in leadership positions](#)
- 03/26/2014 ["Not to recognize a new framework for the profession of a doctor": 100 days grand coalition](#)
- 20/01/2014 [German Ärztinnenbund eV for women's quota in business and medicine](#)

2015 PRESS RELEASE

- 04/08/2015 [Dr. med. Gabriele du Bois from German Ärztinnenbund eV \(DÄB\) elected chairman of the Joint PID Ethics Committee](#)
- 07/09/2015 [Named Dr. Barbara Schmeiser as second vice president of the DÄB - "Young fellow in the implementation of their professional and personal goals support".](#)
- 30.06.2015 [Children's book "Anders" by Andreas Steinhöfel the Silver Pen of the German doctors Federal eV \(DÄB\) excellent](#)
- 05/15/2015 [Dr. med. Christiane United, MA, President of the German Federal Association doctors \(DÄB\), congratulates Dr. med. Martina Wenker and Dr. med. Ellen Lundershausen for re-election to the board of the German Medical Association \(GMA\)](#)
- 05/11/2015 [We mix a 34th Congress of the German Federal Association doctors to professional and health policy 2015](#)
- 03/23/2015 [German Ärztinnenbund welcomes new president](#)

- 03/06/2015 [20 years after Beijing: health and disease have a gender](#)
- 01/20/2015 [Ärztinnenbund the position paper "operating in pregnancy"](#)
- 01/09/2015 [Proposals Science Prize of the German doctors Federal 2015](#)

2015-2016

1. On September 10, 2015 were the representatives of ten women's organizations hosted by the Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Health, Mrs Ingrid Fischbach, MP, to discuss current issues of women's health.
2. Friday, 18 September 2015 Congress of German MWA
3. 20.09.2015 – 23.09.2015 7th Congress of the International Society of Gender Medicine and the International Congress of Gender Medicine of GIM (Institute of Gender in Medicine) at Charite that are held in close cooperation, from September, 20-21 and 22-23, 2015, in Berlin, Germany. Event of Gender Medicine International Society.
4. 21.09.2015, the 34th Congress of the Federation of German doctors with participation of German MWA went under the motto "We meddle" in the house of the medical profession in Dusseldorf successfully.
5. **["We break the silence"](#) On November 25, contact for more than three decades, most people for the elimination of discrimination and violence against women.**
On this occasion calls Federal Minister Manuela Schwesig on a join-in campaign
6. 05.01. 2016 Clinic Stress alienated young doctors - German MWA calls for adequate working conditions for renewable physicians
7. **23.12.2015 German MWA [supported proposed legislation to promote equal pay](#)**
The German MWA welcomes the proposals of allow on the promotion of equal pay for women and men of Federal Minister Manuela Schwesig.
8. 30.03.2016 for over 15 years the German MWA has been engaged for a reform of the Mother Protection Act and thus lifting a de facto ban on employment for salaried pregnant female doctors in hospital

3. Triennial Report of Austrian MWA

2013-2014

- Annual Meeting of the Organization: "The woman in Medicine Justice", 9 November 2013, with a thematic focus and Workshops (ÖÄK certified)
- Regular meetings of the board
- Support for social projects, such as the formation of a Nigerian nurse midwife
- Lobbying success breaks for Viennese physicians in part-time work after maternity leave by possible interest-free deferral of the welfare fund contribution.
- Promoting participation in a college course "Gender Medicine"
- Annual Meeting of the Organization: "The woman in Medicine, Beauty and shame" 08.11.2014, Vienna, Austria
- 8th European Conference on Gender Equality in Higher education

<http://www.meduniwien.ac.at/orgs/index.php?id=64> 03-05.09.2014. Vienna, Austria

- What a difference to X Makes: Weighing in on Sex and Gender Differences in the Obesity Epidemic. 23/09/2014 | Washington, DC, USA
<http://www.womenshealthresearch.org/site/PageServer?pagename=2014Xconference>
With the Society for Women's Health Research (SWHR)
- Gender in Medical Scientific and Technological History. Workshop Series "Young Perspectives." 10.11.2014; Berlin, Germany
- 7th International Congress for Gender and Sex Specific Medicine, 10-11.12.2014. Tel Aviv, Israel
- 2nd Annual Meeting of the Austrian Society of Gender "DE/stabilizations", 4-12.06. 2014, Graz, Austria
- 8th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Association for Gender Medicine. 31.1-2.1.2015. Tokushima, Japan.

2014-2015

- 03-05.09.2014. 8th European Conference on Gender Equality in Higher education
<http://www.meduniwien.ac.at/orgs/index.php?id=64> .Vienna, Austria
- 08.11.2014, Annual Meeting of the Organization: "The woman in Medicine, Beauty and shame", Vienna, Austria, Parkhotel Schonbrun.
- 25.09.2015 - Bad Tatzmannsdorf International Symposium Gender Sensitive rehabilitation: more than a question of perspective
Alexandra.ekker@pensionsversicherung.at
- 14.11.2015, Annual Meeting of the Organization: "The woman in Medicine – failure and success", Vienna
- Regular meetings of the Executive Board

Conferences and meetings abroad the country

- What a difference to X Makes: Weighing in on Sex and Gender Differences in the Obesity Epidemic. 23/09/2014 | Washington, DC, USA
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2015-2016

- 14th November 2015 - Vienna Annual Meeting of the Organization of doctors Austria The woman in medicine Failure and Success
- 30th International Congress MWIA - Vienna, Austria. 28th until July 31, 2016 Vienna University www.mwiavienna2016.org
The Lore Antoine Award will be presented at the Congress on 30 of July 2016.
This Prize is appreciation for women in medicine with a high commitment to the specialty gender medicine. He encourages doctors and medical students.
- Organizing the annual meeting of "The Woman in Medicine" with a particular specialism and workshops (ÖÄK certified)
- Regular meetings of the board open to all members and interested parties in terms of a fixed date; once a year in Westösterreich
- Support of social projects, such as the formation of a Nigerian nurse midwife
- Lobbying success breaks for Viennese doctors in part-time work after maternity leave by possible interest-free deferral of the welfare fund contribution
- Encourage participation in the college course "Gender Medicine" at the Medical University of Vienna for one of our members
- Cooperation with the Austrian Society for gender medicine
- Lore Antoine-prize promotion of doctors and medical students by awarding the Lore Antoine Science Prize
- Manage your own doctors' network experienced doctors support their colleagues in their professional goals
- Maintenance of international contacts Participation in international congresses of MWIA or its member countries

Priorities

- Support for social projects, such as the formation of a Nigerian nurse midwife
- Lobbying success breaks for Viennese physicians in part-time work after maternity leave by possible interest-free deferral of the welfare fund contribution.
- Promoting participation in a college course "Gender Medicine" at the Medical University of Vienna for one of members of the association.
- Cooperation with the Austrian Society for Gender Medicine
- Lore Antoine-prize – promotion of doctors and medical students by awarding the Lore Antoine Science Prize
- Build and manage network doctors - experienced doctors support their colleagues in their professional goals.

- Maintenance of international contacts - take part in the international congresses of MWIA or their member countries.

4. Triennial Report of Russian MWA

2013-2014

Russia will become a member of the MWIA since 2013.

We decided to hold Central European Regional Congress in **April 23-25 in Moscow, 2016.**

2015-2016

Central European Regional Congress "The possibilities of international cooperation in the field of solving medical and social problems of health care for women and children" would be held in Moscow, Russia, 23-25 November 2016.

RMWA ongoing Projects:

1. School of future parents;
2. Internet projects for parents on children's health
Publishing Project "National Book childcare"
3. Safe Motherhood
Mother and Child
Decreased maternal mortality/morbidity
4. Gender and Health
5. HIV/AIDS
6. Children
7. Violence/Abuse
8. Leadership for female physicians

3. Liaisons with other organizations, including WHO, UN, medical associations, etc. with any suggested follow-up by MWIA

2013-2014

1. Conference, together with Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation dedicated to the "Georgian Natural Drugs in the treatment and prevention of different diseases," September 2013.
2. In October 2013 Conference in Telavi. together with Peace Corps dedicated Women Health President of GMWA was awarded with special prize for the best presentation.
3. Humanitarian action together with Union of Ossetian women in Kakheti Region, Lagodekhi.
4. 06/11/2014. Hannover Medical School, dental clinic, auditorium in Hanover, with German MWA [Conference: "10 years of successful promotion of women in MHH - ... and still room for improvement!"](#)

5. With **the Society for Women's Health Research (SWHR)**. What a difference to X Makes: Weighing in on Sex and Gender Differences in the Obesity Epidemic. 23/09/2014 Washington, DC, USA

6. 7th International Congress for Gender and Sex Specific Medicine, 10-11.12.2014. Tel-Aviv, Israel

7. 8th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Association for Gender Medicine. 31.1-2.1.2015. Tokushima, Japan.

2015-2016

1. February 7, 2016, American Heart Association and GMWA event "Go Red for Women", Tbilisi State Medical University, Tbilisi.
2. March 9, 2016, 5th Health Care and Medical Tourism international congress
3. June 27-30, 2016, GAMPHA Conference
4. Delegates Assembly FMH from Represented by: Dr. Maya C. Züllig, Uster Deputy: Dr. Susanna Stöhr, Basel
5. Office for data and demographics FMH represented by: Dr. Maya C. Züllig, Uster Deputy: Dr. Marty Annalis-Nussbaumer, Luzern

4. Meetings you have attended on behalf of MWIA during the triennium and resolutions arising from these meetings for the Vienna 2016 meeting.

2013-2014

1. The "Georgian Natural Drugs in the treatment and prevention of different diseases," September 2013.
2. In October 2013 Conference in Telavi. together with Peace Corps dedicated Women Health President of GMWA was awarded with special prize for the best presentation.
3. In May 2014 GMWA held Shida Kartli Regional Scientific Practical conference in Gori, Sukhishvili University.
4. GAMPHA Conference, June 15, 16. I had presentation about Domestic Violence in Azerbaijan.
5. Global Med Meeting "Medicine of the Future" June 26
6. I took take part in the workshops "Violence Against Women and Children" during 3 weeks in Haifa, Israel, in July 27- August 9, 2014).

2014-2015

1. July 18-20, 2015, GAMPHA Conference
2. April 30, [Documentaries at Frontline Georgia - "Casablanca Calling" \(2014\)](#)

3. May 16, 2015 Conference “Women’s Health”
4. April 17, 2015, 4th Health Care and Medical Tourism international congress,
5. April 16, 2015, online webinar: I am a Woman February 20, 2015, “Radio Freedom” – tele-radio-interview: Gender problems in Doctor’s life (invited guests: Nina Zhvania and Khatuna Kaladze)
6. February 18, project “Keys to Health”
7. February 5, 2015, American Heart Association and GMWA event “Go Red for Women”, DKC clinic, Tbilisi.
8. November 5, 2014. Project, supporting Brest Cancer Patients
9. October 29, 2014 “Studio Objective” – Tele-interview about women health problem and gender specific disorders - with Nina Zhvania, Khatuna Kaladze and Ekaterine Sukhishvili

2015-2016

- February 7, 2016, American Heart Association and GMWA event “Go Red for Women”, Tbilisi State Medical University, Tbilisi.
- March 9, 2016, 5th Health Care and Medical Tourism international congress
- June 27-30, 2016, GAMPHA Conference

5. What has been done in your region regarding the triennial theme of “PREVENTION AND ELMINATION OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE”

1. In all meetings topics was included the issue on domestic and sexual violence in our region and worldwide.
2. On conferences and meetings there were presentations and discussions on this topic.
3. In the journal «Actual Topics on Women's Health» there were published articles about domestic and sexual violence.
4. I was participated in creating the Survey and manual on Domestic and sexual violence.
5. Ongoing Strategic project of HDSF is Futures without Violence - **The Health Professionals for the elimination and prevention of domestic and sexual violence against women.** It is an initiative, to create innovative public health campaigns against domestic and sexual violence. We want to define and strengthen the role of Health Professionals in this field. The project is made up of individuals from a variety of fields, such as physicians, nurses, and social workers. In the frame of this project we developed the Domestic and sexual Violence manual for Health Professionals. The printed version of this book in Georgian and English languages will be ready in May. We want to translate it for Russian and Azerbaijan Health Professionals – we want to help our neighbour countries too. We also schedule to conduct trainings for education of health workers about sexual and domestic violence for Caucasian region. It is a great honour for us that our project supported by MWIA, CSW UN and PSA. **Presentation would be held on 9th of June, 2016.**

German MWA

23.06.2016. Muenster [Planned reform of sexual offenses](#)

Russian MWA

October 25, 2015, Conference: No violence against women!

6. Any other comments

What I could not do during 2013-2016:

I could not find Azerbaijan and Turkish doctors to join our Organization (MWIA).

But I am sure I can do it during the next triennium.

**Christiane Pouliart (Belgium) – VP Southern Europe
(Belgium, France, Greece, Israel, Italy)**

1. List of the national associations and individual members in your region with the names and emails of the Presidents and the National Coordinators

Belgium :

President : Prof. Dr Lieve Dams

National coordinator : Agnes Vermeulen

France :

President : Dr Cécile Renson, email :

National coordinators :

Dr Marie-Dominique Ghnassia

Dr Thi Thoi Nguyet Pham

Greece :

President : Dr Alexandra Kalegoraki

Israel :

President Women's department IMA: Dr Sophie Ish-Shalom

President IMA World Federation : Dr Zeev Feldman

Italy :

President : Dr. Caterina Ermio

**Names and emails of those from your region who served on MWIA
Committees during the triennium**

2. Names and emails of those from your region who served on MWIA Committees during the triennium

Dr Christine Pouliart – Chair of the Finance Committee of the Medical Women International Association

3. Activities that have taken place in your region including meetings and regional congresses since the 2013 Congress in Seoul, including any issues that have arisen from these activities

- Saturday November 16th 2013: 18th Symposium Medical Women's Association of Belgium
"DRUGS SPLIT UP THE ADDICT, THE FAMILY AND THE SOCIETY" A GENDER ANALYSIS
Chair: Dr Mireille Vergucht,
Brussels Parliament, Lombardstraat 69 – 1005 Brussels.
- The annual meeting of MWAB in November 2014 was held in General Hospital Middelheim on the subject : " Mother and child in a Forensic environment". The meeting was organised by the President Professor Lieve Dams, forensic psychiatrist, she was introduced by Past President Mireille Vergucht, MWAB.
- Sunday 08/11/15: Shelley Ross and I were on the phone in Antwerp to have a Skype Meeting with the members of the Finance Committee. Bettina Pfliederer launched the meeting and Shelley Ross wrote the summary and the report.
- Friday 13/11/15: MWAB received MWIA in the Town Hall of Antwerp. We were welcomed by Marco Laenens, chairman of the district counsel of Antwerp. Leona Detiège, former mayor was present as well. She was the only female mayor in the last 30 years. Also present were Shelley Ross, Canada, Bettina Pfliederer, Marie Louisa Fasshauer, Sigrun Muthman-Hellwig, Germany, Françoise Nico, Francine Violette, Thoi Pham, France and Ciska Griffioen, The Netherlands and board members of MWAB.
- Saturday 14/11/15: The 5th Southern European Regional Meeting of MWIA and the 19th Congress of MWAB held in the Brussels Parliament, Lombardstreet 6, 1005 Brussels, under presidential mandate of Prof. Dr. Lieve Dams. The subject: "The brain anno 2015. A gender analysis." It was a very interesting and successful congress. Everybody was very willing to listen intently.
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4. Liaisons with other organizations, including WHO, UN, medical associations, etc. with any suggested follow-up by MWIA

Writing Member of Committee of Scientific Advisers of the International Osteoporosis Foundation: Christiane Pouliart (CP)
Board member of the National Council of Women of Belgium: Agnes Vermeulen and Christiane Pouliart.
Soroptimisten: Vorlat Maria
Femina: CP
European Women Lobby: CP, Agnes Vermeulen
Zonta National: Agnes Vermeulen, Sabine Maenhout

5. Meetings you have attended on behalf of MWIA during the triennium and resolutions arising from these meetings for the Vienna 2016 meeting.

MWIA executive meeting and Northern European Regional Meeting in Denmark, 2014
MWIA executive meeting and North American Regional Meeting in Toronto, 2015
Southern European Regional Meeting in Brussels, 2015

6. What has been done in your region regarding the triennial theme of “PREVENTION AND ELIMINATION OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE?”

The National Council of Women of Belgium has done several demonstrations in the streets of Brussels and Dr. Agnes Vermeulen and Dr Christiane Pouliart have participated.

We now have a national toll free phone number in Belgium 1712, which you can call for any questions about violence.

Poster: states in Dutch: “Het nummer dat je belt, bij vragen over geweld,” which roughly translates as: “the number to call, if you have questions about violence.”

7. Any other comments

After the bombing in Brussels I will suggest to the Assemble of the National Counsel of Women of Belgium to form a Women association for minorities, like Muslim Mothers for Peace, African Mothers for Peace, Chinese Mothers for Peace and Jewish Mothers for peace.

Belgium has a house: the Belgian house of Istalif in Afghanistan constructed and financed by Mothers for Peace, which is founded by Jenny Vanlerberghe.

We have also an organization founded by Monique Verdickt: Mothers for Mothers that could do the same thing.

Both associations are members from the Association of the National Counsel of Women of Belgium.

My proposal to the National Women's Counsel is that women should organize Muslim women so they can give their children better education and to make sure there is a better integration.

**Carole Williams (Canada) – VP North America
(Canada, United States of America)**

1. List of the national associations and individual members in your region with the names and emails of the Presidents and the National Coordinators

Federation of Medical Women of Canada

President: 2013-2014 Dr. Monique Bertrand

2014-2015 Dr. Mamta Gautam

2015-2016 Dr. Vivien Brown

National Coordinator: 2013-2014 Dr. Vivien Brown

2014-2016 Dr. Nahid Azad

National office

with Executive Secretaries Ana Pagé /Colleen Galasso fmwcmain@fmwc.ca

American Medical Women's Association

President: 2014-2015 Dr. Farzanna Haffizulla
 2015-2016 Dr. Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber
 2016-2017 Dr. Kim Templeton

National Coordinators:
 Dr. Satty Gill Keswani
 Dr. Padmini Murthy

Executive Director Dr. Eliza Chin

2. Names and emails of those from your region who served on MWIA Committees during the triennium (alphabetically)

- Dr. Gail Beck Finance Committee
- Dr. Janet Dollin Scientific and Research
- Dr. Carole Williams Finance Committee

3. Activities that have taken place in your region including meetings and regional congresses since the 2013 Congress in Seoul, including any issues that have arisen from these activities

- Federation of Medical Women of Canada AGM in Vancouver, September 19-21, 2014 *Women in Medicine: Empowered Engaged Extraordinary*
- FMWC annual meeting Toronto Ontario September 24-26, 2015 with the theme *Power in Partnership*. This was also the North American Regional Meeting of MWIA.
- FMWC Oct 19-23, 2015 National Cervical Cancer Awareness Week (PAP Campaign) 80 clinics from 54 cities, across 10 provinces registered to provide services in 11 languages. Each year in October, the Pap smear campaign was conducted.
- American Medical Women's Association 99th Anniversary Meeting in Washington, DC, March 13-16, 2014 with the theme of *Women in Medicine: Successfully Facing future Challenges and Advances*"
- American Medical Women's Association Centennial Meeting in Chicago, April 23-26, 2015 *Celebrating a Century Past and Embracing an Empowered Innovative Future*
- AMWA annual meeting Miami Florida March 10-13, 2016 with the theme of *Charting the Next Century of Women in Medicine*

- AMWA has a number of initiatives including preventative medicine task force, human trafficking, alcohol awareness, diversity and inclusion, gender equity task force, sex and gender women's health, networking alliance, prevention of childhood obesity, breast cancer task force, mentorship, gun violence prevention task force

4. Liaisons with other organizations, including WHO, UN, medical associations, etc. with any suggested follow-up by MWIA

- Both Dr. Shelley Ross and Dr. Carole Williams have been members of the Board of the Doctors of BC and the board of the Canadian Medical Association
- FMWC has partnered with the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada
- Dr. Satty Gill Keswani and Dr Padmini Murthy have attended numerous UN events as representatives of MWIA at the UN in New York
- Dr. Gail Beck and Dr. Pamela Liao were instrumental in partnering with Zonta International on the Birthing Kit Project for MWIA

5. Meetings you have attended on behalf of MWIA during the triennium and resolutions arising from these meetings for the Vienna 2016 meeting.

- American Medical Women's Association Centennial Meeting in Chicago, April 23-26, 2015 *Celebrating a Century Past and Embracing an Empowered Innovative Future*
- Annual general meeting and scientific session of Federation of Medical Women of Canada/MWIA North American Regional Meeting September 24-26, 2015 in Toronto Ontario.

6. What has been done in your region regarding the triennial theme of "PREVENTION AND ELMINATION OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE"

- Work by the Ending Violence Association in British Columbia (EVA) and by the Public Health agency of Canada
- AMWA has had a major project on human trafficking.
- Cases were provided for the MWIA training module.
- Dr. Pamela Liao, Dr. Pretty Verma and Dr. Shyama Das transformed the information for the violence training module into reality by putting it in an on-line format that is scheduled to go live at the time of the MWIA Congress in Vienna.

**Mercedes Viteri Mora (Ecuador) – VP Latin America
(Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru)**

1. List of the national associations and individual members in your region with the names and emails of the Presidents and the National Coordinators

PERU

Medical Women Association of Peru
Chair: [Dra. Yolanda Bazan](#)
Secretary: [Dra. Dra. María L. Coronado](#)
Coordinator: Rebecca Kuniyoshi

MEXICO

Dra. Verónica Rodríguez Torres (President) www.fammac.com.mx

ECUADOR

Presidenta: Dra Norma Arana
Secretaria: Dra. Maggie Gomez

ARGENTINA

Dra. Kumiko Eiguchi

BOLIVIA

Dra. Anni Bravo (President)
Dra. Elsa Sandoval de Bravo, NC

BRAZIL

Dra. Marilene Rezende Melo, President
Dra. Anna Martits, NC

COLOMBIA

Primavera Grigoriu, President

PANAMA

Gysella Padilla de Moreno

2. Names and emails of those from your region who served on MWIA Committees during the triennium

2013 – 2014

ECUADOR:

COMITÉ DE FINANZAS

DRA GINA DEL ROSARIO

COMITÉ CIENTIFICO

DRA MARIA DEL CARMEN SANTILLAN

COMITÉ DE ETICA

DRA INES MOSQUERA

2014 - 2015

PERU

Dr. Rebecca Kuniyoshi

ECUADOR

COMITE CIENTIFICO MARIA DEL CARMEN SANTILLAN

COMITE FINANZAS GINA DEL ROSARIO

COMITE ETICA INES MOSQUERA

3. Activities that have taken place in your region including meetings and regional congresses since the 2013 Congress in Seoul, including any issues that have arisen from these activities

2013 – 2014

MARILENE MELO IS HAVING THEIR LECTURE PRESENTED BY DR. SEVILLANO. IN "THE MANAGMENT DYSLIPIDEMIA IN WOMEN AND MEN: EXPLORING POTENTIAL DIFFERENCES."

TRANSLATION MWIA TRAINING MANUAL ON GENDER MAINSTREAMING IN HEALTH HAS BEEN TRANSLATED INTO PORTUGUESE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO BOTH DR. ANNA MARIA MARTITS, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DRA. MARILENE MELO, PRESIDENT OF THE MEDICAL WOMEN BRAZILIANS, WHO DID THE TRANSLATION

THE COMING MONTHS WILL SHOW A LOT OF ACTIVITY FOR THE ASSOCIATION:
AUGUST 22: THE ROLE OF ULTRASOUND IN THE DIAGNOSIS

VASCULAR DISEASE WOMEN AND VASCULAR SURGEON VISION

OCTOBER 25/26: THE CONGRESS OF THE SECTION OF SÃO PAULO ABMM ON QUALITY OF LIFE.

NOVEMBER 21: GENDER AND HEALTH IN MENOPAUSE AND ANDROPAUSE

DR. NISE YAMAGUSHI, DIRECTOR OF SÃO PAULO ABMM-SECTION, IS ORGANIZING A CAMPAIGN FOR PREVENTION IN HEALTH CALLED "SAVE HEALTH" WITH THE BRAZILIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

THE UN OFFICE IN THE CITY OF SÃO PAULO HAS A UN-WOMEN AND THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR IS REBECCA TAVARES.

ABMM WAS REPRESENTED BY OUR PRESIDENT DR. MELO, DURING THE CEREMONY

YEAR COMMEMORATION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE OF SÃO PAULO FOR THE STATUS WOMEN. DR. MELO AND DR. IVONE MEINÃO, ABMM VP - SÃO PAULO SECTION, WHERE HE MET WITH THE TV CHANNEL OF THE UNION STATE OF SÃO PAULO AND THE DOCTOR WAS A GREAT INTEREST IN THE PORTUGUESE TRANSLATION OF MANUAL MEDICINE GENDER.

THE SITE ABMM, WWW.ABMMNACIONAL.COM IS VERY ACTIVE PUBLISHING MEDIA EVENTS THAT ATTENDED OUR PARTNERS. ABMM HAS A NEW SECTION OF THE OPENING IN THE STATE OF GOIAS, REPRESENTED BY DR. SORAYA RASSI.

SEPTEMBER 2013 FROM ABMM (BRAZIL)

SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS ABMM SECOND HALF CONTINUED WITH SUCCESS. SOME

SUBJECTS WERE CHANGED.

AUGUST 28: "THE ROLE OF VASCULAR ULTRASOUND IN THE DIAGNOSIS OF VASCULAR DISEASE IN WOMEN." "THE VISION OF THE VASCULAR SURGEON"

THIS MEETING WAS A JOINT MEETING OF ABMM AND BRAZILIAN SOCIETY OF ANGIOLOGY AND VASCULAR SURGERY.

ABMM THROUGH ITS PRESIDENT, DR. MARILENE MELO INVITES SELECTED SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS, THE BRAZILIAN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES OBJECT FIELD OF THE MEETING.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 12: "WOMEN IN THE BRAZILIAN / ART IN MEDICINE" AND THE SPEAKER WILL BE A FAMOUS PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY, SANTA CASA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, SÃO PAULO, WHO IS ALSO AN EXPERT IN ART.

OCTOBER WILL BE THE MONTH OF THE "XXI CONGRESS ABMM-SP" (STATE OF SÃO PAULO SECTION ABMM)

DURING THE BUSINESS MEETING OF 13 JUNE, THE DEPARTMENT OF GENDER AND FOUNDED

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DR. NISE YAMAGUSHI DIRECTOR ABMM COORDINATED ABMM YOUNG FOUNDATION.

SHE INVITES WOMEN TO MEDICAL STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS WOMAN.

ABMM DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

UPDATED DECEMBER 2013 FROM ABMM (BRAZIL)

Brazil

DR. ANNA MARIA MARTITS WROTE THE XXI CONGRESS OF THE ABMM- (BRAZILIAN

MEDICAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION) WAS ORGANIZED BY THE SECTION OF THE STATE OF SÃO PAULO AND WAS HELD IN OCTOBER 25-26, 2013 AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE STATE OF SÃO PAULO.

THE THEME WAS "QUALITY OF LIFE OF WOMEN IN THE DOCTOR." LAST SCIENTIFIC MEETING

THE YEAR WAS HELD ON NOVEMBER 21 AND WAS IN GENDER MEDICINE MENOPAUSE AND ANDROPAUSE.

