Dear IFHE Members,

The recent annual meetings held in London, UK were well attended for a low-key event in a Congress year with no accompanying conference. The Executive Committee (EC) discussed final arrangements for the upcoming Congress in Daejeon, Korea and made decisions about the focus for IFHE into the future. The action plan developed from the strategic plan was discussed as our progress towards goals, especially those to be finalised by Congress 2016 was reviewed.

The financial accounts for 2015 have now been finalised and it is very pleasing that IFHE made a small profit last year, largely due to the successful 2015 annual meeting and conference held in Malta which returned an impressive surplus of more than €9,000 to IFHE.

London, UK was a popular destination for the 2016 Annual Meetings and many were able to combine the meetings with other professional activities. Once again I would like to thank Ruth GIBBONS and Roy BALLAM for their organisation of the meetings. We were able to use rooms at the University of London, Stratford campus at no cost and UK colleague, Kate HUFTON, ably assisted by Margaret JEPSON provided the best of homemade British fare for all to enjoy.

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2016 IFHE World Congress

More than 450 abstracts were submitted and reviewed by a large team of reviewers coordinated by the Congress Organising Committee. If you are the Chair of an IFHE Programme or Council Committee and have not submitted your workshop proposal via the online abstract submission form, please contact the Congress Organising Committee or myself as soon as possible. The early bird registration deadline has been extended to 30th April and this is also the date whereby all people who have had an abstract accepted must register to ensure that their abstract is included in the program.

2020 IFHE World Congress

Following an excellent and well-prepared presentation to the EC by Carol ANDERSON and Mary WARNOCK, it is now official that the 2020 IFHE World Congress will be held in Atlanta, Georgia. The EC was very impressed with their proposal submitted on behalf of IFHE-US. EC Members overwhelming supported the decision for the Congress to go to the USA. We can all look forward to the official signing of the protocol in Daejeon in August at the 2016 Congress and to the presentation from IFHE-US about all that will be on offer in 2020.

2018 IFHE Council Meeting

The Executive Committee also made a commitment to hold the 2018 IFHE Council Meeting in Dubai in March 2018. President-Elect Sidiga WASHI is coordinating arrangements and further details will become available later this year. For some time the EC has been considering the viability of meeting twice in a year, so in 2018, the Annual Meeting will be combined with the Council Meeting.

2017 Annual Meetings and Conference

Due to the timing of the IFHE Annual Meeting and Council in 2018, it is proposed that the annual meetings in 2017 will be held in March. The EC is currently calling for members interested in hosting the 2017 annual meeting together with a conference, to submit their proposals by 31st March 2016. As an incentive, it is important to note that surplus funds are shared equally between IFHE and the host organisation. The EC remains committed to a rotation policy and we welcome proposals from all regions and countries.

World Home Economics Day

The theme of “Home Economics Literacy: Skills for Families and Consumers” was again the focus for this year’s acknowledgement of World Home Economics Day. I hope members accessed the press release on the IFHE Website to promote celebrations within your own countries and regions.

CSW60

Two of our new representatives to the UN in New York, Janine DUNCAN and Valencia BROWNING-KEEN attended the sixtieth session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, which took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 14th to 24th March 2016. Janine DUNCAN read a statement from IFHE during the general discussion of CSW60.

As we all look forward to a wonderful Congress in Korea this August, I wish you all well for the 2016 year and hope to see many of you in Daejeon.

Best wishes.

Carol WARREN

IFHE President (2012 – 2016)
XXIII IFHE WORLD CONGRESS 2016

Submitted by IFHE Congress Organising Committee 2016

XXIII IFHE World Congress 2016 will be held from July 31st to August 6th, 2016 in Daejeon, Korea. The theme is “Hope & Happiness: The role of Home Economics in the pursuit of hope & happiness for individuals and communities now and in the future”. The congress consists of informative programs, including inspirational lectures by seven keynote speakers. Also, there are enjoyable social programs that will provide you with entertainment and an excellent environment for further networking during the Congress. Home Visits and various excursion programs offer unique and memorable opportunities to experience Korean culture and life more closely. Please visit the website at: www.ifhe2016.org to get more detailed information.

Program at a Glance
IFHE Welcome Dinner

Monday, 1st August 2016, 18:00 - 20:00

The Welcome Dinner will provide entertainment and a good beginning for further networking during the Congress. Participants will experience various snacks and drinks along with a warm welcome from the organising committee members of the XXIII IFHE World Congress 2016.