THE ABMM WAS HONORED BY THE LINK ON THE WEB PAGE MWIA OUR PORTUGUESE TRANSLATION OF "TRAINING MANUAL FOR GENDER MAINSTREAMING IN HEALTH." WE WILL SOON TRANSLATE THE REVISED 2013 EDITION.

THREE NEW SECTIONS HAVE BEEN FORMED IN GOIAS, SANTA CATARINA AND MINAS GERAIS.

THE SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS ARE OBESITY AND WOMEN, CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE IN DIABETIC WOMEN, CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF SMOKING (ADDICTION TO SNUFF) IN MEDICAL STUDENTS, AND ANOTHER ON THE IMPORTANCE OF BREASTFEEDING.

Mexico:

WWW.FAMMAC.COM.MX

FEDERATION OF MEDICAL MEXICAN AC PROGRAM

SATURDAY APRIL 6, 2013

SUFFERING AND PAIN IN THE WORKPLACE BULLYING (MOBBING) AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH FIBROMYALGIA.

IN ANTHROPOLOGY DR. ROCIO FUENTES VALDIVIESO

SATURDAY MAY 4, 2013

CALORIE RESTRICTION, OXIDATIVE STRESS AND LONGEVITY

DR. ELEAZAR LARA PADILLA

SATURDAY JUNE 1, 2013

OXIDANT STRESS AND OBESITY INSULIN STRUCTURAL CHANGES

DR. LILIANA GUTIERREZ LOPEZ

SATURDAY JULY 1, 2013

BREAST AND CYTOCHROME P450

DR. NAOMI CARDENAS RODRIGUEZ

DR. CINDY RODRIGUEZ BANDALA

SATURDAY AUGUST 3, 2013

HYPERTENSION AND DYSLIPIDEMIA

(TBC)

DR. EDUARDO MEANEY MENDIOLEA

PRESIDENT ANHA, SNI

XALAPEÑAS MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

JANUARY-2013: SYMBOL OF MEDICINE AND HIPPOCRATES SPEAKER: DR. CELERINO PÉREZ HDEZ.

FEB 2013: THEORY OF PUBLIC RELATIONS --- SPEAKER: DR. GABRIELA COLORADO.

MAR 2013: PHYSICIAN-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP --- SPEAKER: DR. ISSA GIL ALFARO

ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL JALICIENSES

MONTHLY SESSIONS CONTINUING MEDICAL UPDATE.

FREE CONSULTATION TO LOW-INCOME PATIENTS

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF MORELIA, MICHOACAN

1.-SEXUALITY AND PARTNER PSIC ADRIANA HERMINIA ROSES VILICAÑA

2.-WHY MEN DIE FIRST. DR ALFONSO MARTINEZ GARCIA

3.-DIETS AND FASHION L.N. ROCIO ALANIZ MADRID

CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY MARCH 8, 2013

INTERPRETATION MAMMOGRAPHIC YOLANDA CAMPOS PEREZ DRA

SOCIAL MEETING REGARDING THE CELEBRATION OF MOTHERS DAY

IBS DR FRANCISCO ESQUIVEL AYANEGUI

CONTRACEPTION, DRA NEWS ANA ALONSO GLORIA MEJIA

REPORT PLAN TO SUPPORT DISASTER IN MICHOACAN DIP. DR. ELIAS TORRES

SOCIAL MEETING NIGHT MEXICAN

11 DAYS OF AVAS AMMM B.C.
PROBABLE TOPIC "PUBLIC HEALTH IN MEXICO"
ALZHEIMER. DR CANTU RAUL LEAL
CHRISTMAS DINNER, SOCIAL MEETING MEDICAL COLLEGE OF THE STATE OF
GUERRERO
* MARCH 15 INITIAL TREATMENT OF MULTIPLE TRAUMA CHILD.
* APRIL 19 INTERPRETATION OF THE BH AND MORE FREQUENT
CONSULTATIONS IN HEMATOLOGY
MAY 17 MANAGEMENT OF GERD
JUNE 21 NEW ALTERNATIVES IN THE TREATMENT OF HYPERTENSION.
JULY 19 BULLYNG IN GUERRERO.
AUGUST 16 COMPREHENSIVE TREATMENT OF OBESITY
SEPTEMBER 20 LIPOSCULPTURE PRO-CONTRA AND ALTERNATIVES
OPHTHALMIC TRAUMA NOVEMBER 15. MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF
CHIHUAHUA
MONTHLY SESSIONS
MEDICAL COLLEGE OF POTOSINAS
EPILEPSY DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS AND MEDICAL
TREATMENT WORKSHOP DEPRESSION IN WOMEN USING INSULIN CANGER
GASTRIC SARCOPENIA DX OBESITY, CANCER TREATMENT OF DEMENTIA AND
COLON POLYNEUROPATHIES ASSEMBLY ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

OTHER:

1. REINTEGRACIÓN OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS
TWO. UPDATED AND OPTIMUM USE WEBSITE. WWW.FAMMAC.COM.MX
THREE. FAMMAC MAGAZINE

ECUADOR:

1 - WORKSHOP: STATUS OF VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND GENDER
TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF MACHALA AND
THEOPHILUS HOSPITAL DAVILA NOVEMBER 20 TO 22. 2013.
. 2 - ADVICE TO THE TRIAL WELCOME TO VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN THE
HOSPITAL THEOPHILUS DÁVILA 2013-2014.
3.-PROVINCIAL MEETING OF THE NETWORK AGAINST VIOLENCE: 2013-2014.
. 4 - MEETING WITH STAFF TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE ADJUDICATURA SEXUAL
OFFENCES AND PATH OF THE REPORT: 2013.
. 5 - WORKSHOPS TO DISCUSS THE CRIMINAL CODE: ABORTION RIGHTS -2013
. 6 - PROFESSIONAL MEETING PROSECUTION EXPERT: EXPERT WORKSHOPS
FILLING FORMS IN MAY 2014.
7 - WORKSHOPS FOR HEALTH PERSONNEL EXPERT FILL FORMS. AUG. 2014
8.-REUNION HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES THEOPHILUS DÁVILA, PHYSICIANS AND
RESPONSIBLE TEAM AIDS CLINICAL TRIAL VICTIM VIOLENCE HOME:
RETROVIRAL TREATMENT PATIENTS FROM SEXUAL VIOLATION.
9 -. AGENCY MEETING ON ERADICATION OF VIOLENCE AT THE TECHNICAL
UNIVERSITY OF MACHALA.

THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ALLIANCE, ECUADOR CHAPTER IN ITS ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED: MEDICAL EDUCATION CONTINUES THROUGH SCIENTIFIC TALKS WITH PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS ECUADOR, WORKSHOPS WITH THE COMMUNITY. CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE SCREENING WITH TAKING BLOOD PRESSURE AND EKG, LECTURES ON HOW TO IDENTIFY THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, WERE ALSO FORMED WITH THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH PREVENTION COMMITTEE FORMING MATERNAL DEATH IN ALL OF ECUADOR MATERNITIES.

WITH THE CURRENT DIRECTORS HAS RAISED MAKE PROJECTS AIM TO REDUCE INDEX OF WOMEN VICTIMS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE THROUGH CAMPAIGN EDUCATIONAL, HOME VISITS HOUSEHOLDS WITH PROBLEMS OF THIS KIND, LECTURES LEARNING IN SCHOOLS CITY GUAYAQUIL THE PROVINCE OF GUAYAS ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PREVENTION, PREVENTION CAMPAIGNS TO PREVENT VIRUS IN HUMAN GIRLS PAPILLOMA 9 TO 11 YEARS IN SCHOOLS CITY OF GUAYAQUIL PROVINCE OF GUAYAS.

PERU:

DR. NELIDA MUÑOZ WAS HONORED AS PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY FEDERICO VILLARREAL.

- DR. MAITA ROSA WAS HONORED BY THE CONGRESS OF PERU IN INTERNACIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AND DISTIGUIDA AT THE MEDICAL COLLEGE OF PERU IN PERUVIAN MEDICINE DAY.

- GOLD WEDDING PROFESSIONALS:
THEY MET 50 YEARS PHYSICIANS:

DR. LILIA CORONADO

DR. HILDA LAU

DR. REBECCA KUNIYOSHI

MEDICAL COLLEGE PAID A WARM TRIBUTE

2014 – 2015

PERU

- Board Meeting: Monthly or bimonthly
- Scientific Program: Every 2 months
or Ergonomics
or Geriatric Dermatology
or Coaching
or Alzheimer's latest Developments
- General Assembly c / 2 months

MEXICO

January 2014

" Prenatal Development: ciudados and feeding the fetus'

" Pre-eclampsia and eclampsia: diagnosis and management'

February 2014

" Newborn Screening'

" NEONATAL INFECTIONS (CMV) "

Saturday March 1, 2014 monthly conferencing Session

" Growth and development"

" Headache "

March 15, 2014

The Medical College of the State of Guerrero, BC, held its twentieth Monograph Course 2014

"Dr. Mireya Garcia Pintos Mier "And Third Meeting of Leaders FAMMAC

21 and March 22, 2014

VII Conference Medical Association Medical Mexicali BC and Fourth Meeting of Leaders FAMMAC.

" Health Integral "

Saturday 5 April 2014. Diploma-monthly meeting

" Sleep disorders in the elderly'

"Parkinson's disease"

Saturday May 3, 2014

"Allergy and Infectious Diseases"

-Immune response

Immune I -Damage

Bronchial -Asthma, urticaria and angioedema

-Conjunctivitis and Allergic Rhinitis

Anaphylaxis and angioedema Urticaria

-Typhoid fever

-Pulmonary tuberculosis

Saturday June 7, 2014

"Endocrinologist"

Hypo and Hyperthyroidism

-Obesity and Sist. Metabólico

-Disciplinarias

-Mellitus diabetes

Special -Trópicos

Peptic -Enf. Acido

-Hypertension-Arterial

Saturday July 5, 2014

"General surgery"

-Appendicitis

-Cholecystitis

Wall -Hernias

Acute -Abdomen

Abdominal -Trauma

Thoracic -Trauma

Saturday August 2, 2014

"Oncology"

Cervical-cancer
Breast-Cancer
Ovarian-Cancer
-Prostate cancer
-Osteosarcoma
-Leukemia / Lymphomas

Saturday September 6, 2014

National Congress

Federation of Medical Women of Mexico. On 5 and 6 September 2014 (to be confirmed 2 to 3 days).

"Orthopedics'

Column upheavals

-Osteoarthritis

Bone -Infections

-Arm and Elbow Pain

Osteoporosis

Saturday 4 October 2014

-SALUTACIÓN, WELCOME AND REPORT

-Conference: "H1N1 INFLUENZA IN MEXICO" DRA. ZÁRATE ESCUDERO PAOLA BERENICE

-Conference: "Transplants in gynecological surgery" DR. Manuel Martinez MERAZ.

-PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

November 8, 2014

Conference: -Ebola: New treatment possibilities.

Hector Manuel Lopez Zepeda.

Septic -Choque

Guadalupe Lopez Villanueva Cleva.

Saturday December 6, 2014

Christmas potluck

2015

AGENDA 10 JANUARY 2015

-SALUTACIÓN AND WELCOME

Presentation of NEW COURSE IN MEDICINE OF THE FUTURE; DR. CARDOSO JUAN MANUEL REYES

-Conference: "MODERATE MOLECULAR AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF DRUGS"

Dr. Joseph CORREA BASURTO

Saturday 7 February 2015

Order of the day:

Security in health care: the cuasifallas "

by Dr. Marcos Perez Gamez.

4 to 7 March 2015.

Mexico attended the congress in Brazil

Saturday April 11, 2015

'GENETICS AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY TECHNIQUES'

DR. CARDENAS NOEMI RODRIGUEZ

Meeting Saturday, May 9, 2015.

Parliament Speaker Dr. Alfredo Algara.

Topic: Robotic Surgery

Aimed at all personnel Health

23 May 2015 XXI Monographic course, COMEDGRO, AC. DR. ROSA ELVIA AVILEZ

ROCHA

SATURDAY JULY 4, 2015

CONFERENCE: " THERAPEUTIC USES OF STEM CELLS "

DR. DOLORES GONZALEZ JAVIER SANCHEZ

SATURDAY 18 JULY 2015 PROTEST TAKES MEDICAL ASSOCIATION JALISCO, AC
MEDICAL COLLEGE.

SCIENTIFIC CULTURAL PROGRAM

January 4 Art History Dr.

Oscar Ruiz Velasco

Feb. 19 Urology Dr. Vicente García

March 19 Progress in Hormone Therapy Dr. Luz Ma. M. Bravo

April 8 Cultural Concert Philharmonic Children

May 21 Traumatology Dr. Esposito

June 18 Ophthalmology Dr. Omar Melendres

July 12 Anniversary of the Ajmac XXXVI. Delivery Jalisco "Jacinta Curiel Avalos Medal"
award

Ag. 20 Kinesiology

Sept. Congress in Puebla 6-7

17 Gynecology Dr. Jorge Montoya

Change Oct. 18 board Ajmac

Nov. 19 Reconstruction

Dr. breast. Cristina Kishi

December. 18 Christmas Coexistence.

2015-MONTHLY MEETINGS

Course 2014 Monograph "Dr. Mireya Garcia Pintos Mier"

8, 15, 22 and Saturday March 29, 2014

Krystal Beach Hotel Acapulco

Monthly session "Loss and Bereavement"

Dr. Arnulfo Herrera

Medical Tanatologo, president COMOSSA Guerrero.

Krystal Hall Papagayo Beach Acapulco

Symposium "selected topics of medical rehabilitation of burned patients"
Dra. Lucia Allen National President of the Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.
Dr. Velazquez, Dr Guzman, Dr. Elva.
Sea and Pearl Hall Hotel Copacabana Beach Acapulco

Election of Board 2014-2016 and final report of the Steering Committee 2012-2014
Friday June 20, 2014
Krystal Hall Papagayo Beach Acapulco

Swearing Steering Committee 2014-2016
Tentative date: July 18, 2014
See pending.
2015-MONTHLY MEETINGS

2014 ACADEMIC PROGRAM

No. Session Date

- 1 Overactive Bladder. January 11
 - 2 Current management problems Feb. 15 column
 - 3 Sleep Disorders March 8
 - 4 Metabolic Syndrome April 12
 - 5 breast Exploration Workshop May 17
 - 6 dermatological Pearls June 14
 - Hypoactive sexual desire 7 July 12
 - 8 treatment-resistant depression: SLEEP: August 9 HDZ MATA
 - 9 Cosmetic use of botulism toxin on September 13
 - 10 Day doctor: theater October 11
 - 11 ophthalmologic Pearls November 8
 - 12 Christmas Dinner December 13
- * Program subject to change

2015 MONTHLY MEETINGS

ECUADOR

Many of the members are involved with the government program which is detailed below, in medical centres, hospitals and universities where programs are developed:

Free maternity
Attention in childhood
Eradication sexual offenses
Eradication of gender violence

4. Liaisons with other organizations, including WHO, UN, medical associations, etc. with any suggested follow-up by MWIA

2013 – 2014

Brazil:

DRA. MARILENE MELO, PRESIDENT OF ABMM III ATTENDED THE GLOBAL

FORUM ON HUMAN RESOURCES FOR HEALTH RIGHTS. THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE FORUM WAS TO HAVE A COMMITMENT FROM ALL COUNTRIES FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE. 40 COUNTRIES SIGNED THE PROPOSAL. AT THE END OF THE FORUM PUBLISHED "THE POLITICS RECIFE DECLARATION ON HUMAN RESOURCES FOR HEALTH AND THE COMMITMENT TO UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE." THE STATEMENT IS ON THE WHO SITE.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF SÃO PAULO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE BRAZILIAN

MEDICAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, ON THE OCCASION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY.

Ecuador:

ALL ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH YOUR PARTNER IS WORKING ON PLANS WITH THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF ECUADOR AS ON TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION, PREVENTION CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT VIRUS IN HUMAN PAPILOMA GIRLS FROM 9 TO 11 YEARS IN SCHOOLS .

- UN WOMEN IN ECUADOR, MONI PIZANI, WWW.ONUMUJERESREGIONANDINA.ORG
- WHO: CUBA CELRIERA@ECU.OPS-OMS.ORG DOCTORACELIA RIERA
- MEDICAL COLLEGE GUAYAS
- ASSOCIATION OF COSMETOLOGY
- ASSOCIATION OF PEDIATRICS
- ASSOCIATION OF GYNECOLOGY
- RHEUMATOLOGY ASSOCIATION
- histology
- MEDICAL FEDERATION ECUATORIAANA
- ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR
 - Women's movement del Oro.

2014 – 2015

PERU

- a. Medical Women Association of Peru
- b. Pan American Health Organization
- c. Peruvian Society of Pediatrics, Pan American Round Table
- d. Peruvian Psychiatric Association

ECUADOR

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5. Meetings you have attended on behalf of MWIA during the triennium and resolutions arising from these meetings for the Vienna 2016 meeting.

2013 – 2014

BRAZIL:

MAITE DR. MARTA SEVILLANO, SECRETARY OF ABMM-SP, WAS OUR VERY CAPABLE REPRESENTATIVE IN SEOUL.

SHE WON THE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR HER PAPER: "" SONOGRAPHIC ASPECTS AND ANATOMY OF THE APONEUROSIS OF THE TRANSVERSE ABDOMINAL MUSCLE""

HE ALSO PRESENTED THE ROLE OF DR. MARILENE MELO: GENDER DIFFERENCES IN DYSLIPIDEMIA.

ECUADOR:

SUPPORT CSW 2014

SEOUL CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF LATIN AMERICA, AUGUST 2013

2014 – 2015

XXII Congreso Brasileño de Mujeres Médicas y IV Reunión de Mujeres Médicas de FENAM, el 4 Marzo de 2015

Se informó y repartió trípticos sobre los próximos congresos de la MWIA y quedaron muy motivados

6. What has been done in your region regarding the triennial theme of “PREVENTION AND ELMINATION OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE”

2013 – 2014

The activities are listed by country:

Brazil:

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Ecuador:

THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ALLIANCE THROUGH ITS PARTNERS WORKING IN THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE CITY OF AMERICAN, AS WELL AS IN THE PROVINCE OF GOLD TOGETHER WITH A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY INTERVIDA CALL, WHICH IS A GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTION THAT SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH MALNUTRITION AND HOLDING COMPAÑAS OF TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION, OUTREACH CAMPAIGN ABOUT HIV RAPID TEST.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY IS PERFORMED IN VARIOUS cities CITY AMERICAN, THE province of Guayas, AS WELL AS IN THE CITY OF THE PROVINCE MACHALA GOLD, ON THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN, NO MORE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. DISPOSAL OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL WORKING THE HEALTH TEAM WITH A psychologist SPECIALIZED IN THE SUBJECT, GIVING LECTURES ON COLLEGE GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR ORGANIZING WORKSHOPS WITH TEENS (10 TO 19 YEARS) DIRECTING ON PREVENTING AND DO CASE AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL. ALSO BE PROGRAMMED VISITS TO HOUSEHOLD PROBLEMS INVOLVING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DRUG AND REGISTRATION CARDS MADE FOR MONITORING OF CASES.

ALSO ALONG WITH OUR SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE HAS WORKED IN:

- BOOSTING HOME TRIAL VICTIM VIOLENCE THEOPHILUS DÁVILA HOSPITAL.
- PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS WITH THE PROVINCIAL ANTI-VIOLENCE NETWORK.
- TRAINING WORKSHOPS INTEGRAL HEALTH CARE STANDARDS FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE.
- LECTURER AT TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF WORKSHOPS IN MACHALA: FORMS OF VIOLENCE.

7. Your plans for the coming year

Ecuador:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BEING A THREAT TO WOMEN, DESPITE EXISTING LAWS, MANY WOMEN IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN REGION CONTINUE TO SUFFER NEGLECT THE LEGAL SYSTEM BECOMING A PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM.

PROPOSE FOR NEXT YEAR OF STATISTICAL RESEARCH PROJECT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN LATINO REGIONS AND SEEK THE AID WITH GOVERNMENTS.

WORKING WITH PARTNERS IN DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS: MINISTRY OF HEALTH, UNIVERSITY OF AMERICAN, ECUATORIANO INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SECURITY PROJECTS AIMED TO MAKE ORGANIZING TEENS CLUB, MAKING WORKSHOPS, LECTURES THAT FOCUS EDUCATIONAL SOCIAL PROBLEMS AS FAMILY VIOLENCE, GENDER, PREVENTION ASDLOESCENTES IN DRUG ADDICTION PREVENTION OF TEENAGE PREGNANCY IN.

ALSO ALONG WITH OUR SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE HAVE PLANNED:

- WORKSHOPS PROMOTE GENDER EQUITY AND HEALTH TEAMS AND HEALTH SERVICE USERS.
- STRENGTHEN SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS
- COORDINATE WITH HOME TRIAL AND SEXUAL VVIF, DIFFERENT CASES OF VIOLENCE THAT OCCUR.

SUPPORTING STRATEGIES THAT PROMOTE THE TERRITORY ON FORMS OF VIOLENCE

2014 – 2015

PERU

- a) Round Table was organized at the Institute for Medical and General Public
- b) lectures were organized in shanty towns and schools for teachers, children and parents

ECUADOR

In Ecuador the government has declared a state policy focused on human rights to eradicate gender violence towards children, adolescents and women, for which it will develop a plan that allows you to generate and implement actions and measures that include mechanisms coordination and articulation at all levels of the state.

Among the plans we are:

Erradicaciónde National Plan for Sexual Crimes in education.

Responsible: Ministry of Education

Action Plan Rights and Sexual and Reproductive Health

Responsible: CONASA

Project against Sexual Tourism led by the Ministry of Tourism.

Responsible: Ministry of Tourism

Ministry of Education:

National Program for Sexuality Education and Love Conformation vigilance committees
Ministerial Agreement 3393 for the treatment of cases of sexual offenses in education (CONAMU)

Ministry of Public Health

Executive Unit of the Free Maternity Law and Child Care

According to its Codification 2006-006, issued by the National Congress, and published in the Supplement to RO 349 of September 5, 2006

Care at different levels of complexity to prenatal and in the STD the basic schemes of treatment (except AIDS), normal delivery and risk, Cesarean, postpartum, obstetric emergencies, including those deriving from domestic violence, toxemia, hemorrhage and sepsis during pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum, and the provision of blood and blood products;

The office of the United Nations to promote gender equality (UN Women) and the Union of South American Nations (Unasur) launched in November 2014, Ecuador's capital joint action plan until 2017, the plan seeks to promote concrete initiatives health, safety, education and development of women and to reduce and eliminate inequality and gender violence. In addition, the Secretary General of UNASUR, Ernesto Samper, revealed that Latin American women suffer most from discrimination in labour issues worldwide.

Data from the National Statistics and Census Institute (INEC) confirmed that 60.6% of women in Ecuador have experienced some form of violence. Violence against women has no major differences between urban and rural areas. In urban areas the percentage is 61.4% and 58.7% rural.

According to the World Health Organization, the phenomenon of femicide has become a pandemic and one of the first problems they are confronted is the lack of official figures and statistics and standardized.

Finally we can say that in Ecuador has increased cases of sexual assault, especially in adolescents who are abused by their partners, he is being made sexual education for young people, organizing clubs to engage teens and has changed attitude for improve the condition of the family, plus talks are scheduled in schools going the health team that integrates a doctor, a midwife and a psychologist, he also gives advice on family planning to avoid unwanted pregnancies. It also speaks of sexually transmitted diseases, how to prevent and avoid contagion. Forums with neighbourhood leaders and the presidents of the different organizations of each community are organized.

8. Any other comments

I take this opportunity to thank the Executive Committee for sharing all this wonderful experience and everything I learned I shall continue putting into practice for the benefit of the women of Latin America.

**Shafika Nasser (Egypt) – VP Near East and Africa
(Cameroon, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia)**

1- Introduction:

The region is vast with 52 African countries and 26 Near East Countries, and is served by 2 WHO regional offices, EMRO region based in Cairo and 2 African regions. Few Countries in the region have medical women associations as we only have 9 members from Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Tunes, Sudan, South Sudan, We have individual members from Libya, Kuwait, Emirates, Lebanon, Iraq, Jordon, The following list includes all the contacts in the 9 member countries.

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Country Reports

1. Ghana

2013 report

2013/2014 Annual report from Medical Women Association of Ghana (MWAG)

The calendar year for 2013/2014 started with a Continuous Professional Development Programme on the topic 'Promoting Women's Health' in October in the greater Accra Region with special emphasis on Well woman clinic which is ongoing in the Accra branch and still in the preparatory stages in the Kumasi branch and hope the western region branch will join in soon. An MOU with YAZZ Company is being signed to enhance this clinic in all three branches and beyond.

The Kumasi branch met and interacted with the Female new house officers in October. The association was introduced to them and they were encouraged to join the group upon completion of school.

A third branch was launched with a Continuous Professional Development in March 2014 in the Western Region of the country.

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- President- Elect: Dr. Naa Adorkor Sodzi-Tettey (UGMS)
- Secretary: Dr. Charlotte Gardiner (freelance SRH consultant)
- Treasurer: Dr. Veronica Barnor (Paediatrician-Private)
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2. Tanzania report 2013

MEWATA ANNUAL REPORT

The report has been organized based on the thematic areas of our strategic plan.

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS

1.1 Reproductive Cancers

1.1.1. World International Women’s Day 2013 Temeke District

On 8th March 2013 international women's day was commemorated by conducting breast cancer screening and providing health education on (breast cancer and cervical cancer) at Temeke Dar es Salaam. This was done in collaboration with other CSOs. Clients were interviewed regarding their knowledge on cancer of the cervix. Approximately 30 clients were seen; in which none of them had breast pathology (by CBE) and about 90% of them were not aware of cancer of the cervix. Services were provided by nine MEWATA members and one German MUHAS exchange student.

1.1.2 Globeathon walk 2013

In September 29th 2013 MEWATA participated in the 2013 Globeathon walk by conducting a charity walk in Dar es Salaam. The “Glob-athon campaign” is a global initiative that was started in Washington DC in 2011 by Dr. Larry Maxwell with the aim of promoting the national race to end all cancer in women. The key goal is to raise awareness about gynaecological cancers around the world. MEWATA used this event to launch the fundraising for the mass screening campaign in Tabora. The globe athon give a voice to those who are fighting against gynaecological cancers around the world highlighting the challenges they face.

Approximately 2000 people participated in the walk. The event was officiated by the regional commissioner for Dar es Salaam on behalf of the First Lady H.E Mama Salma Kikwete. MEWATA received pledges worth 24,850,000Tshs to support mass screening services for Tabora region.

1.1.3 MWANZA BREAST AND CERVICAL AND BREAST CANCER CAMPAIGN

The campaign was sponsored by the Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation (BMS) Secure the Future one of the organizations in the Pink Ribbon Red Ribbon initiative. The Pink Ribbon Red Ribbon is a partnership of public and private organizations with a shared goal of reducing deaths from cervical and breast cancers in low- and middle-income countries. Other partners receiving BMS support are WAMA, TMARC, TAYOA and the Mbeya HIV and AIDS Network. All the five partners work in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare. MEWATA was assigned the leading role of project coordination, monitoring and evaluation. The main objective was to increase community awareness and access to cervical and breast cancer screening services in Mwanza region.

This screening activity was conducted on the World International Women's day on 8th and 9th March 2014. During the preparatory phase before the campaign, we managed to train 15 health care providers from health facilities in Mwanza on VIA and cryotherapy. The 15 newly trained providers who were doing screening under supervision of qualified health providers recognized by the ministry of health. The program was officially launched by the First Lady H.E Mama Salma Kikwete. This was done in close collaboration with the regional and district administration. International and local stake holders were also present including BMS, CDC, IMA the World, PSI, and Marie-Stopes and UMATI who were the main partners in providing services for screening for cervical cancer. Due to the huge turnout of women for screening for cervical cancer, services were offered for an additional five days through the support of the regional leadership and Marie-Stopes. A total of 6527 clients were registered, with 5224 being screened for breast cancer and 2039 receiving screening service for cervical cancer.

1.1.4 TABORA BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING

This activity was conducted on 7th and 8th of June for breast and cervical cancer screening and From 9th to 15th June cervical cancer screening. We managed to screen over 5000 women. Phase two of the project is expected to be conducted in July where a team of Surgeons will go and manage those who were found to have surgical related problems and take biopsies. We also had a successful scientific conference and annual general meeting where by the past executive council members were re- elected.

1.1.5 Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccine Advocacy and Sensitization

MEWATA is an active member of the MOHSW cervical cancer task force. In 2013, MEWATA participated in the HPV Vaccine Integration with Adolescent Health Interventions Stakeholders Workshop and the GAVI Alliance for HPV vaccine demonstration projects. The programme has been launched in Kilimanjaro region in all the districts and first dose of HPV vaccine has been given.

1.1.6 Workplace Interventions

In December 2013 MEWATA conducted various health services for the staff of the Ministry of Land and Human Settlement in Dar es Salaam. The activity was conducted in collaboration with Muhimbili National Hospital.

A total number of 177 employees were attended to at the wellness screening exercise. MEWATA and partners made presentations on Breast, Cervical and Prostate cancers, Hypertension and Diabetes which aimed at providing education on those health conditions. After the presentations and a question and answer session; the attendees were given a chance to check for their health status where different services such as calculation of Body Mass Index, diabetes screening, measurement of blood pressure and Breast cancer screening were provided by MEWATA. HIV Voluntary, Counselling and Testing (VCT) services were provided by the Africa Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF).

1.1.7 Health Education on Breast Cancer for Baobab Secondary School

On 11th April 2013, a session on Breast cancer was conducted with form four students of one of the Secondary School in the city. This session was conducted at the MEWATA office. A total of 18 students with their teachers attended the session.

1.2 Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights

1.2.1 Secondary School Project

In February- March 2013 a project on sexual reproductive health rights for young people in Dar es Salaam and Iringa was conducted under the support of AMREF Tanzania.

The main objective was to promote human rights among young people in Tanzania that are hampered by poor access and utilization of SRH services resulting into sexual-related illnesses, dependency and/or premature deaths.

Specifically MEWATA aimed to increase awareness of reproductive and sexual issues affecting adolescent girls (15 – 24 years) in private academic schools and higher learning institutions and to sensitize communities to identify and address cultural and traditional practices affecting sexual reproductive health of adolescents.

MEWATA through the “Under 40” group engaged itself in the orientation and sensitization campaigns to create awareness and instil knowledge on SRHR to a much wider scale and to further include young girls and boys in private secondary schools.

It was a highly interactive session and students had a lot to learn from the session.

1.2.2 Sexual and Reproductive health rights and the safe motherhood bill

MEWATA collaborated with Ipas Africa Alliance to build the capacity of MEWATA members on issues related to sexual and reproductive health rights including prevention of unsafe abortion. In addition doctors, nurses, midwives and members of CSOs were sensitized on issues related to sexual and reproductive health rights and the draft safe motherhood bill.

1.3 Gender Based Violence

Activities focused on gender based violence continued from 2012 under UNFPA funding, which ended in July 2013. Activities conducted in 2013 were:

- A baseline study was conducted for the two identified sites for establishment of one-stop-centres (OSC) at two municipals hospitals in Dar es Salaam. This baseline was conducted by a consultant who was selected by UNFPA, and the report was submitted to UNFPA
- MEWATA conducted a training of Health workers on clinical management of GBV and referral system from 24th June to 06th July 2013 using modules that were approved by the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare.
- MEWATA participated in an orientation meeting to RHMTs on establishment of OSC, where by other partners also like FHI, MDH, TAPP, PATH, SAVE the children also shared their activities plan.
- MEWATA also conducted a study tour to Mnazi Mmoja hospital OSC in Zanzibar to learn more about functioning of such a centre.

1.4 Global Maternal Health Conference

The Global Maternal Health Conference 2013(GHMC2013) is a technical conference for scientists, researchers, and policy-makers to network, share knowledge, and build on progress toward eradicating preventable maternal mortality and morbidity by improving quality of care. The conference was co-sponsored by Management and Development for Health, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and the Maternal Health Task Force at the Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, USA. The conference was held in Arusha from January 15 -17, 2013.

MEWATA was invited to be part of the local team in preparation for this meeting. Four MEWATA members represented MEWATA on the Scientific Sub-committee.

2. HIV/AIDS CARE AND TREATMENT AND INTERGRATION OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

2.1 World Aids Day 2013 Mtwara Region

Tanzania Health Promotion Support (THPS) partnered with MEWATA in commemorating World Aids Day in Mtwara Region. Community outreach was conducted in which the following services were offered: screening for breast and cervical cancer and HIV counselling and testing. The target was women and the wider community from the neighbouring regions of the southern zone namely Lindi, and Ruvuma including those who are living with HIV.

The event was widely advertised in advance on ITV/Radio One, local regional stations, posters, banners and individually including the use of mobile public addressing system. The regional and district administration was closely involved. We managed to screen 447 women and 3 men for breasts cancer, 18 of them have various breast problems and were treated on site. 7 women required lumpectomies which were done on the next day, and one woman had highly suspicious lesion for breast cancer and was referred to national hospital for treatment. Of those screened for breast cancer, four were HIV positive. On the same we also screened 381 for cervical cancer, 30 of which were HIV positive. We found three women to be VIA positive and were treated on site. For HIV voluntary counselling and testing for HIV a total of 536 people were screened. Testing was conducted in a confidential and acceptable environment which encouraged both women and man to attend for this service. Out of 536 people attended 14 (2.61%) were found to be HIV positive and were referred to CTC centre for further management.

3. PROFESSIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

3.1 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major for Justice Award

The 2013 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major for Justice Award was presented to Professor Esther Mwaikambo for promoting women's access to health and education. This is the second time the award is being presented to a MEWATA member and is truly an honour.

3.2 First Female Tanzanian Haematologist

Dr. Stella Rwezaula, the current honorary treasurer of MEWATA is the first female Tanzanian haematologist. This is another great achievement by MEWATA.

3.3 "Strengthening Leadership Capacity and Professional Skills: A Women's Economic Empowerment Program – A Tanzania, South Africa and U.S. partnership.

This one month fellowship was attended by Dr. Maryam Amour. It was sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Department of State. The fellowship took place at the Michigan State University (MSU) (U.S.) and involved 14 participants from University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) (Tanzania), and Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) (South Africa).

The aim was to build capacity and skills in economic development and learn about issues of women's economic empowerment and promote mutual understanding and partnerships among key organizations and institutions in the three countries.

Participants examined the roles of institutions in the U.S. devoted to economic development, community engagement, and gender equity. Themes and issues included best practices, leadership skills, ethical standards, program development and evaluation, and empowerment

in relevant areas such as community development, public health, employment services, counselling, gender-based violence prevention and advocacy, and others.

Upon return to Tanzania, the seven of participants registered an NGO, WATED (Women Action towards economic development), in which Dr. Maryam Amour is the vice chairperson. The NGO is aimed at helping women in general. Currently WATED has submitted a proposal on "Land rights for women in Coastal region" and is among the finalists for a 25000\$ grant competition by the US department of state.

3.4 East African Community Forum on Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRA) for Professional Services – Nairobi, 31st July to 2nd August 2013.

The meeting was attended by three MEWATA members, Dr Martha Mkony, Dr Lilian Mnabwiru and Dr Maryam Amour. The meeting aimed at preparing members in the health care system on the upcoming East African Federation. The professional association leaders were encouraged to sensitize their members and propose the suitable mode on how we can strengthen the existing collaboration among the member countries.

3.5 MWIA Conference Korea

The MWIA 2013 congress was hosted in Korea and MEWATA was represented by four MEWATA members: Professor Esther Mwaikambo, Dr. Petronilla Ngiloi, Dr. Marina Njelekela, Dr. Matilda Mtaya-Mlangwa and Dr. Florence Temu. Out of 200 presentations, 30 awards were given to presenters who demonstrated the highest level of excellence in their presentations. Tanzania was one of the award recipients for a presentation by Dr. Matilda Mtaya-Mlangwa.

The 7th MWIA near East and African region meeting

In November 20th – 22nd 2012, the chairperson Dr. Serafina Mkuwa attended the MWIA near East and African regional meeting that was held in Egypt. The meeting went very well under the leadership Dr. Petronilla Ngiloi who was the president for the Near East and Africa Region. The congress was preceded by scientific sessions including workshops, the Triennial General Meeting and later visits to maternal and Child health clinics.

3.10 Well Women Health Centre

We are on the process of securing funds for our Well women health centre, preliminary preparatory phase has been success.

3.11 RADIO AND TV PROGRAMS

MEWATA has been granted free airtime to talk on various health issue with our partner ITV/RADIO One, and we have been utilizing the offer and managed to reach a big part of the local community. The media house has a wide coverage countrywide and has been kind enough to offer at least two recording per month on health issues of our choice.

Country Reports

Egypt

EMWA Activities 2014

1. Participations in conferences and meetings inside Egypt:

- According to invitation from (National Research Center/ NRC on "*Managements of social determinants related to Maternal Mortalities in Fayoim and Bebi Souief governorates*") EMWA participated this.
- According to invitation from Academy of Scientific Research and Technology on "*Health and Environmental Impact of different sources of energy*" EMWA participated this.
- Participated in the United District of NGOs a meeting on "*The role of NGOs in Confronting of Terrorism*".
- National conference "*She and Terrorism*" according to invitation from "National Center of Women".
- Participation in International Conference of Public Health" by a research on "*Peer to Peer Education in HIV/AIDS for medical students*".
- Participation in National Conference of Population about "*strategy of national population 2015-2030*".
- Participated Arabic Alliance of NGOS discussion on "*Assessment of Social Status of Egyptian Women compared to some Arabic countries*".
- Participation in Egyptian Organization of Family Health on "*Adolescent Health Care*".
- Respond to invitation from National Research Center/ NRC meeting on "*Environmental changes after Egyptian Revolutions*".
- Participation in Conference about "*Violence against Women*" invited from Hawaa El Mostakbal organization.
- National African meeting on "*Violence against Women*" in African countries in collaboration with NGO of African women.
- Participate Suez Canal Faculty of Medicine and Egyptian community medicine organization their annual conference.
- Professors from EMWA are deeply involved with WHO & Some NGOs and community medicine professors in preparation to apply "**Universal Health Coverage Strategy**" and the role of NGOs in this strategy as a part of Stakeholders Dialogue.
- Professors from community medicine of Al Azhar University as they EMWA members in collaboration with National Committee of Preparation to it, implemented discussion at Faculty of Medicine-Al Azhar University to the new "*Health Insurance Law*" before application as a part of Stakeholders Dialogue.
- EMWA members involved in many meeting discussions with National Human Rights Committee and Medical Syndicate about *problems faced clients and providers of health services after Egyptian revolutions and putting some solution* as a part of Stakeholders Dialogue.
- *EMWA will going to implement two HEALTH workshops with Hawaa El Mostakbal Organization* one for women health and one for adolescents and youth group in a slum area.

2. Participations in conferences and meetings outside Egypt:

- Dr. Shafika Nasser participated many *WHO conferences and meetings related to Sustainability of MDGS and development of health systems (2015-2030)*.

- Participation in "*Family health conference in Dubai*" as three of EMWA members are board members in this scientific organization.

3. Participations in Medical campaigns:

- *EMWA implemented two workshops for women and for youth group* in two remote and poor areas in Egypt (El Wahat El Bahrea and El Wadi EL Gdeed" in collaboration with services provided from Ministry of health and from some NGOs **campaigns**.

4. Activities related to HIV/AIDS:

- EMWA participate Egyptian Network of NGOs against AIDs in Developing Strategy and activities as it is an essential member in the network.
- EMWA participate National Aids Program *celebration day of AIDs*.
- EMWA participate National Aids Program presentation of its activities.
- EMWA implement a working day in Shooting Social Club as *orientation day about* HIV/AIDs for club's clients.
- EMWA participated in National Aids Program *honouring ceremony day*.

Ghana

2013/2014 Annual report from Medical Women Association of Ghana (MWAG)

- The calendar year for 2013/2014 started with a Continuous Professional Development Programme on the topic 'Promoting Women's Health' in October in the greater Accra Region with special emphasis on Well woman clinic which is ongoing in the Accra branch and still in the preparatory stages in the Kumasi branch and hope the western region branch will join in soon. An MOU with YAZZ Company is being signed to enhance this clinic in all three branches and beyond.
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Nigeria

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- MWAN working theme for this biennium is “Raising Opportunities for Empowerment and Creating Health for the Girl Child”. To achieve this and MWIA theme, MWAN State branches carried out programs to engage the government to formulate girl/women friendly policies and also engage government to improve safety of girls/women thereby reducing violence and insecurity. Through advocacy and collaboration with IPAS, MWAN were key stakeholders in the process that brought about the passage of the Violence Against Persons Prohibitions (VAPP) Bill which was signed into law by former President Goodluck Jonathan.
- MWAN carried out routine health campaigns and free screening for early detection and treatment of breast and cervical cancers. Women were supported financially to access care.
- MWAN carried health education/promotion in Secondary Schools across the country to discuss career guidance, menstrual hygiene, sexually transmitted diseases and prevention of teenage pregnancy. Through, the Young Doctors Forum a book on “Menstruation, Let’s talk about it” was published and launched. These books were distributed free with sanitary pads to girls in schools.
- To reduce the health problems of the internally displaced persons (IDP) in our country due to insurgency, MWAN constructed and commissioned a mini water project in

IDP's camp at Yola, Adamawa State. Donated food items, clothing and other materials to IDPs at Abuja, Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

- Carried out National Executive meetings/Scientific conferences in 7 States namely: Bayelsa, Ogun, Imo, Abuja FCT, Rivers, Benue and Edo.
- Three new branches were inaugurated – Taraba, Ekiti and Kogi.
- **Conferences:**

1. In support of our sister country in African region, MWAN attended and presented a paper at the 30th Anniversary/ 4th Scientific Symposium /Conference of Kenya Medical Women's Association.

2. MWAN has participated actively and hosted parallel sessions in 58th & 59th Commission on the Status of Women, 2014 and 2015 respectively and other United Nation Conferences for women.

3. Attended and participated actively at the MWIA Africa & Near East Regional conference at Accra Ghana July 2015 with members presenting namely:

- Dr Christie Akwaowo as one of the speakers during the opening ceremony –on the clinical aspect of obesity.
- 6 research paper presentations
- 3 posters presentations.

MWAN won the secretariat hosting right for 2015- 2018 triennium.

- **Collaborations:**

1. **IPAS** for health awareness campaign for prevention of maternal death from unwanted pregnancy, passage and signing of VAPP Bill into law, training of MWAN members and other health personnel for the rehabilitation of Chibok girls on their eventual release.

2. **Unilever Nigeria** for distribution of Pureit water purifying devices to hospitals in the country and Lifebuoy soaps for teaching of handwashing in primary/ secondary schools

3. **Saro Life care** for Purit liquid disinfectant

4. **USAID/Target States High Impact Project** for study tour by professional bodies on the use of Misoprostol and Chlorhexidine in the prevention of post-partum haemorrhage and newborn infection in Bauchi State.

5. **British Associated Foods** for distribution of Ovaltine beverages to improve the nutritional status of children in IDP camps throughout the country.

6. **John Hopkins International Vaccine Access Center/ Nigeria National Primary Health Care Development Agency** for advocacy on Pneumococcal vaccine and childhood immunization

7. **Health Strategy and Delivery Foundation** for distribution of life saving commodities like Vitamin A, deworming during Maternal Newborn and Child health week in the country.

8. **DAK Foundation/ Rotary Club of Woy Woy Australia** for improvement in maternal and child health through the use of ultrasound machines.

9. **Nigerian Medical Students Association** for mentorship programs.

Grants: Ford foundation and Nigeria Stability and Reconciliation Programme (NSRP)

- **Publications:** Journal of MWAN (JMWAN) and MWAN Newsletters (quarterly publications)

- **Names in the News:**

Nigeria had a spectacular success with the containment of Ebola virus disease but regrettably with the death of a heroine Medical women **late Dr Ameyo Adadevoh**.

Prof Wuraola Shokunbi – Editor in Chief of MWAN Journal was inducted as a Fellow of Nigerian Academy of Science May 2014.

Prof Ifeoma Egbuonu – Renowned Professor of Paediatrics, elected as first ever female President-Elect of West African College of Physicians (WACP).

Dr Valerie Obot
National President
General

Dr Glory Essien
National Coordinator/ Secretary-

Tanzania

2015 Report for MWIA

- **List of the national associations and individual members in your region with the names and emails of the Presidents and the National Coordinators**

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1	DR.SERAFINA MKUWA	0754-433014	CHAIRPERSON	
2	DR.SELINA MATHIAS	0657-498627	VICE CHAIRPERSON	
3	DR.MUZDALIFAT SALIM	0655-262410	PUBLICITY SECRETARY	
4	DR.MAGDALENE LYIMO	0756772662	EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	
5	DR.MARTHA MKONY	0658-064338	EC MEMBER – MWIA NATIONAL COORDINATOR	
6	DR.MERCY MAYA	0714-608174	EC MEMBER	
7	DR.MARIAM MALIWA	0717-830383	HONORARY TREASURER	
8	DR.LINDA AUGUST	0783-092355	ASS.PUBLICITY	
9	DR.NEEMA BUDODI LUBUVA	0763-950365	ASS.TREASURER	
10	DR. MATILDA NGARINA	0713-406267	EC MEMBER	
11	DR.BELINDA BALANDYA	0753-354005	EC MEMBER	
12	DR.RUKIA MSUMI	0714-222209	EC MEMBER	
13	DR.FADHILUN ALBEITY	0715-299560	EC MEMBER	
14	DR.MARYAM AMOUR	N/A	EC MEMBER	
15	DR.KISSAH MWAMBENE	0757-528295	EC MEMBER	
16	DR. SARAH MAONGEZI	0764-869812	EC MEMBER	
17	DR KANDALI SAMWEL	0716 600987	EC MEMBER	

2. Names and emails of those from your region who are serving on MWIA Committees

Dr Martha Mkonyi – National coordinator for MWIA
Dr Serafina MKuwa – Chairperson of MEWATA
Dr Petronila Ngiloi – former Vice president for MWIA

3. Activities in your region including meetings, regional congresses including those planned for the remainder of the triennium, issues that have arisen



Activities implemented for MEWATA

In 2014, MEWATA achieved to implement its organizational activities as planned in the work plan.

- ✓ Annual General Meeting; in June 2014 MEWATA achieved to conduct its AGM which was done in Tabora Region and officiated by Hon His Excellency President of the United Republic of Tanzania Hon Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete. Apart from the meetings between Doctors, MEWATA provided screening to women on breast and cervical cancer. Where from that screening 3579 women screened for breast cancer and 2354 screened for cervical cancer.



- ✓ Through support from Bristol-Meyers Squibb Foundation, Medical Women Association of Tanzania (MEWATA) was able to conduct mass screening in Mwanza region (lake zone of Tanzania), where women were screened for breast and cervical cancer. A total of 5224 women were screened for breast cancer and 2039 screened for cervical cancer.
- ✓ Apart from mass screening activities MEWATA participated and implemented several activities like
 - Charity walk during world cancer day in 25th October 2014, where MEWATA inserted poles around the plot in Mbeni Dar es salaam where MEWATA clinic will be built in future

- Training to 48 health care providers in the regions of Mwanza (15), Iringa(18) and Mbeya(15) on screening cervical cancer by using VIA and treat through cryotherapy machine.
- Participation in white ribbon day where White Ribbon Alliance for Tanzania prepared activity for screening women on breast cancer in Tanga Region



insertion of poles at Mbweni – a place where we shall build our Well Women Centre

- 4. Liaisons with other organizations, including WHO, UN, medical associations, etc.**
 - We are in the process of re establishing our collaboration with UNFPA to support GBV activities. We have also been supported by WHO on our former AGM and scientific conference.
- 5. Meetings you have attended on behalf of MWIA and suggested resolutions arising from these meetings for the Vienna 2016 meeting.**
 - NONE attended as leaders

What has been done in your region regarding the triennial theme of

- “PREVENTION AND ELMINATION OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE”
 - National coordinator and the other members of the executive committee are members of the technical working group on establishing centre of excellence for GBV in the country for our national hospital (MUHIMBILI NATIONAL HOSPITAL). Currently we have started to train service providers of the hospital on issues regarding GBV.
- 6. Your plans for the coming year**
 - ✓ Conducting AGM and Scientific conference in November 2015
 - ✓ Conducting mass screening in Iringa through support from Brystol Myers Squibb Foundation
 - ✓ Conducting training in Iringa to Health care providers on screening of cervical cancer by using VIA and treat by using cryotherapy

2- Other activities.

- Near East and African regional conference took place in Accra, Ghana from the 7- 9 July 2015 was attended by members from 5 Countries of the region. The president elect doctor Bettina and the vice president doctor Shafika Nasser were both present the report of the meeting is presented separately.

3- Relation with UN organizations mainly (WHO – EMRO & AFRO), UNFPA and UNICEF is shown in the Country reports.

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As listed above

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Dr. Shafika Nasser (Scientific Committee)

Dr. Mervat ElRafie (National Coordinator)

3. Activities that have taken place in your region including meetings and regional congresses since the 2015 executive meeting in Toronto and indicate any issues that have arisen from these activities

- Attended the regional Meeting for EMERO regional meeting in Oman October 2013
- Regional WHO meeting for Africa attended by Dr. Abbot from Nigeria 2014
- WONCA meeting for EMRO 2014 in Jordan attended by Prof. el Rafie and Dr. Taghreed Farahat
- The international conference of community medicine in Cairo, May 2014 and April 2015.
- The world health assembly may, 2014, 2015, 2016 Geneva attended by Prof. Shafika Nasser together with numerous local conferences in all countries of the region and MWA usually represented in them.
- World Health Organization executive Board May, 2016

- Activities for the rest of the triennium:

1. The regional conference of Near East and Africa will be held in Ghana 2015.
2. Continue operation with WHO, WONCA , UNICEF and UNFPA
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6. What has been done in your region regarding the triennial theme of “PREVENTION AND ELMINATION OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE”

Each country of the region is having reporting of cases and training of physicians to identify cases of domestic violence.

In Egypt, there were two laws issued to intensify and criminalise sexual harassment, there is a lot of community mobilization to fight against such injustice the result of several research studies were summarized and sent to be included in the training manual

7. What have you contributed to date to the MWIA Manual?

- From the region we wrote several case studies from Egypt, Nigeria and Ghana that are included in the training manual
- We have been helping Dr. Bettina Pfleiderer in the review of the material for the manual on request

8. Any other comments

- The plans for the coming year are mainly to have seminars and training of medical students on adolescent health and sexual violence
- To attend Vienna 2016 MWIA conference where I am a chairperson on the 29th of July and I have an oral presentation on the 30th of July.

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Annual Report for MWIA Executive Meeting

2016

1. List of the national associations and individual members in your region with the names and emails of the Presidents and the National Coordinators

The KMWA has regional branches and a total membership which has recently been steadily growing. The National elections were held in March, 2016 and the current Chairperson is Dr. Christine Sadia, National Secretary – Dr. Elizabeth Onyango. The Association’s email remains - info@kmwa.or.ke or kenyamewa@gmail.com

2. Activities in your region including meetings, regional congresses including those planned for the remainder of the triennium, issues that have arisen

KMWA has been involved in a number of important activities that address women's and children's health and wellbeing especially reduction of violence against women and girls. From 2013 marking its 30th Anniversary, KMWA was involved in a number of advocacy and outreach activities where women's reproductive health and gender equality and empowerment activities. In 2013 several outreach programmes were done in various parts of the country to screen and create awareness on cervical cancer and prostate cancers as well as repair of obstetric fistulae which KMWA sponsored. The advocacy has also involved FGM/C as a cultural practice with dire health consequences. KMWA was involved in policy and legal advocacy and awareness raising on health as a constitutional and developed a training manual for parliamentarians and policy makers to equip them with the rights based approaches to healthcare.

In 2014, KMWA was involved in advocacy around National Patients' Rights Charter and the Reproductive Health Bill 2014 as technical experts to the Senator and brought in many players including being the voice of reason and broker understanding among inter-religious groupings through IRCK. KMWA has produced a documentary on Reproductive Health highlighting various SGBV issues especially rape and other abuses/ violations directed at women. KMWA has been a partner of IPM and mounted advocacy training on Microbicides and held successful Symposia and CME. KMWA has supported needy female medical students and building the number of its associate membership.

Most activities continued in 2015 and KMWA participated in the Africa Regional Conference in Ghana taking the Presidency of Young MWIA in the region. KMWA has now submitted a Concept Note for the UN Women Trust Fund on VAW/G and waiting if this will be considered.

3. Liaisons with other organizations, including WHO, UN, medical associations, etc. KMWA has affiliations and a member of many professional medical associations. KMWA is part of national dialogue involving agencies such as WHO, UNFPA, UNICEF and other bilateral and multilateral institutions.

Nigeria Report 2016

REPORT FROM MEDICAL WOMEN ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (MWAN) FOR MWIA UPDATES

- MWAN celebrated its 37th anniversary and 18th biennial conference /investiture of Dr Valerie Obot as the 19th national president at Uyo, Akwa Ibom State from 19th -21st Dec 2013. The theme of the biennial conference, which is also the theme for 2013-2015 biennium, was "Raising Opportunities for Empowerment and Creating Health for the Girl Child". The working programme for 2013-2015 biennium is the REACH – G programme and the focus is on the Girl child. This programme intends to engage Government to formulate girl friendly policies thereby making schools accessible to girls, provide girls with comprehensive health information and services, empower girls to be self sufficient, enable financial access to health and education for girls through scholarship grants and also engage government to improve on the safety of girls by reducing violence and insecurity.
- The **National Executive council for 2013-2015** is as follows:
 1. National President – Dr Valerie Obot
 2. President-elect – Dr Echendu Adinma

3. Immediate past president – Dr Princess Christina Campbell
4. National Coordinator/Secretary General – Dr Glory Essien
5. Assistant National secretary – Dr Uduak Usanga
6. Treasurer- Dr Rosemary Akpan
7. Financial Secretary- Dr Mabel Ekanem
8. Publicity secretary- Dr Christie Akwaowo
9. Internal auditor- Dr Uwemedimbuk Ekanem
10. National coordinator SIG-Dr Vetty Agala
11. Editor n chief Jmwan- Prof Wuraola Shokunbi
12. Immediate past National Coordinator- Dr Efunsole Sowemimo
13. Immediate past treasurer- Dr Frances Ajose

- **MWIA Committee Members:**

Dr Minnie Oseji - Scientific and Research Committee
 Dr Maryrose Agwu - Scientific and Research Committee
 Dr Valerie Obot – Centennial
 Dr Efunsole Sowemimo- Centennial

- **Activities:**

MWAN National president Dr Valerie Obot and National Coordinator Dr Glory Essien attended 4th scientific symposium program and 30 years anniversary celebrations of the Kenyan Medical Women’s Association on Saturday 9th November 2013 at hotel intercontinental, Nairobi.