Technical Excursion Schedule

Option 1: The Old and the New – Visit to Seoul (Half-day program, USD 145)

Option 2: Let’s Play! – Children’s Museum and Folk Village (USD 95)

Option 3: Korean Ginseng Factory & Baekje Cultural Land (USD 110)

Option 4: The Secret behind Korean Bean Paste – Visit to Seoil Farm (USD 80)

Option 5: A Walk in the Traditional – Korean Architectural Tour (USD 100)

Option 6: Science Sinsung Day Center Daejeon Multicultural Family Support Center (USD 80)

Home Visits

Wednesday, 3rd August 2016, 18:00 - 20:00

Would you like the chance to meet a Korean family while you are in Korea? IFHE 2016 provides you with a unique and enjoyable opportunity to spend some quality time with local citizens of this great country. Talking with a family gives you an important perspective on the culture and customs in Korea. If you would like to join in the Home Visit Program, please apply in advance. You will be connected with a friendly family.

IFHE Congress Banquet

Friday, 5th August 2016, 18:00 - 21:00

You will have a pleasant night in a distinctive atmosphere with fascinating food and artistic performances. This is an excellent opportunity for you to meet current professors, students and other related experts of Home Economics, and new friends who are passionate about Home Economics in Korea. We have no doubt that this time will present to you an unforgettable evening in Daejeon, Korea.

For Pre-Congress and Post Congress Tour information, please see the announcements on the Congress Website
http://www.ifhe2016.org/excursion/visit.html
IFHE ANNUAL LEADERSHIP MEETING 2016

IFHE President Carol WARREN welcomed 45 IFHE Members from 18 countries at the IFHE Annual Meeting 2016, at the Stratford Campus of the University of East London, UK.

IFHE Congress 2016

The IFHE Executive Committee discussed different aspects for Congress and the IFHE Council 2016. IFHE President reported about her meeting with the Congress Organising Committee in Daejeon and the preparation for Congress 2016. The Congress venue will provide excellent conditions and atmosphere for the Congress participants.

Several IFHE Programme and Council Committees will conduct workshops at the IFHE Congress 2016. The IFHE Congress Organising Committee 2016 presented information about the current number of accepted abstracts and sessions. They explained the broad variety of technical excursions and the high number of families, who will be happy to welcome IFHE Members at their home during the home visits.

The deadline for early registration has been extended to 30th April 2016.

IFHE Council 2016

At the IFHE Council 2016 the Executive Committee will present IFHE Statements on five United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These statements demonstrate the correlation between Home Economics and Home Economics education to the SDGs related to Poverty, Hunger, Health and Wellbeing, Sanitation and Water and Sustainable Consumption and Production. Five IFHE Expert teams are working on these IFHE Statements.

Another topic for the Council Agenda will be the presentation by the IFHE-US about the host city of the IFHE Congress 2020. Carol ANDERSON and Mary WARNOCK presented their proposals for Georgia, USA as the location for IFHE Congress 2020 and discussed their ideas with the Executive Committee.

The IFHE Plan of Action 2016 – 2018 will be presented to the IFHE Delegates.

Beside the IFHE Budgets 2017 and 2018, IFHE Delegates have to vote on the internal verifiers for the next four-year term.

Programme Committees

Several IFHE Programme and Council Committees conducted sessions during the IFHE Annual Meeting.

IFHE President Carol WARREN thanked Ruth GIBBONS and Roy BALLAM who hosted the IFHE Annual Meeting, organised a Welcome Reception and marvellous homemade food during the Annual Meeting.

Photo: Ruth GIBBONS, Carol WARREN, and Roy BALLAM (Source: IFHE)
IFHE IN RELATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

The sixtieth session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 14th to 24th March 2016. The general theme of the sixtieth session is “Women’s empowerment and its link to sustainable development”.

IFHE will be represented by two IFHE Members at the CSW60. Based on a call for contributions IFHE submitted an oral statement for the general debate. The following statement was accepted and will be presented by Janine DUNCAN and Valencia BROWNING-KEEN:

Statement for General Discussion

“Women’s Empowerment Essential For Sustainable Development”

The International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE) and the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) recognise the importance of the Sustainable Development Goal 5 and its targets, to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls, and acknowledge the integration of gender equality in other related SDGs.

Cultures and attitudes, which are based on women’s roles as housekeepers and mothers only, limit the rights and the potential of women. Home Economists advocate for changing these sorts of cultures and attitudes and support the transformation of gender relations at grassroots and policymaking levels. Home Economists acknowledge the importance of equality in education, employment and business. But gender equality in education or employment cannot be reached, if there is no gender equality at home.

IFHE and ACWW have long advocated for women and girls and the UN aims of gender equality and women’s empowerment, highlighting the relevance of women’s and girl’s everyday-life education and its role for sustainable development.