This was to support and strengthen our relationship with our sisters in the Neat East and African region. MWAN presented a paper titled Medical Women's Association of Nigeria – “An NGO promoting access to Health”

In Dec 20th, 2013, MWAN collaborated with IPAS Nigeria to carry out Health Awareness campaign at Anambra State for the Prevention of Maternal Death from Unwanted Pregnancy. IPAS Nigeria also organized a 5-day learning lab experience on Social Behavioural change communication for MWAN members on 17th-21st March 2014 at Abuja.

MWAN attended the 58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women which took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 10-21March 2014. MWAN had a parallel session titled MWAN Role in achieving the MDGs for women and Girls in Nigeria.

MWAN held two National Executive meetings / Scientific conferences at Bayelsa state with theme “Combating the Health/Social Challenges facing the Girl Child” and another at Ogun State with "Improving the Health Status of the Girl Child". At the Ogun State NEC meeting, MWAN held a press conference with various media in the country to condemn in totality the various forms of violence meted against our girls and women especially the abduction of Chibok girls. We wish to use this medium to thank the world especially MWIA for demonstrating such global solidarity, concern and love for the abducted Chibok girls. It is our earnest hope and prayers that the girls will be release soonest.

MWAN has been having several consultative meetings with the first lady of Federal Republic of Nigeria and other stakeholders on health and safety of the Chibok girls. MWAN is also partnering with other NGOs and development partners in building capacity

of health workers for the Medical/ psychosocial treatment of the girls who escaped and those awaiting release.

The National Executive council of MWAN paid advocacy visit to the National Assembly, Senate committee on health on 18th March 2014 to advocate for the passage of Violence Against Persons Prohibition Bill. MWAN in collaboration with other NGOs including International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) and Women's Rights Advancement and Protection Alternative (WRAPA) is speaking out on Sexual Violence in the country.

In collaboration with Airtel mobile network, MWAN has also acquired and distributed MWAN toll free help lines to all our state branches nationwide. This phone lines are to enable communication between women and girls who are violated to reach out to medical women for help.

MWAN participated in the Nigeria Medical association annual general conference and delegate meeting at Best Western Homeville Hotel, Benin City, Edo State from 27th April- 4th May, 2014 with The theme “Healthcare Delivery and National Development: A Critical Appraisal in Nigeria’s 100 years of existence”. In attendance at this conference was the President of the World Medical Association (WMA), a medical woman from Uganda, Dr Margaret Mungherera

MWAN is also collaborating with Unilever Nigeria to provide safe drinking water to the populace particularly women and children. As a result, Unilever donated 100 units of Pureit – water-purifying devices to MWAN for distribution to hospitals/health centres in the country. In addition, MWAN State branches also carried out various activities in line with the National and MWIA themes.

Medical Women’s Association of Zambia

- **Elections to change the executive.**
After the Annual general meeting for Zambia Medical Association, female Doctors met to chart a way forward to usher in a new executive for MWAZ which had been non-functional for some time. Ten names were put across, these were to meet and assign themselves position. This meeting was held at Mulungushi international conference, November 2014.
- A second meeting was then called today at Taj Pamodzi hotel to assign specific positions.
- MWAZ stands for women’s rights and mentors to girls. There are lots of issues that we can influence as female Doctors.
- Dr Tambatamba explained that the association had made some strides but more could be done. CMES had been done, Strategic plan for 2011 -2015 was available just needed to be implemented and revised since most activities had not been undertaken. Members were encouraged to be active and contribute positively to the association.
- The members present were assigned different positions as a way of getting the process going. Other positions would be filled at a later date. This team would help to revive the association and eventually call for an AGM.
- The role of each member was explained and the positions were assigned as was seen fit.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. President----- Dr Mukatimui Kalima.....0979882537
2. Secretary General-----Dr Jane Mumba.....0977757274
3. Treasurer-----Dr Mercy Imakando..... 0977159760
4. Vice Treasurer-----Dr Natasha Namuziya.....0977417860

Committee members

1. Dr m k Lubeya.....0977308465/0955108465
2. Dr Chifunda.....0967902714
3. Dr Maseka.....0967458580
4. Dr Mumbela0963337491/0973717999
5. Dr Tuma Kasole.....0974770170

The outgoing president remains as ex official in the executive Meeting was closed. The hand over by outgoing executive followed immediately.

Usha Saraiya (India) – VP Central Asia (India, Thailand) Dr. Usha Saraiya

1. List of the national associations and individual members in your region with the names and emails of the Presidents and the National Coordinators

INDIA

- a. Association of Medical Women in India
President: Dr. Arati Basu Sengupta
Email: aratibasu@ymail.com
National Coordinators: Dr. Yamini Alsi
Dr. Kamala Sengupta

THAILAND

Enclosing herewith 2 reports sent by Dr. Piyanetr Sukhu. One report is of 3 pages & another is of 2 pages

2. Names and emails of those from your region who served on MWIA Committees during the triennium

- a. Dr. Usha Saraiya as Vice President for Central Asia
- b. Dr. Usha Saraiya as Member of Finance Committee

3. Activities that have taken place in your region including meetings and regional congresses since the 2013 Congress in Seoul, including any issues that have arisen from these activities

- a. Central Asia Regional Conference was held on 5th & 6th December 2015 at Kolkata (Detailed report enclosed)
- b. All India Conference was held in Mumbai in January 2014

4. Liaisons with other organizations, including WHO, UN, medical associations, etc. with any suggested follow-up by MWIA

5. Meetings you have attended on behalf of MWIA during the triennium and resolutions arising from these meetings for the Vienna 2016 meeting.

- a. Dr. Usha Saraiya, Dr. Yamini Alsi & Dr. Mandakini Megh attended CSW 2014.
- b. Dr. Arnavaz Havewala attended CSW 2015.
- c. Dr. Usha Saraiya & Dr. Radhika Joshi attended CSW 2016.

6. What has been done in your region regarding the triennial theme of “PREVENTION AND ELIMINATION OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE?”

- a. Contributed 1 chapter & 2 case studies to MWIA Manual
- b. Circulated WHO manual on the subject
- c. Many talks given by Dr. Mandakini Megh, Dr. Usha Saraiya & Dr. Radhika Joshi on the subject at local meeting

7. Any other comments

An interesting and active Triennial for the Association of Medical Women in India and MWIA

**Hiroko Yamamoto (Japan) – VP Western Pacific
(Australia, Hong Kong, SAR of China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Philippines, Taiwan, Province of China)**

Australian Federation of Medical Women (AFMW)

AFMW has been active on many fronts:

- Involvement in education around genital cosmetic surgery
- Expansion of their leadership skills database
- Involvement in gender related issues with medical training colleges
- Promoting the Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission’s anti-racism campaign.
- AFMW continues to partner with historian Dr Heather Sheard on projects ‘Commemorating Women Doctors’ and teamed up with other researchers to explore ‘Women in History’
- AFMW submitted a response to the Royal Commission into Family Violence.
- AFMW developed a Position Statement on Sexual Harassment

- AFMW members presented at the 59th United Nations (UN) Commission on the Status for Women, New York, including student members led by Professor Gabrielle Casper
- Interviews on bullying and sexual harassment in the medical field
- AFMW obtained Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) affiliation with the Department of Public Information of the UN.

Hong Kong Medical Women's Association

This year we have been busy with the following:

Community Service

- 1) Primary prevention of cervical cancer by giving 77 vaccinations to the girls from low-income families, which was started in 2014 and has been continued into 2015.
- 2) Sports Committee of HKWDA organized "Hong Kong Qigong Health Day."

Young Doctors

The Youth Committee, which was established in 2013, has launched the Mentor Mentee Student program 2014-15 and the responses from students were very encouraging. This program was continued in 2015-16.

International

We attended the 2015 Western Pacific Regional Conference of Medical Women's International Association held in Taipei. We are proud that our association was elected as the organizer for the 2017 Western Pacific Regional Conference of Medical Women's International Association.

Over the last three years, we have been involved in:

1. Fund Raising for Charity Work

1.1 The Hong Kong Women Doctors Association Charitable Foundation (HKWDA CF) was set up on 9th April 2013. The establishment of HKWDA CF helped to further develop our community service for the underprivileged and needy people.

2. Community Service

2.1 HKWDA Community Service Committee had been collaborating with the International Social Service Hong Kong Branch, the Ray of Hope Charity Foundation and the Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu Chi Foundation. During these few years, we have also collaborated with the Association Concerning Sexual Violence against Women – RainLily and friendship associations to conduct cervical screening and psychiatric counselling for women from the low-income families and women in ethnic minority races. In 2014, we have moved forward to primary prevention of cervical cancer by giving 77 vaccinations to the girls from low-income families and this program is proceeding in 2015. More than 100 girls benefits this time.

2.2 Concerning about the education of girls in poverty areas in China, a subsidy scheme for the girls' class in Butuo, Sichuan was started in year 2013.

2.3 Some of our members have delivered a series of health talk in the Hong Kong Radio in 2013 and 2014. Some of them also shared their expertise to the RTHK TV channel in 2014.

3. Work Life Balance

3.1 In July 2014, we have invited Prof. John Leong, the Chairman of Hong Kong Hospital Authority (HA) for a dinner to express our view on Hospital Authority (HA) reform and exploring the possibilities of part-time employment, flexible working hour as well as sharing jobs in the HA system.

3.2 To promote the welfare, balanced lifestyle and interest of women doctors, we have organized Early Childhood Education Forum, Seminar on Investment and Asset Management for our members.

3.3 We have organized private doctors' lunch gathering in order to link up the doctors who are working in different specialties and provide networking opportunities for them under a relaxing environment.

3.4 Our Sports Committee had organized varies activities for health promotion in these few years, including "Charity Walk & Run", "Charity Bowling Fun Day", "Globe-athon Hong Kong 2014," "Hong Kong Qigong Health Day 2014" & "Hong Kong Qigong Health Day 2015."

4. Young Doctors

4.1 In view of the increasing number of young members, a Youth Committee was set up in year 2013 to meet their needs. It was a huge success. The committee has launched the Mentor Mentee Student program 2014-15 and the responses from students were very encouraging. This program was continued in 2015-16.

4.2 We have delivered 7 talks on Leadership Series for the young women doctors for their career development in 2013.

5. Mainland and International

5.1 Several exchange visits to mainland was organized for members in 2014, including Shandong, Heyuan Quandong, QianHai Shenzhen and The University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital. Our association was also one of the co-organizations of International Women's Summit: Realizing Women's Dreams held in Hong Kong in March 2014. Nine members attended the 3rd China Medical Women's Congress at Guangzhou in July 2014.

5.2 We had attended the 2015 Western Pacific Regional Conference of Medical Women's International Association held in Taipei. We are proud that our association was elected as the organizer for the 2017 Western Pacific Regional Conference of Medical Women's International Association.

6. Awards Received

6.1 Dr. Mona Lam, Chairlady of the Community Service Committee, had won the "The Hong Kong YWCA 8th Hong Kong Volunteer Award for Outstanding Women".

6.2 Dr. Janice Tsang, Vice President of HKWDA, received the “Hong Kong Ten Outstanding Young Persons Selection” Award in 2014.

Japan Medical Women’s Association

Structure of JMWA—there has been a change in structure this last 3 years

1. President : Hiroko Yamamoto
Vice-president: Atsuko Ozeki
Tomoko Ootani
Atsuko Tsukata
National coordinator: Yoshiko Maeda
 2. Committee and their activities
Emergency pediatric service Committee
Emergency care manual for pediatric medicine both in Japanese and English were made and were distributed as before.
The committee which regards health as the teenage nature
Lecture and discussion meetings were held 3 times in different cities
Protracted-life society welfare Committee
Lecture meeting was held in Tokyo in February.
Woman doctor support and Carrier formation support
Workshop was held in Tokyo in November.
Medical students and young doctors support (MsAct)
English workshop was held in Kunitachi, near Tokyo in March.
 3. Research aid
Grant in aid was given to 3 women researchers
 4. Honouring business
Yoshioka Yayoi award was given to 2 doctors, Dr. Yoshiko Nomura and Kinuko Iwamoto.
Ogino Ginnko award was given to one doctor, Dr. Mitsuko Nagara.
- Number of members: 1296
Council meeting were held 10 times as decided
Annual general meeting was held in Takasaki, Gunma.
Karuizawa seminar was held in October as usual.
Vice-president Hiroko Yamamoto attended EXCO meeting in Toronto.
The president, NC and many members attended the Western Pacific Regional meeting in April in Taipei.

Philippine Medical Women’s Association

President: Dr. Elizabeth Milanes
National Coordinator: Dr. Vivina Chua.

Medical Missions:

Between May and July 2015, PMWA conducted at least 7 medical missions in the National Capitol Region. This included free blood sugar and serum cholesterol screening of indigent patients in the various mission areas.

Scientific Seminars:

We had 2 scientific seminars held for our local members: on Chronic Kidney Diseases and Identification of the High-Risk Neonate.

Regional Travelling Seminar:

We held one regional travelling seminar to Bacolod City in order to reach out to our women physicians in other areas. We also held an induction of their new Chapter officers.

Leadership and Management Seminar:

March 21 & 22/ Sat & Sun – Held for the benefit of our Chapter officers yearly, a Leadership and Management Seminar was held in Tagaytay City where 54 members attended.

Environmental Awareness Activity:

A tree planting event was held in one of the provinces, Bulacan. This was coordinated with the Northern Luzon PMWA coordinator.

Nutrition Month:

Around 70 packs of apples, bananas, and chocolate drinks were donated to school children in the Philippine Medical Women's School, operated by the PMWA in its building in Quezon City.

Immunization Activity:

54 doses of MR (Measles and Rubella) were given to 54 students of the PMW School.

**66th Annual Convention at Richmonde Hotel Ortigas with the theme:
“Empowering Women Moving the Nation Forward”**

2016

January 26, 2016 – I was invited to attend Unilab President's Night at Novo Hotel, Cubao Q.C.

February 24, 2016 - 2nd inspection PMW School bldg.

4:00pm Especial meeting for PMWA 67th Foundation Day Celebration

March 5-6, 2016 – Attended Tzu Chi Foundation Convention as Representative of PMWA.

Was interviewed by their local media and was asked to give a reflection of what I experienced or what important topics “Made an impact to me or my organization”

March 10, 2016 – Monthly regular meeting

2:00 pm Cooperative Meeting

4:00 pm Executive Board Meeting

- Discussed PMW School Bldg., Lenten Recollection, and Plans for Medical Mission in Pandi Bulacan on April 16, 2016. Invited the Board to attend first Umed Scientific Meeting. Request of the MWIA to increase the registered membership of the PMWA.

6:00 pm PMWA 67th Foundation day Celebration

-Mass started at 5:30 pm officiating priest was Rev. Father Juancho Ramos. There were 32 attendees.

March 17, 2016 – First PMWA Small Group Interactive Discussion at Sulo Riviera Hotel, Q.C.

Topic: Updates on the Management of TB

Facilitators: Dr. Aileen Guzman-Banzon and Dr. Cecil Z. Tady

Sponsor: UMED, Unilab

March 21, 2016 – 9:00 am attended PMWA Lenten Recollection Rev. Fr. Juancho D. Ramos, SSS at Dr. Fe del Mundo Social Hall. PMWA Bldg. We had 17 attendees

Taiwan Medical Women's Association

Structure of TMWA (since 2014)

President: Chyong-Huey Lai

National coordinator: Chyong-Huey Lai

Secretary- General: Huei-Jean Huang

Treasurer: An-Shine Chao

Chief Auditor: Winnie Yang

Number of members: 350

Council and Organizing Committee meeting were held 13 times as decided

Published Newsletters 6 issues

Attend the 3rd Meeting of China Medical Women's Association in 2014

Hold 2014 Global Health Forum

Hold Globathon Walk to End Women's Cancer in September 2013-2015

Annual general meeting and election of council members was held in Taipei and the President changed in Dec 2014

The MWIA VP Hiroko Yamamoto and Japanese NC visited Taipei to consult about Western Pacific Regional meeting in Taipei in November 2014.

Hold a successful 2015 Western Pacific Regional Conference of Medical Women's International Association (April 2015)

Promote medical student's and young medical women's interest in joining TMWA and young MWIA

Liaise with other international, national and regional associations and organizations, such as National Alliance of Taiwan's Association, Federation of Medical Students –Taiwan, Asian Gynecologic Oncology Group, etc.

Annual meeting of TMWA in December 2013, 2014 and 2015

Planning a group including medical students and residents to attend 2016 MWIA meeting in Vienna, Austria.

Prepare bidding proposal to host 2019 31st MWIA Centennial Meeting in Taipei.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Christiane Pouliart (Belgium) – Chair Finance Committee

Membership of the Finance Committee

Chair Dr. Christiane Pouliart (Belgium)

Members Dr. Carole Williams (Canada)
Dr. Usha Saraiya (India)
Prof. Hiroko Yamamoto (Japan)
Dr. Eleanor Nwadinobi (Nigeria)
Dr. Efunsole Sowemimo (Nigeria)
Dr. Maite Sevillano (Brazil)
Dr. Edith Schratzberger (Austria)
Dr. Luitgard Darko (Ghana)

Exofficio Dr. Gail Beck, Treasurer (Canada)
Prof. Kyung Ah Park (Korea)
Dr. Shelley Ross (Canada)
Prof. Bettina Pfliederer (Germany)

The Finance Committee met regularly by skype over the triennium. The following issues were discussed.

1. MWIA received a clean audit and this was reviewed.
2. There continues to be a problem with dues payment:
 - a. National associations are not paying dues in a timely manner.
 - b. National associations have different rules as to who should pay dues.
 - c. Dues paid do not come with names of members
3. The Finance Committee wishes the opinion of the General Assembly regarding the following recommendations:
 - For associations with less than 50 members, the minimum dues payment will be 300 CHF,
 - There should be a minimum number of members in order to host a congress or regional meeting due to lack of an adequate number of volunteers and adequate members to populate a congress
 - Voting numbers will continue to be the average of dues paid over the preceding three years
 - Dues should be paid annually and if not
 - i. the association would not be able to nominate candidates for election as they would not be properly constituted
 - ii. if annual dues are not paid, the Secretariat would send out a notice that they are in arrears

- e. Dues payment should come with a list of members on behalf the dues have been paid
- 4. The Finance Committee recommends to the Executive that the individual membership remain at 25CHF annually.
- 5. The Finance Committee recommends increasing the start up loan for congresses from 10,000 to 15,000 Swiss francs.
- 6. The Finance Committee would like to pursue a program called Friends of MWIA, whose purpose would be to donate and raise money for certain causes/projects. Donation could be recognized with a certificate.
- 7. The Finance Committee recommended to the Executive that a discussion take place about a Centennial Fund.

SCIENTIFIC AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Bong Ok Kim (Korea) Chair, Scientific and Research Committee

Chair: Prof. Bong Ok Kim (Korea)

Members:

Prof. Bettina Pfliederer (Germany)
 Prof. Afua Hesse (Ghana)
 Prof. Gabrielle Casper (Au)
 Prof. Shafika Nasser
 Prof. Mervat El-Rafie
 Dr. Helen Goodyear (UK)
 Prof. Hiroko Yamamoto
 Dr. Clare Fernandes (UK)
 Prof. Khatuna Kaladze (Georgia)
 Dr. Clarissa Fabre (UK)
 Prof. Olga Goncharova (Russia)
 Dr. Rosette Nancho (Philippines)
 Dr. Alexandra Kalogeraki (Greece)
 Dr. Cisca Griffioen (Netherlands)
 Dr. Petronilla Ngiloi (Tanzania)
 Dr. Raie Goodwach (Australia)
 Dr. Janet Dollin (Canada)
 Dr. Pamela Liao (Canada)
 Dr. Gail Beck (Canada)
 Dr. Naa Adorkor Sodzi Tetty (Ghana)
 Dra. Marilene Melo (Brazil)
 Dra. Anna Maria Martits (Brazil)
 Dra. Maite Sevillano (Brazil)
 Dr. Ginette Riviere (Haiti)
 Dr. Echendu Dolly Adinma (Nigeria)
 Dr. Minimim Oseji (Nigeria)
 Dr. Uzoma Agwu (Nigeria)

Dr. Omowunmi Bakare (Nigeria)
Dr. Happiness Ntia (Nigeria)
Dr. Vetty Agala (Nigeria)
Dr. Omiepirisa Buowari (Nigeria)
Kyung Ah Park (Korea)
Shelley Ross (Canada)

The scientific committee formed two subcommittees:

a) Manual on Violence – Chair: Prof. Bettina Pflleiderer

b) MWIA International Congress Scientific Committee – Chair: Prof. Bettina Pflleiderer

Manual on Violence: A MWIA survey on the regional situational analyses on violence was developed, sent to all MWIA members, and a summary of the results was drafted and served as a basis for the MWIA manual on violence. Material and links regarding violence were collected to serve as a background information source for the MWIA manual and to support the drafting of case studies. The revision process for the case studies for the planned MWIA manual was completed with the support of Dr. Helen Goodyear, Prof. Afua Hesse and Dr. Gail Beck, who were members of the MWIA case studies review committee. All cases including the accompanying background material were sent to Dr. Pam Liao and her team who created an online version of the MWIA manual on violence. Thank you to all who worked on this project!

MWIA International Congress Scientific Committee

This subcommittee worked closely together with the local scientific committee on the scientific programme of the upcoming MWIA international congress in Vienna. Well over 140 abstracts were reviewed and scored and recommendations were sent to the national scientific committee in Vienna. MWIA likes to thank all reviewers for their good work.

ETHICS AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Helen Goodyear (United Kingdom) – Chair Ethics and Resolutions Committee

The peak of activity is always around the International congresses sorting out the resolutions for the congress and then ensuring afterwards that these are ready to go on the MWIA website. This was the case following the congress in Seoul in July 2013. Dr. Deb Colville and Dr. Susie Close continue to give their skill expertise and support with the resolutions. It was most helpful that the committee chair Dr. Helen Goodyear and Dr. Deb Colville both attended the AMEE meeting in Prague in August, 2014 giving time for discussions after the congress in Korea. It was a helpful update for the new chair and also an opportunity to plan out workload for the next 3 years.

Following the Korea meeting there have been a number of new members on the committee and membership now comprises

Chair: Dr Helen Goodyear

Members:

Afua Hesse

Amanda Owen
Augustina Badu-Preprah
Aynur Safieva
Bettina Pfleiderer
Cisca Griffioen
Claribel Abam
Deb Colville
Edith Kayode-Iyasere
Henrietta Nwachukwu
Ime Okon
Iris Habitzel
Judith Mirsky
Kyung Ah Park
Marilene Melo
Martina Umuerrri
Nino Zhvania
Nnesochi Offor
Rosemary Ogu
Shelley Ross
Susie Close
Wuraola Shokunbi

Use of MWIA letterhead

This was considered by the MWIA Ethics and Resolutions Committee following the MWIA meeting in Seoul in 2013 where this issue was raised with a consensus being reached by February 2014. Several committee members gave input and it was apparent that different countries were doing different things with some Presidents using the letterhead.

The key points were

Use of the letterhead implies that the MWIA has fully endorsed what is in the content of the letter and it is MWIA business. This may not be the case if the matter related to a national issue rather than an international one.

MWIA letterhead use should be restricted to the MWIA executive committee including the regional Vice Presidents and standing committee chairs.

Any correspondence using the MWIA letterhead should be copied to the regional secretariat and the MWIA secretariat.

The executives of various countries should have their own letterhead which shows affiliation to the MWIA.

MWIA Resolutions Passed by the General Assembly 2016

MWIA has 42 different categories in its index of resolutions from 1929-2013. This no longer encompasses all terms under which searches are made. On the recommendation of the Ethics and Resolutions Committee, including 2016 and onwards, 2 new categories will therefore be added to the list: Resource Allocation, and Women in Medicine.

All the resolutions below were passed.

Resolution No. 1. **Domestic Violence Resources.** Proposed by Germany. Seconded by Australia and Brazil.

Whereas domestic violence is a serious women's health and societal problem,

1. MWIA resolves that all countries develop an integrated service, available to all women affected by domestic violence, for immediate help.
2. MWIA resolves that resources such as costs for cell/mobile phones, a hotline and social networking are made available and paid for by the state/government.

2016: 1 Index Violence, see also Human Rights, see also Resource Allocation

Resolution No 2. **Ketamine.** Proposed by Nigeria. Seconded by Egypt.

Whereas, the plan by the UN Commission on Narcotics to schedule (place on the restricted drug list) ketamine due to its use as a recreational drug, has been strongly advised against by the WHO. This has been supported by the World Medical Association (WMA) and the World Veterinary Association (WVA), because of its use for pain relief in surgery as well as it being the only injectible combined anesthetic and analgesic for animals,

1. MWIA affirms the role of Ketamine as an anaesthetic agent and an alternative drug for short term pain relief after surgery in resource poor settings.
2. MWIA resolves that it rejects the scheduling of Ketamine because of the health, agricultural and economic implications, particularly in resource poor settings.

2016: 2 Index Women's Health see also Women in Development, Community Health

Resolution No 3. **Cessation of female genital mutilation.** Proposed by Executive Committee

Whereas the claim that FGM is a religious practice has not been substantiated, as there is no reference to any procedure altering female external genitalia in any religious books. Neither is FGM a harmless cultural/traditional practice.

And whereas the WHO and UN consider Female Genital Alteration (FGA) in any form in the absence of medical indication a human rights violation.

And whereas there is a suggestion to re-classify FGM into 5 categories rather than the internationally recognised 4 categories, (with the proposed 5th category including "nicking", for which there is no clarity, is an added risk and simply an attempt to medicalize FGM).

MWIA acknowledges that FGM is not a prescribed medical practice.

MWIA resolves:

1. FGM has no medical benefit and is a human rights violation.
2. Any form of FGM, including "category 5" of FGM, should never be practised.

External Resolution 2016: Number 4 Index Human Rights, see also Women's Health

Resolution No. 4. **Secretary General/Treasurer.** Proposed by Near East and African Regional Congress

WHEREAS the MWIA Statutes and Bylaws state a term of office for other officers there is no explicit tenure for the Secretary General and Treasurer. There have been no detailed written job descriptions for any officer positions. It is proposed

1. The maximum tenure of both the Secretary General and Treasurer is 2 terms of 3 years each
2. Detailed job descriptions are written for all the officer posts within the next year
3. The executive committee ensures continuity when the officer posts change

Label: Internal Resolution 2016: 1

Resolution No. 5. **Violence against Health workers.** Proposed by Nigeria

Whereas patient-initiated violence against health workers has serious health effects on the health workers and the community,

MWIA resolves that health workers are entitled to work free from occupational stress and threat (in a safe environment, free from harassment, discrimination, violence, verbal and physical bullying).

Label 2016: 5 Violence against Health Care Workers Index: Violence see also Women in Medicine

Resolution No. 6 **Health workers and war.** Proposed by Nigeria

Whereas increasingly health workers are targeted in war, conflict situations and by other threatening behaviour,

MWIA resolves to condemn all acts of conflict and other inappropriate behaviour, especially those that target healthcare workers.

Label War and Torment, see also Health Care Workers

Resolution No 7. **Obesity and malnutrition.** Proposed by Near East and African Regional Congress

Whereas obesity in many nations is considered as a sign of well-being and affluence, it is a serious public health problem and a non-communicable disease which is increasingly being associated with morbidity and mortality. This has attendant negative effects on the economy. Developing nations have a double burden of malnutrition in rural areas and increasing obesity in the urban areas.

MWIA resolves that:

1. Health care providers need capacity building including training to address the issues of obesity and malnutrition.
2. The state/government provides resources so that healthcare providers are empowered to address these issues with a holistic approach making prevention the key issue.

Label 2016: 7 Index: Non-communicable Disease, see also Community Health

Resolution No. 8. **Zika virus**

Whereas the WHO in February 2016 declared the Zika virus infection a public health emergency as it was linked to thousands of birth defects in Brazil.

Whereas women in Zika virus affected countries are not guaranteed access to information on effective preventive measures

MWIA Resolves that

1. At risk females should be provided with adequate information on potential harm.
2. Affected women are provided with sufficient public health preventative measures.
3. Appropriate social support should be mobilised and provided for affected women and their children.

2016: 8 Index Communicable Disease, see also Reproductive Health, Child Health

Resolution No. 9. **Refugees and asylum seekers**

Whereas the number of refugees and asylum seekers has increased dramatically in the last decade, with millions of displaced people including women and children, the resources of host countries are overwhelmed. Many of those in camps have no passport or proper documentation, so cannot be resettled.

And Whereas in some countries, Health Services and Education for these people are limited, often with no provision of safe obstetric care services, immunization for children, and no policing to protect those within the camps from rape and violence,

MWIA Resolves to

1. Advocate for the introduction of initiatives for work with Individual Governments, NGOs, and the UN to allow processing of refugees who are without proper and appropriate documentation.
2. MWIA also resolves to encourage Aid Agencies, Health Care providers and Educators in individual countries to urgently provide basic health services, start schools and improve security for individuals in camps.

2016: 9 Index Human Rights see also Primary Health Care/Prevention, War

Resolution No. 10. **Vaccination/immunization.**

Whereas vaccination has become subject to rigorous scientific development, with assessment of safety and efficacy, the resourcing and equity of vaccination programmes vary across the globe.

Noting reported issues about vaccine hesitancy and even fake vaccines, promoted as safe to the public.

Noting that sometimes vaccine information is used in an unorthodox manner for intelligence gathering thus compromising the safety of public health workers

MWIA

1. Supports that vaccines should continue to be subject to rigorous scientific development, with all necessary assessment of safety and efficacy
2. Condemns the use of vaccination programmes for any other purpose, be it research or experimentation that is not fully consented to by the individuals involved
3. Condemns the use of vaccine data for intelligence gathering

2016: 10 Index War and Conflict, see also Immunization

Resolution No. 11. **Surrogacy**

Whereas children should never be for sale, MWIA stands against commercial surrogacy, as this always involves the exploitation of women.

MWIA resolves that Commercial surrogacy must be eliminated as it often involves racism, and the women who are most financially disadvantaged.

This is in accordance with earlier resolutions e.g. 1992:12, 1992:2 and 2013:7

2016: 11 Index Human rights, Women's health, child health

Resolution No. 12. **Education.** Proposed by South Korea.

Whereas the UN 2016 Resolutions on Education emphasized the importance of inclusion in education of all women, girls and marginalized groups.

And, whereas education of women is of benefit to themselves, their family and their communities, in particular improved health outcomes including survival and well-being of children, mental health, and paid employment opportunities,

And, whereas domestic violence occurs across all socioeconomic groups, recent research shows that more education of women does reduce the incidence of domestic violence.

MWIA resolves that:

1. Equal educational opportunities including for science, technology, engineering and maths should be provided irrespective of age, gender and race. This includes for all women, girls and other marginalized groups.

2. Everyone, especially women and girls, should have access to education without fear of discrimination, abuse or violence.

2016: 12 Index Education see also Adolescence, Human Rights, Mental Health, Violence

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Atsuko Heshiki (Japan) – Chair Centennial Committee

For the last six years, I was under the impression that the 2019 centennial meeting would be held in the USA, specifically in New York City, the site of the origin of MWIA. During the last Executive meeting in Toronto, there was an opportunity for the Executive and the Executive Director and President of AMWA, Dr. Eliza Chin and Dr. Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber respectfully. There were a number of areas where agreement could not be reached, including the cost and the funding of the meeting, the location, the combining of the meeting with the annual AMWA meeting, etc. Unfortunately, I was not involved in the discussion as I had to leave the meeting a day early. I would like to thank Dr. Chin and various AMWA presidents for the dedication to MWIA.

This means that we need to make the selection of the venue at the upcoming MWIA Vienna Congress.

During 2014 and 2015 executive meetings, various subcommittees were formed, namely publication, finance and fund raising, public relations and ceremony, with a Chair and Co-Chair assigned to each sub-committee.

Once the Venue is selected, there will need to be a local organizing committee that will work effectively with the executive. The document Planning a Congress was updated in 2013 and will be given to the successful venue. In that document, it is outlined how a congress will be organized with responsibilities of both the local organizer and MWIA. It states that a congress service will be hired by the local organizing committee.

The First face to face meeting of the Centennial Committee members will take place in Vienna on July 28th between 1315 and 1515 at the University of Vienna.

Discussions have occurred as follows:

1. For publication;
 - 1) Make template for CD publication for each national association.
 - 2) International congress will be published in a colour booklet
 - 3) Extracts from Dorothy Ward's already published book will be done and sold during the meeting as a history of MWIA.
2. Fund raising
 - a. Dr. Pattariya Jarutat of Thailand will head the Bazaar Committee and look for other ways of fundraising.

Let's reflect the past and plan for the future!

Let's make the occasion to store a good database!

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP FOR YOUNG WOMEN DOCTORS AND MEDICAL STUDENTS (yMWIA)

Dr. Hyungyoung Deborah Shin, Chair (Korea)

Activity Report 2013-2014

- We sent out an initial thank you note followed by a formal greeting from the newly elected executive committee members
- After the Seoul MWIA Congress, a seminar discussing the topic of "Establishing One's Self Identity in Pursuing a Professional Career" was held in Seoul for the Korean members
- Utilizing the social media medium of Facebook, we continued to increase our membership via our Facebook yMWIA group page (which can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/youngMWIA/>)
- We distributed our first official newsletter since the induction of the new executive committee, in which were contained many submissions including reports from the medical student participants of the Seoul congress
- There have been various informative and educational posts and activities such as a webinar hosted by various yMWIA members on Facebook

Activity Report 2015-2016

- The yMWIA facebook page shows an increase from 597 to 671 members during the last two years
- We distributed newsletter issues 5 and 5.1, including updates of yMWIA activities and members' articles
- There have been various informative and educational posts and activities such as a webinar on Facebook
- There has been publicity around the Vienna 2016 congress with encouragement to have yMWIA members participate in the congress

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UNITED NATIONS

MWIA UN Representatives to the United Nations

Dr Satty Gill Keswani MD – Main NGO Representative of MWIA to the United Nations.

Dr Padmini (Mini) Murthy MD- Alternate NGO Representative of MWIA to the United Nations.

Sept 2013- Dec 2013 Activities

Drs. Satty Keswani and Padmini Murthy have recently attended meetings around the UN General Assembly on disability and development, another on sustainable development goals, another on the millennium development goals and also the post-2015 agenda.

Dr. Padmini Murthy has been appointed to be the communication/corresponding secretary for NGO CSW in New York.

On Thursday, Sept. 19, Dr. Murthy attended the UN Global compact — a platform which brings together UN agencies, NGO leaders and businesses to engage in constructive dialogue geared toward improving the health of global communities. One of its events I attended, “Empowering women to lead the way to a low-emission and high-resilient future,” focused on the role of women —as instruments for change — in protecting the environment and conserving energy. She also attended a high-level panel discussion on global education chaired by Sara Brown, the wife of former British Prime Minister and UN Special Envoy for Global Education Gordon Brown. It was an interesting, interactive discussion detailing the importance of education investments and the strong links to health, with examples of best practices from Asia and Africa. On Monday, Murthy Sept 23rd attended two great sessions — one on the rights of disabled women, and the other focusing on children. These were held at the UNICEF headquarters in New York and the Millennium Hotel. These sessions were eye-openers for me as a physician and a public health professional, hearing and witnessing the hardships of those with special needs. So many of these people live in countries where they do not have access to education, health care and are often marginalized. On Monday September 23rd Drs. Keswani and Murthy attended the morning session of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on disability and development. There is an ongoing effort by various UN agencies, UN member states, foundations, activists and NGOs to include disability awareness in the General Assembly Agenda toward 2015 and beyond. On Thursday September 26th Dr. Murthy represented MWIA on behalf at the Freedom From Fistula Foundation launch of the US division at the NY Tennis and Racket Club. Freedom From Fistula Foundation has expressed interest in co-sponsoring a parallel event at the upcoming CSW.

Jan 2014- Dec 2014 Activities

The 58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women was held in New York from March 10th to March 21st 2014. MWIA members from different regions attended and were active participants at the CSW main and parallel events. MWIA was well represented at the NGO consultation day and forum held on March 9th. On March 10th at the inaugural event organized by Canada, Denmark and the UN Secretariat, Mini Murthy represented MWIA and was one of the NGO members introduced to HE Princess Mary of Denmark. The MWIA

Parallel event, “Role of Women Physicians in Advancing MDGs 4 and 5 Globally” was held on March 11th and was organized by Drs. Satty Keswani and Mini Murthy, MWIA NGO reps to the UN. The event was well attended by members of the international NGO committee, students and others. The event was co-sponsored by the American Medical Women’s Association, Freedom From Fistula foundation, National Council of Women USA, and Hadassah-- The Women’s Zionist Organization of America Inc. Presenters at the event were MWIA UN rep Dr. Satty Keswani (Mistress of 11 Ceremonies), MWIA President, Dr. Kyung Ah Park, Treasurer, Dr Gail Beck, Regional Vice Presidents, Dr.Usha Saraiya, (Central Asia), Dr. Mercedes Viteri (Latin America), Dr. Christiane Pouliart (Southern Europe), Dr. Mini Murthy, Dr. Eleanor Nwadinobi, Dr. Eliza Chin (Executive Director, American Medical Women’s Association), and Dr. Gabrielle Casper. Drs. Pamela Liao and Rosemary Ogu represented the yMWIA. MWIA was also a sponsor of a parallel event organized by the Hadassah entitled, “A Path to Healthy Living and Nutrition” held on March 11th. Dr. Mini Murthy was one of the speakers and MWIA was represented by Dr. Gail Beck. On March 10th Dr. Satty Keswani and Dr. Mini Murthy represented MWIA at a co-sponsored event led by The National Council of Women. On March 14th Dr. Mini Murthy represented MWIA as a speaker at the High Level UN event co-sponsored by WHO, PAHO, CARICOM countries on Women and NCDs. The agreed conclusions can be found at:

http://www.unwomen.org/~media/Headquarters/Attachments/Sections/CSW/58/CSW58-AC_Draft_presented_by_the_CSW_Bureau_4_February_2014%20pdf.pdf

The UN and NGO community is gearing up for the launch of the Beijing Plus 20 campaign. Drs. Satty Keswani and Mini Murthy continue to represent MWIA at several UN related events. On June 12th Dr Mini Murthy was invited as a representative from NGO sector and Academia to attend a special high level ECOSOC / World Health organization luncheon briefing as a part of The UN Interagency Task Force on the prevention and control of Non communicable diseases – NCDS from global policy to country action. Dr Mini Murthy as the communications secretary of the NGOCSW committee NY is a member of the team working on the Beijing Plus 20 web site. On June 19th Dr Mini Murthy will be moderating a panel discussion titled Women’s Reproductive Health: Trials and Triumphs in the 21st century at the NGOCSW monthly meeting at the UN Church Center. Drs Keswani and Murthy have been invited to attend the launch of the UN Women’s Global campaign to mark the 20th anniversary of the World conference in Beijing on June 26th in New York. This high level event will feature words, action and music. Drs. Keswani and Murthy are working with other NGO stake holder on MWIA being part of the Beijing plus 20 Campaign.

The 65TH UNDPI NGO Conference The 65th annual UNDPI NGO conference was a hectic 3 day event from August 27th to Friday August 29th. The theme of the conference was 2015 and Beyond: Our Action Agenda. Drs Keswani and Murthy attend the conference and represented MWIA and net worked with many NGO colleagues. Dr Murthy attended and represented MWIA the preconference workshop on Tuesday August 26th and the theme of this workshop was Sustainable Development 2015 Shaping the World you Want 2030. On Thursday your NGO reps attended workshops and the UN organized roundtables. Drs Keswani and Murthy were active participants in the workshop on: A Focus on NCDs and Collaborative Action by Civil Society in Post 2015 Agenda. They discussed the important work MWIA members have been doing in addressing the pandemic of NCDs in the communities they serve. Dr Murthy attended a panel on Antibiotic Resistance and Obsolescence: Meeting the Major Infectious Disease Challenge for Post 2015. On Friday Dr Murthy moderated a high level panel titled Violence, Water and Climate Justice: An Intergenerational Path to Peace in the UN trusteeship Chamber. She also attended the closing

ceremony of the conference. As your UN representative it was a privilege to represent MWIA at this conference which was attended by 4,000 NGO members from around the world. 69th General Assembly It was a hectic week in New York City and it was an honour and a privilege to be representing the Medical Women's International Association as a NGO rep to the United Nations. On Saturday 20th of September the United Nations 69th General Assembly week got a great start with the launch of the HeForShe: A solidarity event for gender Equality hosted by UN women at the UN Trusteeship Chamber. The UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon was the first man to sign The HeForShe Commitment that evening and urged support for this movement. Sunday 21st of September was the start of the 2 day Social Good Summit organized by the UNA/USA and United Nations Foundation and can be called a global grassroots movement in bringing people from diverse backgrounds together-- i.e. the movers and the shakers and activists to engage and share in what they can do together to make our world a fair and just one. The Theme for this year's event is "2030 Now" and brings out an important question to all of us who live on this planet which is "What type of world Do I want to Live in by 2030?" 12 The summit highlighted the principles of the United Nations in the context of the Millennium Development Goals and as was evident in the list of luminaries who shared their wisdom experiences and stories and frustration with their live audience in NYC and those who were following the event on social media. As a woman, a physician and a mother I experienced mixed emotions when the speakers discussed issues of gender empowerment, investing in women, promoting education for girls, and making gender discrimination an ugly page in history books by 2030. My views resonated with the remarks made by Dr Babatunde Osotimehin, Victoria Shaba, and Liya Kebede, who shared their experiences and their anguish over the continued lack of access and skilled birth attendants for pregnant women. I am a firm believer that there is no cure or excuse for the high maternal mortality rates in so many low and mid income countries when 98% of maternal mortality is preventable. We need to act now so that women do not die giving birth. On the 2nd day of the summit, September 22nd, the Interview of Melinda Gates by Robin Roberts was one of the highlights of the summit and Melinda's passion and commitment to improving the lives of women and girls globally is truly inspiring. She is a celebrity who is truly committed to her mission and her remarks on the importance of providing contraceptive services to those with unmet needs was right on target and I can relate to the challenges faced as a health care professional when working on issues of providing contraceptive options to women especially in lower socio economic communities. There were many fabulous panels--the panel Beyond Right and Wrong moderated by Aaron Sherenian, executive director of communications and public affairs of the United Nations Foundation. I would highly recommend watching this short produced by Lekha Singh. I had the opportunity to meet Kweku Mandela, the grandson of the late Nelson Mandela, and I think this young man is one of the future leaders of shaping the world as we move on to 2030. His remarks at the panel "2030NOW Who will lead the Way?" resonated very well with the live audience and I am sure the cyber audience as well. On Tuesday, September 23rd I had the honour of moderating "A First Ladies High Level Forum Discussion" addressing the 12 critical areas of Beijing and had first ladies from Belize, Trinidad and Tobago, and Permanent representatives to the United Nations from Surinam, Nigeria and UN officials from UNFPA and UN women. On September 24th I was invited to attend a panel on hand washing and its role in reducing child mortality and featured USAID head, Dr. Raj Shah, and Kajol, a Bollywood actress and activist. It is gratifying to see the results when the private sector, celebrities and NGOs work in partnership to promote health and well-being. Last but not least the high level event Every Woman Every child Hosted by the UN Secretary- General Ban Ki-moon, Partnering for Results: Delivering for Every

Woman & 13 Every Child Within A Generation High Level Event took place on Thursday, September 25th at UN Headquarters. At the event, heads of state, business leaders, philanthropists, UN officials and civil society announced joint action including new financing and specific support to countries in an effort to save and improve the lives of millions of women and children and accelerate progress to achieving the health MDG before the end of 2015. Responding to the Secretary-General's call for expanded cooperation for action, the World Bank Group and the Governments of Canada, Norway, and the United States of America announced up to \$4 billion in financing support towards MDG acceleration and to improve reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health, as well as the creation of a Global Financing Facility (GFF).

This has been a busy time at the United Nations with conferences and workshops following the 69th General assembly. MWIA was well represented at the UNGASS by Drs. Keswani and Murthy, especially at the NGO events. On October 21st Dr Murthy was invited to be a speaker representing NGOs and academia at a high level event organized by the United Nations Department of Public Information J Michael Adams Conversation Series along with the Secretary General H.E. Ban Ki Moon. Dr Murthy represented MWIA as a speaker and participant at the APHA annual meeting in New Orleans in November 2014 and there were over 12,000 health care professionals from around the world who attended this conference. November 20th marked the 25th anniversary of the convention on the Rights of the Child and on 21st there was a high level panel discussion moderated by Dr. Murthy, entitled "Education as an Imperative for a transformative post 2015 Sustainable Development Agenda" which was sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Grenada to the United Nations. MWIA was represented by Dr Murthy at 2014 Global Health Forum at Taipei as an invited speaker and the conference featured 75 speakers including global health experts and ministers from 30 nations. 9 Drs. Keswani and Murthy are working on the NGO CSW parallel event to be held during the CSW in March 2015 at the UN. The application for the parallel event has been submitted. We look forward to seeing you in New York in March 2015.

Jan 2015- Dec 2015 Activities

The start of 2015 has been busy at the United Nations with several activities and meetings and the two MWIA reps to the UN, Drs. Keswani and Murthy attended some of the events to represent MWIA. As member of the NGOCSW planning committee for the 59th CSW, Dr. Mini Murthy attended the planning meetings every two weeks. The 59th CSW was held from March 9th to March 20th, 2015 at the United Nations. The theme was Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, including current challenges that affect its implementation and the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women. MWIA members from USA, Canada, Australia, Britain, Nigeria, the Netherlands and India were active participants at the CSW events. On March 8th members of MWIA attended the NGOCSW Consultation Day at the Apollo Theatre and participated in the Gender Equality March in the afternoon, which was organized by UN Women. On Monday March 9th MWIA organized a panel discussion titled The Role of MWIA in Promoting Health and Reproductive Rights since Beijing and Beyond. MWIA's cosponsor was the American Medical Women's Association. The speakers included H.E. Professor Malgorzata Fuszara, Minister from Poland, Ruchira Gupta, activist and NGOCSW Woman of Distinction Awardee, Drs. Shelley Ross, Dr. Farzana Hafzulla, Dr. Gail Beck, Dr. Satty Keswani, and Dr. Eleanor Nwadinobi. The panel was moderated by Dr Mini Murthy. Participating from the audience were many of our Nigerian colleagues including MWAN President, Dr. Valerie Obot, Dr. Clarissa Fabre who

represents MWIA at WHO, Dr. Eliza Chin who is executive director of AMWA, and members from the Netherlands and South Africa. Dr. Gabrielle Casper was in attendance with nine of her medical students. During the CSW, MWIA co-sponsored 3 other panels with other NGOs – Psychological Coalition at the United Nations, National Council of Women USA, and the Taiwan Action Alliance For Mental Health --and one high level event with the mission of Grenada which was the launch of My Sister's Health Watch at the United Nations on March 12th. The Medical Women's Association of Nigeria had a parallel event on Expanding the Role of Women in the achievement and Maintenance of Health throughout Nigeria. Dr Mini Murthy represented MWIA at a luncheon on March 12th, hosted by Catherine M. Russell, the United States Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues at the US Mission. Dr Gabrielle Casper arranged the donation of nine portable ultrasound machines from the Rotary club in Australia. These machines will be used to serve indigent populations in Grenada, Nigeria, Ghana, Tanzania, Rwanda and Afghanistan. Drs. Keswani and Murthy continue to represent MWIA at the various UN events.

MWIA and AMWA were well represented by members during CSW in March 2015 at the United Nations. Drs. Murthy and Keswani have been following the various UN activities with regard to Post 2015, Beijing Plus 20 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Dr. Murthy has been working on behalf of MWIA and AMWA with Zonta International and Afya foundation and has been able to send 900 Birthing Kits to Nepal in May 2015. She has also been working with her medical students at NYMC and Afya foundation and in June 2015 and this resulted in sending 38 bags of warm clothing and other supplies to Nepal as well. In April 2015 Mini Murthy attended at the 100th Centennial Celebration of AMWA at Chicago and presented a report of Dr. Keswani and her UN activities. In May 2015 Mini Murthy was invited to speak representing MWIA and AMWA at the 9th Annual Women's Symposium at SIAS International University in China, on maternal and child health and post 2015. She was named "Millennium Maker Awardee" at this symposium. Mini Murthy has been attending various UN briefings on post 2015 agenda representing MWIA and AMWA. In June 2015, Mini Murthy represented MWIA and AMWA and moderated a high level panel discussion on Cervical Cancer which was co-sponsored by Permanent Mission of Grenada under the "My Sisters Health Watch Initiative." She was invited to present at a panel commemorating the UN 1st International Day of Yoga which was co-sponsored by the UNFPA and UN staff Recreation Council Enlightenment society. She represented 12 MWIA and AMWA at the 70th anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter on June 26th at the UN. Dr. Murthy has been re-elected to the executive committee of the NGO CSW NY for a 2 year term and will continue to represent MWIA.

Drs. Keswani and Murthy have been representing MWIA at the various UN activities, including various meetings and conferences to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the UN. In October, 2015, Dr. Murthy attended the UN @70celebration at the NGODPI resource center. She participated in the program and gave a brief summary of the activities MWIA has been undertaking in the content of addressing MDG 4, 5 and SDG 3. In October, 2015, Dr. Murthy represented MWIA at a Peace Concert organized by the UNDPI and Mission of South Korea to the UN to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the United Nations. MWIA has partnering with Zonta International and has sent 600 birthing kits to Malawi and Grenada. 10 Dr. Murthy has been working with Wigs Without Borders and has been able to ship over 300 wigs to Malawi, India and Grenada to assist survivors of breast cancer who have lost their hair. Drs. Keswani and Murthy are organizing the MWIA parallel event at the upcoming 2016 CSW in New York in March.

Jan – June 2016 Activities

The MWIA parallel event The “Role of Women Physicians in Sustainable Development by addressing Violence Against Women “,was organized on March 15th at the church center during the CSW was cosponsored by AMWA and well attended by members from various member organizations.

The Commission on the Status of Women took place at UN Headquarters in New York from March 14th to 25th. The priority theme was “Women’s empowerment and its link to sustainable development” and the review theme was “The elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls (agreed conclusions from the fifty-seventh session).” Lifted from the UN Women home page is the following summary of the work done before and during CSW with hyperlinks. Preparations Multi-Stakeholders Forum on 21 January 2016, UN Women convened a forum to engage a range of stakeholders in the preparations for CSW60 at UN Headquarters in New York. More information Expert Group Meeting In preparation for the sixtieth session, UN Women convened an expert group meeting (EGM) on “Women’s empowerment and its link to sustainable development” from 2 to 4 November 2015 in New York. More information Organization of the session The Commission’s two-week session included the following activities: Organization of work 10 Agreed conclusions. The outcome of the Commission’s consideration of the priority theme takes the form of agreed conclusions, negotiated by all States. Agreed Conclusions (advanced unedited version) Resolutions • Resolution on multi-year programme of work of the Commission on the Status of Women Official Documents - See more at: <http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw60-2016#sthash.PCE6YLzC.dpuf>

Drs Keswani and Murthy and Ms Aishu Narasimhadevara have been closely following and attending the various UN meetings and have represented MWIA at the events . In March 2016 Drs. Keswani and Murthy represented MWIA at the American Medical Women’s Association’s 101 annual meeting at Miami Florida, Dr Murthy received the Elizabeth BlackBell Medal the highest AMWA award during the annual meeting In April 2016 Dr Murthy represented MWIA at the NGOCSW executive committee campaign to elect a women SG. Aishu Narasimhadevara has been representing MWIA as a member of the youth subcommittee for the 66th UN DPI NGO conference in Gyeongju S. Korea. In May 2015 Dr. Murthy attended a work shop on Menstrual Hygiene to commemorate World Menstruation Day organized by International Rescue committee. In May 2016Aishu Narasimhadevara represented MWIA at the 66th UN DPI NGO conference in Gyeongju S. Korea and participated in 2 panel discussions.

MWIA is listed as a co-sponsor for the yoga day event which is being organized by the International Committee of Yoga in June 2016.Dr Murthy was an invited speaker representing MWIA at a symposium Health and the Environment: Science and Solutions” which was organized by the United Nations Academic Impact. Dr Murthy and Aishu Narasimhadevara represented MWIA at the high level AIDS meeting at the United Nations in June 2016. Aishu Narasimhadevara was invited to speak at the NGO DPI briefing in June at the United Nations about her reflections at the recently concluded UNDPINGO conference as a youth representative.

WHO LIAISON
Dr. Clarissa Fabre

It has been a privilege to represent you at the WHO over the last 4 years. I have attended the World Health Assembly in Geneva each year with Dr Shelley Ross and Dr Shafika Nasser, as well as several members of the Executive Committee, including Professor Kyung-Ah Park. This year we were accompanied by a young junior doctor from Australia who is interested in Public Health. She was a wonderful addition to our little team, and I am sure she found the experience very valuable. I would suggest that all of you might consider encouraging other young doctors to attend in the future. The only costs are those of travel and accommodation.

MWIA has recently finalized with the WHO a two year Collaborative plan, focusing on four main areas: Violence against Women and Girls, the Safe Childbirth Checklist, FGM, and adolescent health. MWIA has formed very useful contacts at the WHO

It has been fortuitous for me that Professor Kyung Ah Park chose as the theme for her presidency **violence against women and girls (VAWG)**. It is an area that interests me greatly. With one in three women affected globally, every doctor will come in contact with these women, but the violence is usually not recognised. Over the last 3 years, I have familiarised myself with the situation as it pertains particularly in the UK, and have met with key people involved. It has given me great pleasure to collaborate especially with Professor Bettina Pfleiderer in the planning of the MWIA online resource on this subject. My main interests are in detection and prevention of violence, and in the involvement of men and boys. Our key contact at the WHO is Dr Claudia Garcia-Moreno, who was one of the prime authors of a series in the Lancet on the subject. She has asked MWIA to help promote the WHO Clinical Handbook on VAWG.

At a **Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict**, which I attended in London, and which was opened by Angelina Jolie and William Hague, the former UK Foreign Minister, a Kenyan man spoke very movingly about how important it was to change cultural attitudes in Kenya, especially in young men, towards VAWG. That emphasized for me that we needed to change our focus onto prevention of VAWG, rather than just treatment of the victims.

Another related subject of interest to MWIA is **female genital aesthetic surgery**. This has been highlighted in the last few years, and the incidence is increasing. Of particular concern is surgery in young girls under the age of 18. It is important that MWIA takes a stand on this very important subject.

The **Safe Childbirth Checklist** has been developed by the WHO over the last few years, in collaboration with the Harvard School of Public Health. I am delighted that one of our members, Dr Rosemary Ogu, set up several pilot sites in Nigeria. The WHO are very keen that MWIA helps to publicise use of the checklist throughout the world, in both low and high income countries, and we are in an ideal position to do this.

Over the last year there has been progress on **FGM** in several countries. For example, in the UK a young schoolgirl was very successful in raising the profile, so that politicians became involved, and education of parents, teachers and the community has become a priority. Dr Shelley Ross asked me to attend a 2 day meeting in London on the Social Determinants of Health, chaired by **Sir Michael Marmot**. I had previously met him at the World Health Assembly, and then at a private meeting at University College London. We had discussed

VAWG and MWIA's proposed online resource, and this has become an important subject to him. This is particularly good news because in 2015 he became President of the World Medical Association. This is an ideal platform from which to effect change.

It is now 20 years since the **Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action**, which highlighted 12 areas of concern including Women and Poverty, Women and Health, and Education and Training of Women. Progress in the 12 areas was discussed at the UN Commission on the Status of Women in New York, at a conference for NGOs in Geneva, and at a meeting with Government ministers in Westminster in London, all of which I attended. There has been progress, but much remains to be done. 'Implementation' was the key word. The UN has now given us 17 Sustainable Development Goals with 169 targets. The third goal relates to health while the fifth relates to gender equality. Hopefully much will be achieved over the next 14 years, with MWIA playing a significant part.

One of the aspects of my current role that I have found particularly interesting is the opportunity to hear people in prominent positions at first hand, including Dr Margaret Chan, Ban-Ki-Moon, Hilary Clinton, Angela Merkel, Mary Robinson, Melinda Gates, and Angelina Jolie.

One of our contacts at the WHO, **Dr Claudia Garcia-Moreno** was the lead author of a recent paper in the Lancet '**Addressing Violence against women: a call to action**'

<http://raisingvoices.org/content/uploads/2013/02/Calltoaction.16days2014.LancetVAWSeries.pdf>

It is an excellent summary of the current situation and emphasises the importance of political leadership and government investment as essential components to reducing violence against women. As doctors we are in an excellent position to approach sympathetic politicians who will raise the issue at the highest level and initiate the formation of an effective action plan. The health sector has a crucial part to play both in the prevention of and response to violence against women and children. For too long we have been uncoordinated and have largely sat on the sidelines.

The WHO launch of the **Safe Childbirth Checklist** (in which MWIA are participating with a pilot in Nigeria), originally scheduled for October 2015, has been deferred. The checklist was devised by the Harvard School of Public Health and funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The aim is to reduce maternal and perinatal mortality. For more details see www.who.int/patient_safety/implementation/checklists/childbirth/en/

One of the UN Millennium development goals was to cut maternal mortality by 75% between 1990 and 2015. However, only a 44% reduction has been achieved. Ten countries (Belarus, Cambodia, Estonia, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Mongolia, Poland, Rwanda, Timor-Leste, and Turkey) managed to achieve the target. Two in three maternal deaths now occur in sub-Saharan Africa, so that is where the major improvements are needed to achieve the new Sustainable Development Goal of reducing maternal mortality. An effective Safe Childbirth Checklist would be a simple and very useful tool to help achieve this.

Twenty experts convened by the Harvard Global Health Institute and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine published a report in the Lancet recommending that the WHO should be stripped of its role in declaring disease outbreaks to be an international emergency. This follows its catastrophic failure to warn the world of the dangers of Ebola in West Africa last year. The report calls for far greater accountability and transparency within

global health institutions. While there is strong criticism of the WHO, the focus of the report is on shoring up its strengths while farming out crucial decisions potentially influenced by political considerations. When to declare that an epidemic is an international emergency is one of those areas.

WHO Report and UN Commission on the Status of Women - March 2016

A major current concern of the WHO at present is the escalating threat posed to global health security by the **Zika virus**. Not wanting to repeat mistakes made in the West African Ebola outbreak, the WHO was quick to raise the alarm and establish an emergency response programme.

A causal link between Zika virus in the mother and microcephaly in the newborn baby has yet to be firmly established, but remains a worrying possibility. In the countries most affected by Zika virus, 56% of pregnancies are unintended. There are many reasons for this, including poor quality sex education, poor access to contraception, high prevalence of rape, and cultural barriers that make it difficult for women to negotiate the use of contraception with their partners. The countries most affected also have widely varying laws on abortion. In El Salvador, for example, abortion is completely outlawed, and many women who have had miscarriages are serving prison sentences of up to 40 years on abortion charges.

WHO is the only international organisation with legitimacy to plan and execute international responses to such emergencies. It has been suggested that in some areas it lacks the capacity and culture required. Consequently, the response unit needs a powerful director backed by an independent board which can cut through WHO's regional and national bureaucracies.

UN's 60th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

As part of a delegation of MWIA members I attended this conference in New York in March. MWIA organised a parallel event on the Role of Women Doctors in Addressing Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) at which I was privileged to speak.

Highlights of the UN Conference for me were:

(i) One of the **Woman of Distinction Award** winners, Bandana Rana was an inspiring speaker. She is a former journalist from Nepal, founder of Saathi, the national network against domestic violence, and Chair of a worldwide network of women's shelters.

(ii) Presentations on Cyberviolence

There are various types of cyberviolence. For example, selling girls to the sex trade or young girls for marriage; selling body parts such as eyes, eggs, breast milk; renting wombs so that women are impregnated and give birth over and over again; bullying, harassment, stalking. Commercial sexual exploitation has moved from brothels and is much more cyber-based and clandestine. Victims are taken away by motorbike or taxi to whoever wants to exploit them.

(iii) Presentations on VAWG in the digital and technological age

In many countries, even in remote areas, girls have mobile phones, even though they may not have enough food to eat. They must be educated to use the technology, which can also be used

to blackmail them, or to lure them from rural to urban area, to be trafficked to another country. There is an entire industry to help men spy on women, for example a website called 'Spouse Tracker'.

(iv) Huru International is an NGO which developed, and is distributing, **re-usable menstrual pads** to young girls in low and middle income countries, to prevent them losing several days each month in education. This is a perfect area which MWIA could support.

(v) Justin Trudeau, the Canadian prime minister, who last year unveiled a cabinet with an equal number of men and women 'because it is 2015', spoke at the conference. "I am going to keep saying loud and clear that I am a feminist until it is met with a shrug....calling myself a feminist simply means that I believe in the equality of men and women." The hour-long discussion in which he was involved was punctuated by repeated cheers and applause.

WHO report June 2016

The **World Health Assembly** in Geneva in May was, as usual, was an inspiring experience. I was there with Dr Shelley Ross, Dr Shafika Nasser and Dr Natalie Yap, a junior doctor from Australia.

We had a meeting with the new **Head of Maternal, Neonatal, Child and Adolescent Health** at the WHO, **Professor Anthony Costello**, and he discussed with us the main priorities facing the WHO at the moment. Top of these is the **Zika virus**, which is now in 60 countries and rising. There is now strong evidence of a link between maternal infection with the virus and microcephaly. Maternal infection with the virus has also been associated with severe brain damage, heart defects, stillbirth and neonatal deaths. As a consequence, the WHO has recently advised young women in Latin America and the Caribbean to avoid becoming pregnant during this epidemic, although these areas unfortunately have a very high incidence of unplanned pregnancies. Pregnant women returning from an affected area need an ultrasound scan, which should be repeated every 4 weeks for the rest of the pregnancy as the initial scan could be normal. The virus is known to be spread by mosquitoes, and it has been suggested that it might also be sexually transmitted. Men have been advised to use condoms while in an endemic area and for 4 weeks after their return (for the duration of the pregnancy if their wives are pregnant).

Professor Sir Michael Marmot is the current President of the World Medical Association and chaired a session on **Conflict and the Social Determinants of Health**. Youth unemployment is one of the causes and consequences of conflict, and is an urgent crisis globally. Conflict is a huge burden on women and has a major impact on the future psychological and physical well-being of children. It is important that education is available for children in conflict situations. We saw a very moving montage showing the effects of **attacks on health workers and health facilities** (see attached photo).

Every year we have a meeting with **Dr Claudia Garcia Moreno**, who is leading on **Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG)** at the WHO. She is lead author of the **WHO Clinical Handbook** on the subject, which has now been translated into Spanish, French and German. The WHO is developing a medical student curriculum and a training manual for practising doctors, as well as a parallel handbook for managers on how to organise a system for coping

with VAWG, and how to finance it. Claudia was very interested in the online training module which MWIA has been developing over the last three years. She felt that MWIA could play a very useful role in disseminating the materials being developed by the WHO (www.who.int).

At one of the fringe events on **Women and Leadership**, we heard two women speak who were both outstanding. **Dr Margaret Mungherera** is a psychiatrist from Uganda and a former president of the World Medical Association. She set up **Hope after Rape** with 11 other women doctors in 1994 and was encouraged by Dr Shelley Ross at that time to form a women doctors' organisation in Uganda. At the fringe event, Shelley was specifically acknowledged, and spoke to everyone about MWIA and what our organisation is about. Dr Mungherera said that **universal primary education** has made a big difference in her country, but the challenge is *keeping* girls in school (early marriage and the 'bride price' are a problem). In some medical schools, women are excluded if they become pregnant, a practice which must stop. Dr Mungherera explained that it is important to work with leaders who are there in the community, to train, support and protect them. Role models are very important. In Uganda they have begun to look at boy children, and work with young men in order to change attitudes to women. Dr Mungherera said 'We would like to work with men as partners...Men can be part of the solution', a sentiment with which I entirely agree.

The second speaker was Dr **Bernice Dahn, a Minister for Health in Liberia**. With the Ebola outbreak there was a lot of fear and denial, and many health workers fled the country. Women began delivering their babies in the streets. Fortunately, the epidemic is under control, and the emphasis now is to prioritise the new **Sustainable Development Goals**.

The **UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, officially known as **Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**, are an intergovernmental set of 17 aspiration Goals with 169 targets.

1. **Poverty** - End poverty in all its forms everywhere^[21]
2. **Food** - End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture^[22]
3. ***Health - Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages**^[23]
4. **Education** - Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all^[24]
5. ***Women - Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls**^[25]
6. **Water** - Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all^[26]
7. **Energy** - Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all^[27]
8. **Economy** - Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all^[28]

9. **Infrastructure** - Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation^[29]
10. **Inequality** - Reduce inequality within and among countries^[30]
11. **Habitation** - Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable^[31]
12. **Consumption** - Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns^[32]
13. **Climate** - Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts^[33]
14. **Marine-ecosystems** - Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development^[34]
15. **Ecosystems** - Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss^[35]
16. **Institutions** - Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels^[36]
17. **Sustainability** - Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development^[37]

European Women's Lobby

Dr. Edith Schratzberger-Vecsei

The European Women's Lobby (EWL) was founded in 1990 to gather the collective feminist voice to work together at the European and national levels to achieve equality between women and men in all aspects of public and private life.

MWIA was previously represented by Dr. Waltraud Diekhaus, past Secretary General of MWIA, and in recent years by Dr. Edith Schratzberger-Vecsei, with Dr. Bettina Pfeleiderer as her alternate.

During the last triennium, Dr. Schratzberger-Vecsei has sat on the executive of the EWL and this year has been elected as its President.

CIOMS (Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences)

Dr. Clarissa Fabre and Dr. Petra Thuermann

CIOMS is an international non-governmental organization that was jointly established by WHO and UNESCO in 1949. MWIA is represented on the Executive Council by Dr. Clarissa Fabre from the UK and Dr. Petra Thuermann from Germany.

The main activities of CIOMS are: Vaccine safety, Biomedical research involving human subjects, Evidence Synthesis and Meta Analysis for Drug Safety and International Ethical Guidelines.

MWIA REPRESENTATION AT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

2013-2016

United Nations (UN)

Dr. Satty Gill Keswani

Dr. Mini Murthy

Department of Public Information

Dr. Satty Gill Keswani

Dr. Mini Murthy

World Health Organisation (WHO)

WHO General Assemblies

Dr. Shelley Ross

Dr. Clarissa Fabre

Dr. Shafika Nasser

Professor Kyung Ah Park

Dr. Gail Beck

Dr. Christiane Pouliart

Dr. Mercedes Viteri

Dr. Selma Galal

Dr. Allison Hempenstall

World Medical Association (WMA)

Professor Kyung Ah Park

European Women's Lobby (EWL)

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Prof. Bettina Pflaiderer

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REPORTS OF THE NATIONAL COORDINATORS

AUSTRALIA

The **Australian Federation of Medical Women** reports an Australian population of 23,783,500 with 89,351 physicians, 34,781 of whom are women. AFMW's membership numbers 225 with 120 students.

The President is Dr. Sharon Tivey, Treasurer is Dr. Marissa Daniels and the National Coordinator is Associate Professor Deborah Colville.

The national governance body meets quarterly by teleconference with an annual face to face general assembly, whereas regional branches meet bi-monthly.

An annual report is published and there is a quarterly e-newsletter.

In the area of cosmetic gynecologic surgery, there is education via social media platforms including 'Pink Bits' education and AFMW has a position statement.

AFMW UPDATE New Initiatives:

- Australian curriculum project on domestic violence in medical curriculum (being presented at MWIA Congress)
- Dr Desiree Yap presentation at MWIA, Vienna: Clinician's Attitude Towards Changes In Australian National Cervical Screening Program. (Desiree YAPa , Xinyu LIANGb , Suzanne M. GARLANDc,d,e , Stefanie HARTLEYc,e Alexandra GORELIKf , Gina OGILIVIEg , Jeffrey TANA,d, C. David H. WREDEa,d , Yasmin JAYASINGHEa,dh)
- Miss Mehul Srivastava presentation at MWIA, Vienna: Mapping Family Violence Curriculums In Asian And Pacific Nations – (Other Authors: Associate Professor Jan COLES)
- Dr Magdalena Simonis is presenting a paper at MWIA, Vienna.
- The AFMW supported the Safe Schools Initiative.
- Dr Natalie Yap was the Australian Representative in attending the 69th World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland with the Medical Women's International Association delegation from the 23-28th of May, 2016.
 - Victorian Medical Women's Society Inc (VMWS) have been seeking representation on the Department of Health and Human Service's Bullying and Harassment in Healthcare Advisory Group Committee.
 - Assoc. Prof Deb Colville was interviewed and keen to become involved in developing strategies to address the problems of bullying and sexual harassment within public hospitals
 - Louella McCarthy - AFMW has agreed to partner with her on her 'women in medicine historical research project/s'. ARC Grant Application: LP160101004 Proposal Title: Women's Advocate: a biography of the Australian Federation of Medical Women
 - Successful grant application for Anzac Grant project - ANZAC Commemoration Plaque for World War One Service with the VMWS.
 - Successfully appointed a volunteer newsletter editor for the AFMW Newsletter.
 - Our ACT & Region Medical Women's Society has facilitated the donation (via a generous donor) of an ultra sound machine. The team will take the ultrasound machine to the

Solomons, and there is a comprehensive on going teaching program occurring there with Solomons Islands clinicians.

- Approx 400 members on the South Australian Medical Women's Society Facebook group page (up from <20 12 months ago) – working on ways to streamline and verify members
- Earlier in the year we were extremely honoured to receive an anonymous donation to support medical women attend an international conference. Numerous medical women applied for a travel grant. We are pleased to announce that Dr. Melanie Dorrington from the ACT will be attending the MWIA Congress in Vienna
- AFMW submitted a response to the Royal Commission into Family Violence
- AFMW Position Statement on Sexual Harassment
- The AFMW achieved DPI/NGO Status in 2015
- AFMW members presented at the 59th Un Commission on the Status of Women in New York

Ongoing activities

- The Australian Research Grant-funded study “Elucidating the increasing demand for genital cosmetic surgery among girls and women in Australia,” carried out in alliance with the Jean Hailes Foundation, Southern Health, Family Planning Victoria and Women's Health Victoria
- The AFMW's quarterly newsletter and growing presence across social media
- Expansion of the Leadership Skills Database and “Thank you Initiative” where we thank and recognize our mentors
- AFMW representation and consultation to various government and industry bodies
- Involvement in gender-related issues with the medical training colleges, industrial issues for doctors in training, particularly (but not exclusively) female doctors in training and the Australian Medical Students Association (AMSA)
- Supporting the Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commissions anti-racism campaign
- Equal Opportunity Exemption: gives the AFMW the option to restrict attendance at meetings, seminars and events to women only (the exemption conduct) when appropriate
- Signatory to the National Compact: an agreement between the Australian Government and the not-for-profit sector to find new and better ways to working together based on mutual trust, respect and collaboration
- AFMW continues to partner with historian Dr. Heather Sheard on projects Commemorating Women Doctors and teamed up with other researchers to explore Women in History

AUSTRIA

The Austrian Medical Women's Association reports a country population of 8 million. The association has 120 members, 15 of whom are students and 1 of whom is an honorary member.

The President is Dr. Edith Schratzberger-Vescei, Treasurer is Dr. Edith Raffer, and National Coordinator is Dr. Eva Egger.

There is a publication on the homepage of the website and members receive notifications of activities.

The executive meets every six weeks and the annual general meeting is held once yearly.

Projects include supporting a midwife in Nigeria and training nurses in Nigeria. There is interest in gender and health in cooperation with the University for Gender Medicine. There is a task group for victims of sexual abuse.

Dr. Iris Habitzel represents MWIA at the UN in Vienna on the UNODC (UN Office on Drugs and Crime).

BELGIUM

The **Medical Women's Association of Belgium (MWAB)** reports a Belgian population of 11 million with 57,369 physicians. MWAB has a membership of 50. Dr. Adèle Hauwel (deceased) was the only honorary member and life member.

The President is Dr. Lieve Dams, Treasurer is Dr. Fatima Ahankour and National Coordinator is Dr. Agnes Vermeulen.

The Executive meets quarterly and there is a yearly General Assembly. On November 13, 2015, the 18th Congress of MWABe was held in the Brussels Belgian Parliament. The theme was "The Brain Anno 2015: A gender analysis."

The association partners with the International Council of Women as a board member and with Zonta (members Dr. Agnes Vermeulen and Dr. Sabine Maenhout).

BRAZIL

The **Brazilian Association of Women Doctors** report a population of 193,946,886 with 387,000 physicians, of which 154,800 are women. The association has a membership of 45, with 20 student members, 4 interns, 2 life members, 5 honorary members, and 10 members under 40.

The President is Dra. Marilene Rezende Melo, Treasurer Dra. Marli Soares, and National Coordinator Dra. Francy Reis da Silva Patricio and Director of International Affairs, Dra. Anna Maria Martits.

Communication is via website, <http://www.abmmnacional.com/> with monthly communication. There is an annual business meeting and general assembly with the executive and regional branches meeting monthly.

The Latin American Regional Meeting, XXXII Pan American Congress of Medical Women, XXXIInd Brazilian Congress of Medical Women and Meeting of Medical Women of the National Federation of Medical Doctors was held in Sao Paula March 4-7 at the Sao Paulo State Medical Association building. Dra. Ivone Minhoto Meiniao was President of the Pan American Congress and also the President of the Sao Paulo Section of the Brazilian Association of Medical Women. The theme was The Millennium goals and the Medical Women. The Scientific Program focused on women's necessities, namely gender related

differences in various areas of health, postponement of pregnancy, fetal alcohol syndrome, avoidable cancer in women, HPV and Herpes Zoster immunization, etc.

Drs. Marilene Melo, Elizabeth Alexdre and Anna Maria Martits are now members of the Organization for the Study of Sex Differences. ABMM is very active in introducing the concept of gender medicine in Brazil.

On October 23rd, the Regional Council of Medicine, State of Sao Paula, organized a full day symposium on Bioethics and Violence Against Women. Dr. Kyung Ah Park, President of MWIA, was one of the invited speakers. Her subject was How can we eliminate familiar violence.

The elections for the executive of 2016-2018 of ABMM were on December 10th. The new President is Dra. Fatima Regina Alves and Vice President is Dra. Marilene Melo. We are looking forward to meeting our colleagues in Vienna in July.

CANADA

The **Federation of Medical Women of Canada** reports a Canadian population of 35.16 million with 80,544 physicians, 32,498 of whom are women. There are 352 members with 108 students, 24 interns, 36 life members and 16 honorary members.

The President is **Dr. Vivien Brown**, Treasurer **Dr. Kathleen Gartke** and National Coordinator Dr. Nahid Azad. The executive director at the office is **Ms. Anna Raffard and Colleen Galasso** – fmwcmain@fmwc.ca

The newsletter is published three times per year. The executive meets twice a year and there is an annual meeting. Branches vary in how often they meet.

Annual meetings held this triennium were:

**2014: Women as Medical Leaders: Empowered, Engaged, Extraordinary
September 19-21, 2014 Vancouver, British Columbia**

Enhance leaderships skills of women physicians and nurture talent to allow women physicians to optimize their potential and lead initiatives aimed to improve patient care.

**2015: Women Physicians: Power in Partnerships
September 25-27, 2015 Toronto, Ontario**

Enhancing leadership and collaborative skills for women in medicine. The conference theme echoed the old African Proverb: "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

**2016: Pride and Prejudice: Setting the Agenda for Women's Health
September 23-25, 2016 Hamilton, Ontario**

Explore topics of importance in today's health care environment, with specific

attention paid to mentorship, women's health research, immunization and aging, reproductive health and, gender and health issues.

Projects include HPV and cervical cancer in the form of a Pap Campaign and Leadership for female physicians through workshops.

Our members hold many other positions such as Dr. Gail Beck, Treasurer (MWIA), Dr. Shelley Ross, Secretary General (MWIA), Dr. Carole Williams Vice President for North America, all for 2013-2016.

Narrative Report

Below is an overview of the major activities of the FMWC over the last triennium.

Membership

The FMWC continues to make more effort to reach out to members, with the goal to increase membership and, attract and increase the involvement of more students and residents. Our focus is on clarifying current value and relevance of the FMWC in order to continue to attract new members and retain current members.

AGM

Over this triennium, attendance at our AGM's has steadily increased. The themes and objectives of these AGMs can be found in Annex VII. Planning is underway for our 2016 AGM, which is being held September 23-25, in Hamilton, Ontario. The theme is *Pride and Prejudice: Setting the Agenda for Women's Health*. Some of the topics that will be addressed include: mentorship, women's health research, immunization, aging, reproductive health and Aboriginal women's health issue. Draft AGM agenda has been provided in a separate document.

Communications

The FMWC continues to use numerous vehicles to communicate with its members – e-newsletter, web, e-blasts, and social media.

As well, the FMWC issued a press release on April 26, 2016 supporting the announcement that Ontario will expand its publicly-funded HPV vaccination program to boys starting September 2016. This issue has been a major focus of the FMWC's advocacy efforts and we are pleased to see progress on this front.

Partnerships

One of the FMWC's ongoing priorities is the establishment of partnerships. We have been successful thus far, forming partnerships with:

- **Immunize Canada**, a coalition of national non-governmental, professional, health, consumer, government and private sector organizations with a specific interest in promoting the understanding and use of vaccines. The FMWC is represented on Immunize Canada by Dr. Janet Dollin (Dr. Dorcat, alternate).
- **Amnesty international** around the issues for marginalized Canadian women.

- **Canadian Cancer Society** and **Cancer Care Ontario** to advocate and communicate on HPV, and promote their April ‘Cervical Cancer Screening Program’.
- **Women's Brain Health Initiative** to promote the education and advocacy surrounding the need for gender-based research in this area.

Pap Campaign

There continues to be high interest from clinics to participate in this yearly initiative. In 2015, 80 clinics from 54 cities, across 10 provinces registered to provide service in 11 languages. Out of the 80 clinics that participated, feedback was received from 15 clinics that were able to confirm the amount of patients they saw, which totalled 360 Canadian women! Our 2016 Pap Campaign will take place October 17-21, 2016.

Mentoring

A pre-conference workshop will be held at our 2016 AGM to launch our Mentorship Program, attract participants, and learn about how to be a mentor and a mentee. Students and residents are highly supportive and involved in this initiative.

Areas of Focus

1. Membership and member engagement – we continue to increase membership, identify value and relevance for FMWC
2. Increased emphasis on partnerships to create affiliations and advance mutual goals
3. Creation of a Mentoring Program for members in training
4. Renewed interest in creating branches

ECUADOR

The **Alianza Panamericana de Medicas, Capitulo Ecuador** (Medical Women’s Association of Ecuador) reports a population of 14, 483,499 with 38000 doctors, 12500 of whom are women. The association has 48 members, with 6 students, 2 interns and 4 honorary members, and 2 members under 40.

The President is Dra. Norma Arana, Secretary is Dra. Maggie Gomez and National Coordinator is Dra. Mercedes Viteri Mora. The publications are Diario El Universo and Diario Expreso (www.eluniverso.com) which is published every six months. The general assembly meets twice a year. As well as Guayaquil, there is a branch in El Oro.

There has been considerable activity in the area of sexual violence concentrating on work with government and with public education. In addition, there has been activity regarding cardiovascular disease, prevention of adolescent pregnancy, campaigns regarding HPV prevention.

FINLAND

The **Suomen Naislääkäriyhdistys/ Finlands kvinnliga läkares förening (Finnish Medical Women’s Association)** reports a population of 5,471,753 as of December 31, 2014, with 27,433 physicians, 14,814 of which are women. The association has 219 members with two honorary members. The President is Dr. Eeva Leppävuori, Treasurer Dr. Kyllikki Suomela, and National Coordinator Dr. Tuula Saarela.

There is no publication but a homepage with information for members. The executive meets two to four times per year and general assembly meets three to four times per year. Lectures are organized on different medical topics with general meetings three to four times per year. The latest themes were osteoporosis in October, 2015, and palliative care in February, 2016. Members are kept aware of the activities of MWIA.

FRANCE

The **AFFM (French Medical Women's Association)** reports a population of 65.8 million. There are 271,970 physicians with women making up 41%.

The Association has 250 members, with 20 students, 15 interns, and 8 honorary members. The President is Dr. Cécile Renson, Treasurer Dr Marie-Claire Brusset and National Coordinator Dr Françoise Nico. The magazine, HYGIE, is published quarterly and sent to MWIA's members of executive committee. The executive meets 3 times per year with an annual general assembly. Regional branches meet two to three times a year.

The AFFM held regular scientific meetings during the last three years.

National:

“Medical ethics and end of life “2013 October 17th – program given by Prof Christian Hervé, director of medical ethics and forensic medicine laboratory , René Descartes University . Paris

« Cardiovascular diseases in women »: Annual conference - 2014 January 25th- program given by Prof Jean-Noël Fabiani, head of cardiovascular department in European Georges Pompidou Hospital. Paris.

“Contribution of micro nutrition and herbal medicine” 2014 June 19th Dr Laurence Benedetti

“Psoriasis: clinical and therapeutic news” 2014 November 6 - Dr Anne-Claire Fougerousse, Dr Fabrice Maccari

“News in gastroenterology: from children to adults”: Annual conference- 2015 January 31st. program given by Prof Olivier Goulet , head of gastroenterology, hepatology and pediatric nutrition department, in Necker-Enfants- Malades Hospital. Paris.

“Diogenes syndrome”: 2015 October 15th- Dr Laurence Hugonot-Diener

“Facial Rejuvenation – Breast Reconstruction”: Annual conference – 2016 February 6- program given by Prof Laurent Lantieri , head of Plastic , Reconstructive and Cosmetic surgery department in European Georges Pompidou Hospital . Paris.

Brittany Section:

“Management of chronic wounds” (2013) Dr Hamida Lagadec- Cécile Le Bars

“Hypofertility: medical care with the general practitioner” (2013) Dr Anne N.Guyen Jezequel

“Congenital heart diseases in adults” (2014) Dr Hayat Aiouaz

“Surgical treatment of obesity “ (2014) Dr Menguy

“Gout disease “(2015) Dr Roudaut

Great East Section:

“Ethics and HIV” (2014) Dr Laurence Boyer
“Ethics and cancer genetics “(2015) Dr Elisabeth Luporsi
“Surgery of aging” (2015) Dr Christine Hutin
“Impact of aging in Rheumatology” (2016) Prof Isabelle Chary- Valckenaere

AFFM was represented by Drs Francine Violette, Françoise Nico, Marie-Dominique Ghnassia at the 18th Symposium of MWABe in Brussels (2013- November 16th). Dr Thi Thoi Pham was present in Chicago, April 2015, at the Centennial Celebration of the American Medical Women’s Association. She was also present with Dr Francine Violette and Françoise Nico at the Southern Europe’s Congress / 19th Symposium of MWABe in Brussels (2015 November 14th).

GERMANY

The German Medical Women’s Association reports a population of 81,900,000 with 365,247 physicians, 166,230 being women. The association has 1708 members with 23 students, 3 honorary members, and 324 under the age of 40. The President is Dr. med. Christiane Gross from Wuppertal, Treasurer is Dr. med. Tanja Kobuss from Dusseldorf, and National Coordinator is Dr. med. Gudrun Gunther from Darmstadt.

The association produces a journal which is produced monthly and can be accessed at:

<http://www.aerztinnenbund.de/Heft-1-2016-der-RZTIN.2540.0.2.html>

The executive meets five times per year and local branches vary in their meeting schedule. There is an annual general membership meeting and education session. Topics included Medicine through the ages and challenges.

Work includes a statement on the law which regulates safety at work during pregnancy, and reconciliation of work and family both locally and nationally. Gender and health is a priority both nationally and locally with comments made to the press and much public relations work and at the scientific meeting. There are local projects on female genital mutilation and primary care research. There is a national project entitled “Medical Women on Top,” geared toward women physician leadership. Other projects are: teaching gender medicine at medical schools, a national mentoring network, a motion on the treatment of refugees, and care of refugees.

The association interacts with government around the topics of safety at work during pregnancy, laws around sexual violence and advising on guidelines and laws pertaining to medical education and ethics.

The association works with WHO and UNICEF, and interacts with Zonta and Soroptomists on the local level.

Prof. Dr. Bettina Pfliegerer is President-elect of MWIA and also the alternate to the European Women’s Lobby.

SUMMARY OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION'S ACTIVITIES (overview of activities taken from our journal)

2013

Young Female Doctors: how to tackle long lasting barriers
100 percent quoted – German Medical Women's Association elects a new board
New managing board wants to inspire young female doctors for its aims

2014

Feminization, Medicine and development of personal careers
Gender-specific Medicine and related health development
90th Anniversary of German Medical Women's Association – looking backward and forward

2015

Young female doctors = super women?
Female doctors in communication and collaboration
Ethics and Medicine

2016

Female migrant doctors meeting female German doctors on a professional base

SELECTED TOPICS OF PRESS RELEASES

2013

Demanding a quota in Medicine and Health Care – 30 percent women till 2018
Network of 10 leading Women Federations call for quotas
Congress topic 2013: Medicine facing challenging changes
German Medical Women's Association states: unequal payment and a lack of job opportunities damages health of doctors and patients

2014

90th Anniversary of German Medical Women's Association – Network of Female Doctors in Germany is focusing on the current professional and political situation
German Medical Women's Association demands reassessment of mammography-screenings
Minister for Health debates with Women Federations about an intended law calling for more women in leading positions
German Medical Women's Association states: 100 days of the newly elected government do not show new conditions for female doctors!
German Medical Women's Association calls for quotas in the economical and medical field

2015

German Medical Women's Association supports new bill to promote equal pay
German Medical Women's Association demands transparency of TTIP in the health sector
How to support young female doctors in their professional and personal aims?
Congress topic 2015: We interfere in professional and health politics

German Medical Women's Association welcomes new President Dr. Christiane Gross, M.A.

20 years after Peking: health and disease are gender related!

German Medical Women's Association presents a policy document about performing surgery during pregnancy

2016

German Medical Women's Association is asking their colleagues to get ready for being elected into different medical committees and bodies

In Germany pregnant doctors are not allowed to conduct surgery during their pregnancy.

German Medical Women's Association states: stop this law which is overdue

German Medical Women's Association states: stress at workplace is hampering young female doctors. German Medical Women's Association demands reasonable working conditions for the next generation.

HONG KONG, SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF CHINA

The Hong Kong Medical Women's Association reports a national population of 7.32 million, with 13,726 physicians with no information as to what number are women physicians.

The association has 190 members as of March 1, 2016, with 12 students, 178 life members and 93 under the age of 40. The President is Dr. Kit-Sheung Chan, Treasurer is Dr. Winnie Mok, and National Coordinator is Dr. Wing Yuk Ip. There is a newsletter published every six months, and an example can be accessed below.



HKWDA Issue 25 (28p).pdf

HKWDA Newsletter Issue 25 (December 2015)

The executive meets bimonthly and there is a yearly general assembly.

Projects include:

1. Ripples action to screen for cervical cancer in underprivileged females in Hong Kong
2. "Rainlily" is the first crisis centre for the protection of sexual violence survivors in Hong Kong. "We stand" Women's Health Day is a victim support programme for female domestic workers and ethnic minority migrant women. HKWDA collaborates with Rainlily to provide health talk, assertive training activities and free cervical screening for female domestic workers and ethnic minority migrant women in this event.
3. HPV Vaccination Program and education programme for ethnic minority and underprivileged girls in Hong Kong
4. Leadership series , in the form of lectures & workshops, for young female doctors delivered by senior doctors

5. Mentorship Program, matching of medical students and female doctors

The association has liaisons with:

1. Zonta Club of Kowloon supported the charitable activity of Hong Kong Women Doctors Association by sponsoring the HPV vaccination program
2. Hong Kong Women Doctors Association collaborate with ISS (International Social Service HK branch) in Ripples Action to provide health care screening and education to underprivileged females in Hong Kong

INDIA

The Association of Medical Women in India (AMWI) reports a national population of 1.31 billion. There are 9,400,000 physicians with 1.6 Lakhs of women.

AMWI has 750 members with 100 international members. The President is Dr. Arati Basu Sengupta, Treasurer is Dr. Suvarna Khadilkar and National Coordinators are Dr. Yamini Alsi and Dr. Kamla Sengupta. The Journal of AMWI is published annually. The executive and general assembly meet once yearly. The regional branches meet monthly and have an annual general meeting.

Projects include safe motherhood with health awareness programs, and organizing camps in rural as well as in cities. Kolkata runs a Mission Hospital. Projects include mother and child care, family planning, HIV/AIDS, children, adolescent health programs in schools including adolescent sexuality, female genital mutilation, HPV and cervical cancer teaching programs for doctors and paramedicals and cancer detection camps in rural and urban areas. HPV and Rubella vaccination programs are held regularly. Bone mineral density camps for perimenopausal and menopausal women are held.

There were two major conferences:

National Conference in Mumbai January 18, 2014
National Conference in Kolkota December 4-5, 2015.

AMWI has initiated Gold Jubilee Research Award for members below 50 years of age. This award has been given annually for the last 50 years.

For the last 40 years, Mumbai has run a cancer detection centre and training centre for cytotechnicians and doctors.

AMWI participates with the government in Family Welfare Program with antenatal care, post natal care, contraception, cancer control program for training and detection services.

The Mumbai Branch cooperates with International Planned Parenthood in family planning and cancer screening.

Members holding international positions include:

Dr. Usha Saraiya, VP for MWIA Central Asia Region 2013-2016

Dr. Rishma Pai, Member from Mumbai, President Elect for The Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI)

Dr. Nandita Palshetkar, Member from Mumbai, President of Mumbai Obstetric and Gynecological Society

Dr. Smita Mahale, Member from Mumbai, Director of National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health (NIRRH) – (ICMR)

Dr. Mumtaz Sanghamita, Member from Kolkota, Elected Member of Parliament

MWIA is a vibrant organisation with which AMWI is happy to associate with. Our Members are enthusiastic about participating.

ITALY

The **AIDM ITALY (Medical Women's Association of Italy)** reports a national population of 59,433,744 as of 2011 with 376,265 physicians, 137,627 or 36.5% being female in 2012.

The association has 501 members, 2 of whom are life members (Favalli, De Nicola). The President is Ermio Caterina, Treasurer is Serio Luigia and National Coordinator is Laurentaci Concetta. Since 2015, the proceedings of the national congress are printed on the website. The executive meets quarterly; regional branches meet monthly and the general assembly meets annually.

The association does work on gender and health, violence against women and vaccination.

JAPAN

The **Japan Medical Women's Association** reports a population of 127,817,277 with 286,699 physicians of which only 51,997 are women.

The association has 1172 members with 24 students. The President is Dr. Takako Tsuda, Treasurer is Dr. Keiko Hamada and National Coordinator is Dr. Arino Yaguchi. A magazine is published quarterly electronically. The executive meets monthly with an annual general assembly. There are regular regional meetings.

Projects include emergency medicine for children and the publication in both English and Japanese of a booklet for mother and child. There is networking and support for adolescent sexuality in the regional society involving the health centre, school and police offices. There are lectures for the public on HPV and cervical cancer. There are annual awards for women doctors. There is involvement with the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. There is an annual symposium on career design for women doctors. There is a workshop on

elder welfare, home medical care for senior citizens. There is the Ogino Ginko Award and Yoshioka Yayoi Award. The organization is a member of the cabinet office of the Japanese government. There is membership in the national women's committee of the United Nations.

Dr. Atsuko Heshiki has been the alternate representative of Japan at the third committee 66th session of the General Assembly of the United Nations from September to November, 2011.

NEW ZEALAND Margaret D. Maxwell M.B. Ch.B (N.Z.)

It gives me great pleasure to attend this Meeting as a Representative of New Zealand. There is, sadly no New Zealand Medical Women's Association but many women doctors have held office in New Zealand Medical Association as President and other representative offices of authority. NZMWA disbanded about 2002 and now there is no separate women doctors' medical association.

However Medical Women are prominent in medical practice – about 50% of General Medical Practitioners are women, many, though, work part-time, also working in specialties.

- Intake to the two Medical Schools in NZ is 600 – 300 to Otago Medical School, 300 to Auckland Medical School. Also many NZ students go to Australia to do their medical education, many to return to work in NZ.
- Nursing numbers are high at present – no shortage as financial recession brought nurses flooding back to secure employment
- G.P. issues – ageing work force of doctors
 - o - new graduates not wanting to buy into practices. Many do not want to work full-time, and/or do not want to be tied to one practice but they do want a good income so that they can pay off student loans. Thus they work in A&E or do sessional work which is paid by the hour.
- Big companies now are buying out G.P Practices and employing doctors at an hourly rate. Not all patients like these integrated practices as they do not necessarily consult the same doctor at each consultation.
- Surgeons earn 3 or more times the salary of a G.P.
- Concern that years of experience in G.P are not recognized with financial reward or in any other way.
- Amount of Continuing Education by GPs not recognized.
- GPs no longer have responsibility for the full Obstetric care of a patient – taken over by mid wife or obstetrician. Some constraints on solo obstetrician's care for patient due to economic downturn (cheaper for patient to be attended by midwife)
- Children under 6 get free medical care in most G.P Practices – some make a small monetary charge.
- 14,333 active doctors in New Zealand in 2011 (c.f. 13,883 in 2010)i.e. 3.5% increase in active practicing doctors
- 57% women are house officers
- 40% of whole medical work force are women doctors

- 2.8% of whole medical work force is Maori. 1.6% is Pacific Islanders.

Early Child Care is being encouraged 95/7% of Children starting school at age 6 have been in Early Childhood Education.

89% of 8 month old children have been fully immunized from Pertussis and hepatitis B, triple immunization.

Hospitalization for acute rheumatic fever has dropped from 4.2 per 100,000 children to 3.9 per 100,000 (mostly Maori, Pacific Island and from poor families)

Physically abused children continue to be a serious and worrying factor in our low-income families but this is being addressed by various governmental and social agencies.

NETHERLANDS

The Association has a membership of 1688 with 428 full paying members, 2, students, 191 interns, 7 honorary members, and 255 under the age of 40. The President is Dr. Sylvia Buis and National Coordinator is Dr. Geneviève Koolhaas. The office secretary is Mrs. Joke Selhorst at vnvemail@vnva.nl. A magazine called VAMP meaning Female Doctors with Power and Passion is published six times per year. The executive meets at least monthly with twice yearly general assembly. Meeting schedules vary with the regional branches.

Activities

An important fundament of our association, gender sensitive medicine, in previous years already lead to a productive collaboration with platform Women Inc. and subsequent Alliance of Gender and Healthcare. After hard work in which eg. cardiologist Prof. Angela Maas, one of our members, participated as expert on gender sensitive healthcare, a special book with knowledge on this subject was handed to foreman Mr. Van Den Dungen of ZonMW. ZonMW is an institute which collects and presents data for e.g. The Dutch Ministry of Healthcare. This rapport gives (non) professionals an insight and raises awareness in the field of gender sensitive medicine.

Most of the medical research is done with male subjects (both animal and human). The experts collaborating on this 'knowledge agenda' presented important data that subscribe a lack of knowledge and therefore questioning, diagnostics and moreover treatment shortcoming women's healthcare. This book is the first one to present these data on gender sensitive medicine!

After extensive lobby by The Alliance, our Minister of Healthcare Schippers promised 12 million euro to enable research for gender sensitive medicine. A boost we are all proud of!

This month the VNVA organized a sold out symposium at which 3 specialists, a general practitioner and board member of KNMG (Dutch national medical network) subscribed this cause.

One of the other VNVA fundaments is to support women in their medical/personal carrier. Our symposium 'carrier boost' proved to be a success as well. This year we were happy to see a lot more young colleagues who contributed to the interesting brainstorm sessions. Apart from this, we support the regular courses for female leadership and a 'balance training' as we do each year.

Genevieve Koolhaas attended the regional symposium at Brussels organized by colleagues of Belgium, South Europa. A symposium to meet some of our colleagues and become acquainted with the MWIA.

What has been done in your region regarding the triennial theme of “PREVENTION AND ELMINATION OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE?”

Our previous president, still VNVA member and now politician, Marith Volp has been very active on the subject of domestic and sexual violence. An interview she gave to one of our national papers about her personal experience with domestic violence opened the doors to discussion. We were proud and respect here guts to share her story as young member of Dutch Parliament. Responses of critics again show the importance to support women in this difficult situation. Even in the ‘developed’ Netherlands some people rather not talk about domestic and sexual violence. We can do a lot better both in The Netherlands but more important via MWIA network worldwide.

NIGERIA

The **Medical Womens Association of Nigeria (MWAN)** reports a country population of 140,431,790 with 39, 210 physicians, 13070 of whom are women.

Membership is 700 with 112 students, 78 interns and 224 under 40. The President is Dr. Dolly Adinma, Treasurer is Dr. Uche Umeh and National Coordinator is Dr. Ifeoma Ajuba.

Publications include the MWAN newsletter, MWAN Journal, MWAN constitution and MWAN mentorship series. The council and executive meet quarterly, the general assembly occurs every two years and the regional branches meet up to monthly.

There are numerous projects involving the themes of safe motherhood, decreased maternal mortality and morbidity, unsafe abortion, gender and health, HIVAIDS, children, adolescent sexuality, FGM, and HPV and cervical cancer. In the area of mother and child, there is partnership with John Hopkins University International Vaccine Access Centre. In the area of postpartum hemorrhage, there is partnership with USAID target states high impact projects (TSHIP). In the area of vaccination there is partnership with Saro Lifecare Ltd on disinfectants and with Pfizer Nigeria on Pneumovax. In the area of violence there is partnering with the UK as the CSO for the observatory program. There is partnership with the government on the passage of the VAPP bill and on advocacy.

MWAN was very pleased in collaboration with MWIA to partner with WHO on the Safe Childbirth Checklist.

MWAN also partners with the International Planned Parenthood Federation. The activities of

MWAN activities during the triennium were under the leadership of Dr. Valerie Obot. The theme for the triennium was Reach-G Program, raising the opportunities for empowerment and creating health for the girl child. It was a vibrant period for the association with a lot of collaborations, endorsements and partnerships at both the national and local levels. Our meetings were held regularly and we participated at regional meetings. There was a smooth

transition of office to Dr. Echendu Adinma at a successful biennial conference held in Awka, Anambra State on 19 November, 2015.

PERU

The **Pan American Medical Women's Alliance for Peru (Medical Women's Association of Peru)** reports a population of 30 million with 63,656 physicians, 18,713 of whom are women. The Medical Womens Association of Nigeria reports a country population of 140,431,790

The Association has 50 members with 2 honorary members and one member under 40. The President is Dr. Nora Bohorquez Valdiviezo, Treasurer: Castillo Dra. Amanda Malpartida, and National Coordinator, Dr. Rebecca Kuniyoshi Kiyan. The board meets monthly with meetings of the general membership every two months. The Scientific meetings were:

PHILIPPINES

The **Medical Women's Association of the Philippines** reports a population of 96 million with 90,370 physicians, but proportion of women physicians unknown.

The Association has 350 members, 70% life members, and 20% under the age of 40. The President is Dr. Perla DG Dolera, Treasurer Dr. Corazon A. Aberin and the National Coordinator, Dr. Carmencita C. Lo. The PMWA Journal and PMWA Newsletter are published annually. The executive meets monthly, with an annual general assembly and branches meet monthly.

RUSSIA

The Russian Medical Women's Association reports a national population of 146,544,710 with 614,000 physicians.

The association has 90 members. President is Dr. Olga Goncharova and the Treasurer is Dr. Tishenko Yulia.

Projects include a national book on childcare, a school for future parents, and internet projects on children's health. Cooperation with the government is beginning with the regional meeting scheduled for November 23-25, 2016, in Moscow.

SWEDEN

The Swedish Medical Women's Association (or **Kvinnliga Läkares Förening**) reports a national population of 9,858,794 with 60,890 physicians including retired doctors, with 25,350 being women.

The association has 1442 members with 15 students, up to 10 honorary members (one per year). The President is Dr. Ingela Heimann, Treasurer is Dr. Ylva Morawski and National Coordinator is Dr. Desiree Lichtenstein.

There is a member journal. The executive meets 7-8 times per year with a general assembly twice a year.

Projects include unsafe abortion, gender and health, female genital mutilation, gender based violence, and leadership for medical women. The association is engaged with government regarding surrogacy. The association participated in the shadow report for UN CEDAW.

Narrative report 2013 – 2016

Kvinnliga Läkares Förening (KLF)- Sweden

Meetings

KLF has an annual meeting each spring with lecturers and a general assembly. During autumn KLF has a fall activity for its members and participates with a lecture at the Swedish Medical Congress.

In 2013 the spring meeting focused on equality at work and at home. At the medical congress Margot Wallström lectured.

In 2014 the spring meeting was about working environment and a sustainable health control systems for the Swedish health care. The lectures talked about new public management and how this affects the doctor's working environment. There were also lectures about gender equality and its effect on public health and about sexual violence in warfare in Congo.

At the medical congress a law professor talked about sexual violence and the law.

In 2015 the spring meeting was held in Jönköping by a local committee. The theme was passion in life. At the medical congress there was a lecture about Ethics and being a doctor.

Advocacy

KLF has been active in several different debates especially abortion rights, surrogacy and the economic system of Swedish health care. KLF has participated in seminars with the government, in public panel discussions and radio shows as experts and has written articles to the Swedish Medical Journal and other relevant magazines on the topic.

KLF has during 2013-2016 held many lectures about gender and medicine, for doctors doing their medical internship, students and doctors at the Karolinska Hospital.

KLF has answered several referrals from the government and the Swedish Medical Association relevant for the work.

KLF has put in motions to the Swedish Medical Association for equal salaries, better working environment, abortion rights and working against discrimination.

KLF has also participated in the group "A valuable health care" working on analyzing the Swedish health care system and improving it.

KLF has been active on social media joining discussions and sharing relevant information on the current situation for female doctors and patients. Many subjects have also been discussed in the quarterly journal "Karolina".

Scholarships

KLF has awarded female doctors with scholarships during 2013-2016.

MWIA

At the MWIA meeting in Seoul KLF participated with 2 members, were a lecture was held on KLF's behalf about "The Swedish Model".

At the Northern European meeting in 2014 KLF facilitated a panel discussion about abortion rights and held a seminar about surrogacy.

KLF is planning on sending at least 6 members to the MWIA meeting in Vienna in 2016 and have sent it 5 abstracts. KLF will also participate with speakers in several events at the meeting.

100th Anniversary

KLF is celebrating 100 years as an organization in 2016. The celebrations will be held the 23rd of April with seminars from some of Sweden's top lecturers on gender. A celebratory party with entertainment will be held afterwards.

Co-operations

KLF has also participated with representatives at the Nordic Forum, at the General Assembly for the Swedish Women's Lobby and The Women's cooperation on Alcohol and Narcotic issues. KLF has also participated with members in the CEDAW-network and their work.

Honorary members

During the last triennium we have had two honorary members and one member of the year:

2013: Margot Wallström, EU-commissioner (then, today, Minister of State). Because of her work on gender based violence and for women's rights.

2014: Madeleine Leijonhufvud, law professor. For her work to change the legislation around sexual offenses.

2014: Member of the year: Ellinor Ädelroth. For her work at the Panzihospital in Congo with sexual violence in war.

Our honorary members have held seminars for MDs at the Swedish yearly Medical Congress.

SWITZERLAND

The Medical Women's Association of Switzerland reports a national population of 8,081,000 with 35,000 physicians, 14,200 of whom are women.

The President is Dr. Maya Züllig, who also represents us also in the National Council in Berne. Dr. Denise Pupato is our treasurer, and Dr. Adelheid Schneider is National coordinator. We have 900 members, 41 students, 2013 there were about 970, in the last year we got about 20 members; we have 9 honorary members; 5 deaths since 2013; we do not have a young forum.

The annual conference of the MWS (Medical Women Switzerland) in June 2013 was themed: "Legal stumbling blocks in everyday working life of MD's": communication, medical obligations to disclosure and confidentiality, power of judgement, patient decree, and compulsory measures.

The subject of the annual conference in 2014 was: “female physicians and money.” It was discussed that woman doctors earned less, underestimated the merit of their work and therefore demanded smaller payments; that woman doctors generally “sold themselves short.”

Finally, in 2015, the topic of our annual conference was: “Genetics: From Mendel to personalized medicine” with presentations and discussions about prenatal diagnosis, genetic counselling, biobanks, and personalized medicine.

In 2013 we successfully supported a Swiss popular initiative to ensure that abortions remained covered by statutory health insurance (a political movement tried to lift this practice). Furthermore, we committed ourselves to: mentoring of medical students and young woman physicians, adjusting the regulation on further education regarding part-time employment, introducing MWS-activities to modern means of communication and using them, supporting a pilot project for woman physicians for the purpose of “getting them ready” for an academic career.

TAIWAN, PROVINCE OF CHINA

The **Taiwan Medical Women’s Association** reported a country population of 23,328,602 with a total of 42,490 physicians, with women making up 7,009.

The Association has 99 members, with 27 life members, and 11 honorary members. The President is Dr. Sophie Su-Hui Lee, Treasurer is Dr. Erh Jou Ling, and National Coordinator Dr. Phoebe Yueh-Bih Tang.

A Newsletter is published annually. The executive meets quarterly and there is an annual general assembly.

UNITED KINGDOM

The **Medical Women’s Federation of the United Kingdom** reports a population of 63.2 million with 252,469 physicians, of which 43.22% or 109,121 are women. The Association has a membership of 1110 with 269 students, 107 interns, 78 life members and 15 honorary members. 410 of the members are under age 40. The President is Dr Fiona Cornish, Treasurer is Dr Yasmin Drabu and National Coordinators are Dr. Julie Rutter and Dr. Susan Overall.

The Specialist Magazine is published three times a year. The Council meets twice a year in May and November with a general assembly every year in May. Regional branches vary in their meeting frequency. Officers meet every six weeks.

Projects include a MWF Buddying Scheme where MWF members support members through mentoring. The Association meets annually with the Chief Medical Officer of Health to discuss matters relevant to women doctors. There is a Women Doctors Making a Difference Project.

Dr Clarissa Fabre (Immediate Past President MWF) is contributing to the WHO Partnership for Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health project.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The American Medical Women's Association reports a national population of 324,118,780 with 905,061 physicians, of which 299,151 are women. The association membership is 5004 with 2607 students, 252 interns, and 184 life members. The President is Dr. Kim Templeton, Treasurer is Dr. Sharon Batista and the National Coordinators are Dr. Satty Gill Keswani and Dr. Padmini Murthy. The e-publication is called AMWA Connections and is published quarterly. The AMWA Newsflash is published every two weeks. The executive meets monthly with a yearly general assembly. Branch meetings vary.

Projects include safe motherhood, gender and health, research scholarships, osteoporosis, leadership for female physicians, human trafficking, alcohol awareness, prevention of childhood obesity, gun violence control, diversity and inclusion, networking alliance and gender equity task force.

The Association works with the US Surgeon General's office on the Preventative Medicine Task Force.

Dr. Satty Gill Keswani and Dr. Padmini Murthy represent MWIA at the United Nations Economic and Social Council and at the Department of Public Information.

AMWA LIST OF ACTIVITIES 2013 SEPTEMBER – 2016 JULY.

2016

March 10-13-AMWA 101st annual meeting in Miami Florida. Well attended conference with over 400 attendees. Drs. Murthy and Keswani represented MWIA at the annual meeting
July 11 – National Health Resource Centre on Domestic Violence webinar, Introduction to Labour and Sex Trafficking: A health care and human rights challenge.

2015

February 5 -- Doctors for America Conference was held in Boston and some of the AMWA board members attended

March 3 – Office on Women's Health and AMWA sponsored a Discussion on HIV/AIDs for Women and Girls in Washington DC

March 14: Human Trafficking: Training for Healthcare Providers Sponsored by AMWA and PATH, Berkley California

March 24 -- Women's Health Innovation and Leadership Showcase -- an event fostering provocative discussion, best practice sharing and networking organized by Healthcare Business women's Association and AMWA participation was held in New York

April 23-26 AMWA Centennial meeting at Chicago attended by Dr Padmini Murthy who represented MWIA.

May 18 --Women's Health Forum which was co sponsored by AMWA and Stanford School of Medicine was held at Stanford

September 15 – Free webcast – Tax Strategies for the Modern Physician: Implementing Corporate Tax Strategies to Reduce Tax Liability Presented by Bison Business Solutions and Kasper Law

September 19-20: Interim Board Meeting – Washington, DC, George Washington School of medicine. The corresponding program was well attended. By physicians in the DC area as well.

October 14: Atrial Fibrillation Virtual Support Network Meeting. This was a great resource for both patients and clinicians.

October 18-19: The Sex and Gender Medical Educations (SGME) Summit: A Roadmap for Curricular Innovation was held at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. This was a successful event with representatives from most the medical schools in the US.

November 2-7, 2015: **ObesityWeekSM** brings the latest in obesity science and treatment to Los Angeles and AMWA is an Obesity Week Partner.

2014

January 14: AMWA organized Human Trafficking and Healthcare Seminar in partnership with local AMWA chapter in Boston

March 13- 16: 99th Annual meeting held at Washington DC, Dr Keswani represented MWIA.

May 14: The Diversity and Inclusion Section of AMWA organized a panel discussion featuring international speakers to discuss health care challenges in Uganda at Chicago University.

September 27-28: Interim meeting was held in For Lauderdale, Florida and was well attended.

October 22-25: Cardiometabolic Health Congress Meeting was held in Boston and was well attended by AMWA members, with AMWA as a co-sponsor.

2013

August 20: Teleseminar Rachel Lloyd, author of Girls Like Us: Fighting for a World Where Girls are Not for Sale: A Memoir

September 17: Tele seminars series on women physicians balancing career and personal work

October 13: Leadership summit organized by AMWA which featured a webinar by Cherie Blair to discuss role of women leaders in promoting women's health.

REPORT ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES 2013

The report on the General Assemblies held at the 29th MWIA Congress 2013 in Seoul, Korea, was printed in the Seoul Congress Report.

REPORT ON THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM OF THE 30TH MWIA INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

Report on scientific input at the 30th International Congress of MWIA Generation Y. Challenges of the Future for Female Medical Doctors

Barbara Maier

GENERATION Y – inter-generational exchange

The main theme of the world congress held in Vienna was **Generation Y**, its view on life and way of life – as women as well as female physicians. Self-definition as well as perception by other generations were issues to be dealt with.

Generation Y has grown up with social media and the digitalization of the globalized world. It is a generation of high expectations but with probably less chances to live up to the standards of the previous generations – at least to material ones.

Generation Y shapes its own future but - as every other generation did - also the future of previous as well as coming generations. Middle-European facts on prevalence of physicians in the different generations: The Baby boomers (1946-64) hold 57% of physicians, Generation X (1965-1980) are 33% active physicians, and generation Y only 10%.

However, there are not only the facts: there is also trans-generational transmission of images, attitudes, and finally of prejudices. There is perception, attribution and perhaps confusion as well as communication blocks.

Generation Y female physicians have special characteristics: 30% of female physicians are single, one third is without children, and those becoming mothers have their first pregnancy after 32 years.

Generations depend on each other in complex ways. Exchanges are never one-way – if so, that would lead to dead ends. The gender-generation intersections and their bridging guarantee the sustainability for all generations concerned. Generation Y physicians are physicians for the previous generations – having learnt from them but nevertheless having their own ideas, attitudes and actions shaped by the social context of the end of the previous as well as of the beginning of 21st century.

Mutual mentoring is THE challenge of the 21st century. We should aim at thinking outside the box, the inner-generational box, aiming at respectful mentoring. The development of creative approaches as e.g. mentoring after retirement is of great importance.

In spite of generation differences, there are also similarities, basic concerns, basic hopes and fears of members of different generations. Sharing and building a better world together is what we should aim at – in female solidarity (MWIA).

There is the tendency of “Feminization” of medicine. What does it mean? In which way does it materialize? Which challenges come with it, which advantages and which responsibilities are linked to it? And how will medicine change as well as female physicians lives. What will that mean for the work-life balance of female doctors? What for their reproductive lives, family lives, professional lives?

The CARE aspect of medicine will become more pronounced, a special female challenge as well as responsibility taken over through centuries.

Data e.g. for Austria show: 46% of all Austrian physicians are female, but only 30% of them work in specialties.

Women's lives are determined by relationships, intra-generational as well as cross generational

– women's ethics is relational ethics. That clearly impacts their lives as women, partners, mothers and daughters – as female physicians with taking over responsibilities especially in this regard – in so much medicine goes female.

These were the questions and issues dealt with in the key note lecture of the opening ceremony and in various issue groups as well as in a special session that was lead by young physicians.

VIOLENCE:

The predominant subject of analysis in this congress was **violence** in its various expressions: domestic violence and violence in the elderly, sexual and intimate partnership violence, especially in pregnancy and after child-birth, violence in form of FMC as well as violence through bodily and psychologically harmful images of women.

The theme of the abstracts sent to the scientific committee was predominantly violence. That may reflect women's situations in a world shaken by violence. The impact of violence on women's health is often underestimated, but an intense and often chronic experience in the various backgrounds in women's lives, especially for very young, for pregnant women, mothers, and the elderly, for women economically dependent on partners and families, in societies with problematic images of women and suppressed social roles. Women are vulnerable, as women as such in societies, which disadvantage women as women, as partners, as mothers, as family workers, as multi-taskers, as elderly, as less economic powerful. Nevertheless women feel (and are held) responsible for family and children. They have to take care of them, care for them.

So one focus of the lectures was how to recognize victims, what best practice models could look like when we deal with victims, how to teach students and doctors to enable them to treat victims of all forms of violence. The common issue was to break the silence of violence against women. Presenters gave a broad insight into the health impacts of violence against women and the signs allowing detection as well as action.

MWIA launched its training module on domestic and sexual violence at this congress. Another focus was the question what to do against violence against women in particular, which obviously is a worldwide problem. Talks and presentations presented women's activities against violence.

DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES and HEALTH, PSYCHIATRY, NEUROLOGY

Generation Y will have to deal with a growing population of elderly which not only means many patients who are older but also parents, grandparents etc. to care for. There was a special session on various topics around that. Psychiatry and Neurology were the issues of another special session. Gender specific aspects of diseases like multiple sclerosis were addressed as well as various aspects of depression in different age groups.

IMAGES of WOMEN

Images of women were analysed from self- image to enculturated images, from ideas to attitudes and actions against (problematic, harmful) images of women. There is an interdependence of images of women and their treatment in society.

Images of the generations shape their exchange, their attitudes towards each other.

Critical evaluation of stereotypes helps to eliminate prejudices and to produce better mutual understanding.

Do we just have to meet the demands of culturally designed images of women or do we? rather have the ethical task to critically analyse them in terms of consequences for women? (FGC, cosmetic surgery...) Accordingly actions have to be taken.

Female geriatrics has to fight with various myths about elderly women, e.g. their sexual lives, their possibilities, their expectations. This was also scientifically examined in various presentations of the congress. Recommendations for improvement were presented.

GENDER and MEDICINE

Various aspects of Gender Medicine were addressed in a special session. MWIA has a long tradition in highlighting the importance of gender based medicine. MWIA's president introduced a new online exchange platform on gender medicine, a lecture on how to implement gender medicine in a medical curricula gave inputs and various lectures dealt with specific issues concerning gender and medicine.

HOT TOPICS for WOMEN'S HEALTH and CHALLENGES in GYNAECOLOGY

Hot topics in women's health were intensely addressed:

- HPV-Immunization and its impact on women's health: the issue of effective prevention.
- Health impact of female genital mutilation.
- **Contribution to Gender specific disease manifestation** and coping: multiple sclerosis, depression, stroke, etc. issues of GENDER MEDICINE
- Images of women in gynaecology and their impact of gynaecological treatment was analysed - resulting in the question: However, do we still have to introduce gender medicine in our specialties, even into OB/GYN?
- Contraception and the access to contraceptives as expression of reproductive autonomy was an issue as well as generation Y contraceptive behavior.
- Reproductive medicine and society: challenges of women – from social egg freezing to donation of eggs and embryos, from career demands to exploitation of poor women (donations, surrogate motherhood)
- Also marginalized groups, elderly as well as very young women were in focus of analysis.

MEDICINE and POLITICS

The feminist approach reminds us of *the private is the political. The private life is intertwined with the political and vice versa*. MWIA is in official relations with the UN, WHO, promotes and is interested in Women's Health Programs, presented e.g. that successfully established in Vienna. Feminism is still an issue – also in the 21st century, not having become outdated to date.

The old feminist slogan: “our bodies – ourselves” is true as ever and was shown in its implications by various contributions.

MWIA, since 100 years is building bridges between society and medicine, focusing on women in medicine and gender equality, on gender medicine as well as on social positions of women.

The European branch of MWIA is a member of EWL, currently strongly represented since EWL's president is the representative of MWIA. EWL has strong positions on how to prevent violence against women, on female leadership and on all the issues dealing with sexual and

reproductive health. The Secretary General and the former president of EWL gave an interesting overview on the political implications of a feminist approach towards those topics.

LEADERSHIP and HIERARCHY

Leadership and hierarchy in the health-care systems and in academics was addressed and the problems of female physicians to succeed, the barriers they are confronted with and the actions which should be taken to promote female physicians' careers. A key note lecture on new forms of leadership introduced 'servant leadership' as a very successful approach to leadership. Studies were reported which showed that this form of leadership is very common in female senior leaders. In the issue groups focusing on Generation Y it was discussed that this generation has a new approach to careers and leadership.

MEDICINE and ETHICS

The ethical is also the political and vice versa. Ethics is the critical analysis of morals in terms of the consequences of application of (enculturated) morals – this is necessary for all societal problems. Also we have to take care of the care-givers. Secondary traumatization of obstetricians by adverse events and lawsuits was an issue (because middle European obstetrics is more and more facing a shortage of obstetricians) as well as FGS and issues for healthcare practitioners and the challenges they face. But also care-givers at the end of life are those to be supported by intergenerational understanding. A special issue group dealt with all forms of 'surrogacy motherhood'. After an introduction which mentioned the differences between altruistic and commercial surrogacy motherhood there was a lively debate where the ethical problems coming along with all the forms of surrogacy motherhood were addressed.

MIGRATION, Refugees, displaced persons

In a globalized world, migration has become a challenge never faced to this extent before. Women are especially concerned – being vulnerable when they are very young, old, pregnant, having to take care of their children and their families. Migration as such is a bodily as well as psychologically as well as socially life-threatening and exhausting situation as is the continuing life as displaced persons. For the next generation of physicians this will definitely be a challenge, in particular the question how to guarantee a good medical treatment and once again violence against refugee women and girls will be an important issue. A special session on these issues showed best practice examples and tried to give some ideas on how to deal with these challenges.

Very many interesting and methodologically as well as in terms of results provoking abstracts and **posters** were presented – 4 of the received a poster prize:

Onyinye Anayanwu, The impact of mothers' perception of the OGBANJE PHENOMENON on their health-seeking behaviours for their children. This poster was awarded because of its contribution to deal with unhealthful myths and to elucidate rational medical action.

Nikola Komlenac, Gender differences in gender-stereotypical thinking among students of medical health care professionals. This poster was awarded because of the critical analysis of stereotypes with regard to gender – directly linked to the main subject of the congress.

Zainab Mangondato-Dimakuta, Child marriage: knowledge, attitude and practices among Filipino-Muslim women married at 13-17 years of age in Lanao del Sur, Philippines. This poster was awarded because of the courageous taking on such an important problem and its

exposing to the negative implications for the female children involved. The courageous and elaborated study was thought to deserve respect and support from MWIA especially. Nami Tanegashima, The thin ideal internalization in medical female students in Japan. This poster was awarded for the collection of a huge study population, for an excellent methodology, highly relevant results and the global interest of the subject. MWIA Congress at Vienna was brilliant in meta-level thinking as well as in drawing a picture of women physicians of generation Y and their intergenerational interrelatedness. MWIA 2016 encouraged the dialogue between the generations focusing on generation Y and its challenges as well as possibilities on a medical-scientific, a socio-cultural, a feminist, a political and ethical (critical of moralizing approaches of various socio-cultural contexts) basis with highly relevant take-home messages into all continents of our female world. We are looking forward to 31st MWIA congress in New-York.

Summary Report Of the 30th International Congress of the Medical Women's International Association

General Information

Congress: The 30th International Congress of the Medical Women's International Association (MWIA)

Time: Thursday, July 28– Sunday July 31, 2016

Place: University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria

Organized by: Organisation der Ärztinnen Österreichs
(Austrian Medical Women's Association)

Professional Organizing Company: Perfect Eagle GmbH

Theme: Generation Y -- Challenges of the Future for Female Medical Doctors

Official Language: English

Participants: 586 persons from 34 countries + 62 Austrian Medical Students (as members of the organization)

1. Social Programs and Ceremonies

<p>Welcome Reception July 28, 2016, 1800-1930 hours Arcade Courtyard, University of Vienna</p>	<p>yMWIA Networking Meeting July 28, 2016, 2000 hours</p>
<p>Opening ceremony July 29, 2016, 1000-1200 hours Audimax, University of Vienna</p>	<p>Local evening at a typical Austrian Winery July 29, 2016, 2000 hours Fuhrgassl-Huber Winery, Neustift am Walde</p>
<p>Gala Dinner July 30, 2016, 2000 hours Casino Baumgarten, Vienna</p>	<p>Closing ceremony (Inauguration of the 31st MWIA President, Prof. Dr. Dr. Bettina Pfleiderer) July 31, 2016, 1530-1600 hours Audimax, University of Vienna</p>

2. MWIA General Assembly

Place	Audimax, University of Vienna
Time	General Assembly I & Election of President-elect July 29, 2016, 1300-1445 hours General Assembly II July 30, 2016, 1330-1530 hours General Assembly III & Election of next venue July 31, 2016, 1430-1530 hours





3. Participants

	Number of registrations
Participants	492
Members	369
Non-Members	123
Gratis Registrations	59
Fully-paid Registrations	354
Students	46
Accompanying Persons	94
Press	3
Exhibitors	5
Austrian Medical Students (gratis registration, members of the organization)	62

4. Participating Countries

Country	Registration	Country	Registration
Australia	13	Korea	37
Austria	78	Mexico	1
Belgium	3	Netherlands	4
Botswana	1	Nigeria	141
Brazil	5	Philippines	13
Canada	9	Romania	1
China	3	Russia	1
Czech	3	Spain	1

Egypt	1	Sweden	6
Finland	8	Switzerland	10
France	10	Taiwan	6
Georgia	4	Tanzania	2
Germany	93	Thailand	7
Ghana	22	UK	27
Hong Kong	6	Ukraine	1
India	10	USA	25
Italy	8	Total	586
Japan	26	+ 62 Austrian	
		med students	

5. Scientific Programs

Scientific Program

A. Free Paper Presentation: 146 papers (30 Austrian and 116 International)

86 Oral Presentations (25 Austrian, 61 International)

7 Workshops (2 Austrian, 5 International)

53 Posters (3 Austrian, 50 International)

B. Scientific Sessions

Keynote Lecture	Sessions	Special Session (Workshop & Poster Viewing)
6	24	4

Keynote Lectures

KEYNOTE LECTURE 1: Generation Y--Challenges K. Gutiérrez-Lobos

KEYNOTE LECTURE 2: Women's Health and Gender-Based Medicine: From Bench to Bedside A. Kautzky-Willer

KEYNOTE LECTURE 3: Violence Against Women and women's Health C. Garcia-Moreno

KEYNOTE LECTURE 4: How Can We Recognize the Victims? Methods of Training

Medical

Personnel Ciresa-König

KEYNOTE LECTURE 5: Image of Women and Influence on Gynaecology -- All Over the World and At All Times B. Maier

KEYNOTE LECTURE 6: Medicine Goes Female – Threat or Chance for Healthcare? An International Perspective B. Pfeleiderer (President-elect)

KEYNOTE LECTURE 7: Servant Leadership: A Challenge to the Profession

KEYNOTE LECTURE 8: Gender Specific Aspects in Multiple Sclerosis

Workshops

WORKSHOP 1: Patientenversorgung Auf Dem Rucken Der Arzttiner: Generation Y—Wie Andert Sich Mit Der Zunahme? Chair C. Gross

WORKSHOP 2: Why Feminism Is Still An Issue in the 21st Century Chairs: Dr.

Lichtenstein,

L Leutgeb, J Zechmeister

WORKSHOP 3: A Guide to Social Media G. Beck

WORKSHOP 4: Gender and Health S. Ross

WORKSHOP 5: Surrogacy M. Fahlén

Scientific Session Titles

Domestic Violence and Violence in the Elderly

Socio-Economic Impacts on Health

Hot Topics in Women's Health

Psychiatry, Psychology and Neurology

Medicine and Politics

Leadership and Hierarchy

Issue Group Generation Y

Medicine and Gender

Violence Against Women All Over the World – Part 1

Issue Group Generation Y

Demographic Changes and Health

Violence Against Women All Over the World – Part 2

Miscellaneous

Ethical Challenges

Leadership, Career, Work-Life Balance

Telemedicine and Social Media

Challenges in Gynaecology

EWL (European Women's Lobby): Generation Y and Feminism

Migration, Refugees and Homeless

Generation Y

POSTERS

This congress seeks to foster scientific exchange among MWIA members, raise awareness as well as install a sense of urgency concerning the challenges of the future for female medical doctors around the world. The Poster Exhibition in the Arcaded Courtyard of the University during the congress is a chance to embrace these objectives.

POSTER EXHIBITION

The MWIA Scientific Committee, consisting of a three-member jury, will anonymously review the numerous posters created by participants of the congress on Friday afternoon.

Ten promising posters will be chosen for an oral poster presentation which will be announced on Saturday 07/30/2016 1.30 pm during the General Assembly (Audimax).

POSTER VIEWING

The creators of the selected posters will have the chance to present their research results during the Poster Viewing Session on Saturday 07/30/2016 5.00 pm (Room 07).

POSTER AWARDS

Moreover, awards of EUR 500 each were awarded to four presenters in recognition of their outstanding work. The awardees were Dr. Onyinye Anyanwu, Dr. Nami Tanegashima, Dr. Zainab Mangondato-Dimakuta and Dr. Nikola Komlenac.



6. Continuing Medical Education Credits

Austria: DFP 15 medical points

There will be no CME credits. – According to the Austrian Medical Association the congress is certified with 15 medical points. You can submit the 15 credits to the Medical Association of your home country.

7. Sponsors

Sponsors: 9 Sponsors

Exhibition on site: 2 exhibitors

Sponsors of the Poster Award: 1

VAMED	Gilvasan Pharma
Austrian Airlines (official carrier)	Biogen
ellaOne	Merck
Novartis Pharmaceuticals	Roche
Sanofi Genzyme	Vifore Pharma

8. Patronage

Gabriele Heinisch-Hosek Form. Federal Minister for Education and Women's Affairs, Austria
Sabine Oberhauser Federal Minister of Health and Women's Affairs, Austria
Michael Häupl Mayor and Governor of Vienna, Austria
Sonja Wehsely Executive City Councillor for Public Health, Social Affairs and Generations, Austria
Artur Wechselberger President of the Austrian Medical Chamber, Austria
Thomas Szekeres President of the Medical Association of Vienna, Austria

9. Message from the Organizers

Edith Schratzberger-Vécsei, President, Austrian Medical Women's Association
Margarethe Hochleitner, MWIA 2016, Head of the Scientific Committee
Barbara Maier, MWIA 2016, Head of the Scientific Committee
Bettina Pfleiderer, Chair, International Scientific Committee

Generation Y

To Generation Y belong all people born between 1977 and 1998 – according to sociologists about 75 million individuals. They are supposed to be realistic, even optimistic.

Generation Y has grown up with the internet and digital globalisation. Generation Y members are multitaskers. They celebrate diversity. While Generation Y has high expectations, it is the first generation after a long period of time that will probably not achieve the same standard of living their parents had, at least in many parts of the world. Generation Y members are doctors for the previous generations – many of them female. We dedicate the 30th MWIA Conference 2016 to them.

The World Conference will be about our challenges in the future as doctors and as women in challenging contexts. In particular, women's lives are determined by relationships – cross-generational as well as intragenerational.

Generation Y follows Generation X and the Baby Boomers. How does that impact on their jobs, their private lives and their work-life-balance?

Medicine will offer a wide range of possibilities as well as responsibilities for Generation Y among others, e.g. genetic engineering, reproductive medicine and assisted technologies. Geriatrics will be an issue for doctors as well as for women as such in Generation Y.

We also want to examine how women of Generation Y are perceived by members of their own generation as well as by members of Generation X and the Baby Boomers. We want to criticise stereotypes and deal with women and their attitudes towards their bodies, family planning and how they are influenced by the cultural context they live in.

Vienna 2016 wants to encourage dialogue between all generations of MWIA, particularly inviting Generation Y to express hopes, frustrations, convictions and attitudes. See you in Vienna 2016 at the 650-year-old University of Vienna, the oldest German-speaking University in the world!

10. Information about the Austrian Medical Women's Association (Organisation Der Ärztinnen Österreichs)

Already founded in the year 1919, the Austrian Medical Women's Association has been campaigning for female colleagues for nearly 100 years, building bridges between society and medicine and concerning itself with whatever affects the "Woman in Medicine" – also including the topic Gender Medicine.

The annual congresses are a meeting place, an opportunity to network amongst each other and to exchange experiences as well as a chance to get to know each other, intensify contacts and to learn from each other.

Every annual conference has a main topic – "Lust and Addiction", "Fear and Power", "Beauty and Shame," "Justice." "Failure and Success" – to only mention a few. Speakers, who apart from medicine come from various scientific fields, such as philosophy, sociology, psychology or journalism, broaden the view by ethical and social aspects, which are often neglected in everyday routine. Issue-specific workshops round off the programme of the conferences. A major concern is the promotion of young colleagues.

In the course of the annual congress, we award the Lore Antoine Prize for a top publication and a dissertation/diploma thesis in the field of Gender Medicine. This award includes prize money of 1.500 EUR.

In cooperation with the Austrian Society of Gender-Specific Medicine, we offer our members support in the participation in the University programme "Gender Medicine". Furthermore, we support social projects, such as the school project Loumbila and the training of nurses or midwives in Africa.

After 1931 and 1968, the Austrian Medical Women's Association is hosting the world congress, taking place every three years, in Vienna for the third time. Our main focus lies on concerning ourselves with the challenges of the future and we dedicated the congress title to the "Generation Y."

11. Message from the President of MWIA Prof Kyung Ah Park

My dear colleagues,

It is a great pleasure and privilege for me to welcome all of you to the 30th International Congress of Medical Women's International Association as the President of MWIA.

MWIA was established in 1919 and we will celebrate its centennial in 2019.

MWIA holds an international congress every three years and this is the 30th as we know. The program of this conference is filled with the wonderful topics on the health issues of women and children, leadership, generation Y and others, to attract members with various background and interests.

I do appreciate members of the organizing committee in the Austrian Medical Women's Association for their dedicated efforts on making this international congress successful. Vienna is the "City of Culture". You could enjoy concerts, ballet and museum and many more.

I hope every one of you enjoys Vienna as well as the conference during your stay.

Most of all, thank you so much for your participation in the congress. I do hope you can bring beautiful memories home from this 30th international conference of MWIA.

Thank you very much.

12. Message from the Secretary General of MWIA Dr. Shelley Ross

It is my pleasure and privilege to bring greetings from the MWIA Secretariat on the occasion of the 30th International Congress of the Medical Women's International Association. I would like to thank the Austrian Medical Women's Association for hosting this congress and for their endless hours of work in preparation.

With Generation Y soon to represent the majority of practicing physicians, the theme of Generation Y: Challenges of the Future for Female Medical Doctors is timely. The world has changed for women in medicine since I started practice in 1976.

When Dr. Esther Pohl Lovejoy and colleagues started MWIA in 1919, their goal was to help women get into medical school and be allowed to practice after graduation. Although that goal has been achieved with many medical school classes around the world being at least 50% female, this does not translate to 50% of women physicians in the higher academic and leadership roles. MWIA now needs to encourage women to step forward and provide the leadership that is so desperately needed in medicine.

Over time, MWIA has expanded its role of supporting women in medicine to include being the voice of women's health. We have been known for some time for our work on gender and health and gender equality for the physician workforce. This triennium, we have also taken a keen interest in eliminating violence against women.

In addition to the scientific part of the program, please ensure that you attend the General Assemblies to get involved in the work of the association and take time to network and renew old acquaintances and make new ones. You will find MWIA friendships last a lifetime.

Let me close by thanking our President, Professor Kyung Ah Park, and the MWIA executive for a wonderful three years and wishing incoming President, Professor Bettina Pflleiderer, and the proposed new executive energy and enthusiasm to work for MWIA as we approach our centennial in 2019!

13. Scientific and Organising Committee

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Shafika Nasser, Egypt

Minnie Oseji, Nigeria

Shelley Ross, Canada

Maite Sevillano, Brazil

Astrid Stumpf, Germany

Hiroko Yamamoto, Japan

15. ° MWIA Networking Party for young medical women

Place	Popfestival Vienna, Karlsplatz, Vienna
Time	July 28, 2016 2000-2200 hours

16. yMWIA Meeting: New yMWIA Executives Elected

Name	Title	Country
Dr. Genevieve Koolhaas	Chair	The Netherlands
Dr. Sonia Adesara	Co-Chair	UK
Dr. Marion Okoh-Owusu	Secretary	Ghana
Dr. Samia Osman	Public Relations Officer 1	USA
Dr. Adaobi Agbata	Public Relations Officer 2	Nigeria



Members of yMWIA

17. Accommodation:

The Hotel Regina was the congress hotel.

18. Tours

Hospital Tour -- Wiener Privatlinik, July 29th afternoon tour

Hospital Tour	Participants	Hospital	Participants
Wiener Privatlinik			
Friday, July 29 th ,			
2016			
Afternoon tour			
Wiener Privatlinik	10	Wiener Privatlinik	10

1st Tour, 1500-1600

Tour 2, 1600-1700

19. Number of meetings in preparation for the MWIA Vienna2016

Name of Committee	Number of meetings
Organizing Committee	20
Scientific Committee	14

20. Jhirad Oration

The Association of Medical Women in India has been presenting the Jhirad Oration Prize at each international congress. Dr. Jerusha Jhirad was born in 1881 at Mysore and completed her medical studies from Grant Medical College. She obtained her M.D in England in 1919 and was the first Indian to be appointed as Superintendent of Cama and Albles Hospital in 1929. She was founder member and President of many Societies including the Association of Medical Women in India, which she joined immediately on her return to India. The award consists of an engraved silver plaque. The recipient for the 2016 congress was Prof. Kyung Ah Park.



CLOSING OF THE XXIXth MWIA CONGRESS

Following the keynote address from the incoming MWIA President, Prof. Dr. Dr. Bettina Pflleiderer, the closing ceremony was held in the Audimax at the University of Vienna on July 31, 2016, from 1430 to 1530. Featured was the installation of Prof. Dr. Dr. Bettina Pflleiderer as MWIA President for 2016-2019. The outgoing executive handed over their roles to the new incoming executive. The closing ceremony included speeches with musical interludes. The highlights and achievements of the congress were presented.



MWIA President 2016-2019 Prof. Dr. Dr. Bettina Pfleiderer
With MWIA Officers



Prof. Kyung Ah Park, Past President



Dr. Clarissa Fabre, President-elect



Dr. Shelley Ross, Secretary General



Dr. Gail Beck, Treasurer

SOCIAL EVENTS

The **Welcome Reception** with Hors d'oeuvres and music took place in the Courtyard of the University of Vienna, beginning at 1800 hours on July 28, 2016. Dress was casual.



The local evening at a typical Austrian Winery was held July 29, 2016, at 2000 hours at Fuhrgassl-Huber Winery.



The Gala Dinner was held July 30, 2016, at 2000 hours at the Casino Baumgarten in Vienna. Many attended in traditional national costume. Attendees showed their talents by entertaining the guests with song and dance.





THE 2019 CONGRESS WILL BE THE CENTENNIAL CONGRESS OF MWIA

The XXXI Congress of the Medical Women's International Association will be organized by the American Medical Women's Association and will be held in New York City, the birthplace of MWIA in 1919.



Many attendees at Vienna2016 gather on the steps of the University of Vienna having made many new friends and rekindled old acquaintances!