Home Economics is about the relationship between the family members, the role of men and women related to the household tasks, unpaid and paid work, as well as the quality of life for all household members. Gender equality and women’s empowerment start at home and are based on an equal partnership between men and women.

Women need to be empowered through basic education and education for everyday life, including economics, personal rights, and about their ability to contribute to the SDGs. Women are crucial for the sustainable development of all family members, the household, communities and the economy.

Cultural, political and socioeconomic circumstances influence the living conditions and opportunities for women and girls, while at the same time, women, families and households are key factors for sustainable development. Women are key actors to managing local resources: for example with improved cook stoves and education women can prevent respiratory diseases and conserve the environment.

To achieve women’s empowerment and gender equality by 2030 and enable women to contribute to all SDGs the IFHE and ACWW call for an end to all forms of violence against women and girls, coupled with the following:

- Awareness of the significant role and high productive potential of empowered women as key actors for reaching social, economic and sustainable development.
- Basic and higher education for all girls and women of the world to improve their everyday life management skills for the benefit of their household and sustainable development.
The United Nations Department of Public Information is pleased to announce that the Republic of Korea has confirmed its desire to host the sixty-sixth Department of Public Information (DPI)/Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) Conference in Gyeongju from 30th May to 1st June 2016.

Organised in cooperation with the NGO/DPI Executive Committee, the NGO community, the Government of the Republic of Korea and the National Organising Committee of Korea, the Conference will be held under the theme “Education for Global Citizenship: Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals Together”. It will be the first time for the DPI/NGO Conference to be held in Asia.

The Conference provides a unique opportunity for participating NGOs to engage members of civil society, diplomats, United Nations officials, policy experts, scientists, educators, businesses, trade unions, parliamentarians, local authorities and others from around the world in discussing key issues relevant during that given year. The 2016 Conference will focus on creating and strengthening global partnerships in support of the recently adopted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

“The support of civil society as a whole and NGOs and academia in particular will be key to our ability to achieve the sustainable development goals,” said Maher NASSER, Director of the Outreach Division of the United Nations Department of Public Information. He continued, “We are very proud of our partnership with NGOs and universities and believe that the Gyeongju Conference offers a great opportunity to mobilise civil society’s creative talent and energy to support Agenda 2030 and beyond.”
LIVE THE FUTURE NOW, HOUSEHOLDS - ARRANGE PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION IN A SUSTAINABLE MANNER

German-speaking IFHE Germany, Austria and Switzerland Conference about Sustainability, 21st and 22nd of April, 2016 in Bonn, Germany

Submitted by IFHE Section Germany

The reduction of poverty, hunger and securing the livelihoods of plants, animals and human beings are pressing challenges. With regard to the increasing world population and the finite resources of our planet we have to think about how to meet the needs of nine billion people. Because of worldwide climate change we need to enhance international cooperation to accelerate the shift towards sustainable consumption and production in both developed and developing countries. One main question is how to separate environmental degradation and resource use from economic growth.

Home Economists focus on sustainable resource management and the satisfaction of physical and psychological needs of individual, families and households to improve their well-being.

The German, Austrian and Swiss sections of the IFHE will host a German-speaking sustainability conference in Bonn, Germany on the 21st and 22nd April, 2016.

The subject of the conference is related to the 10YFP on sustainable consumption and production patterns, described by the United Nations. The main conference goal is to find proposals for how this vision of sustainable consumption and production could become reality for consumers and producers, from a Home Economics perspective. Participants will experience a wide range of presentations, from educational, scientific and practical viewpoints. In discussions and working groups they will have the opportunity to discuss themed topics and to make proposals about achieving process in sustainability in household production and consumption.

For further information and the full conference schedule have a look on the conference website (in German)

www.ifhe-dach.org

The conference is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection.
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR AUSTRALIAN HOME ECONOMICS CONFERENCE 2017

Submitted by Janet REYNOLDS, Convenor, Academic Program Committee, HEIA 2017 National Conference

The 2017 national conference of the Home Economics Institute of Australia (HEIA) will be held in Melbourne from 11th – 13th January 2017. The conference theme is “Home Economics without borders”.

Abstracts are due Friday, 8th April 2016. The Call for Papers brochure provides detailed information about the abstract submission requirements. To submit an abstract, please complete the Submission Form and return to janetrey@ozemail.com.au by 8th April 2016.

Further information about the conference is available on the HEIA website http://www.heia.com.au/events-conference
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2016

12th – 15th April
XXI International Conference of the Society for Human Ecology (SHE)
“Shaping a Liveable Future: Research – Education – Policy”
Santa Ana, California, USA

19th – 20th April
“Sustainable Development Goals and Gender Equality: the role of family policies and exchange of good practices”
University of Amsterdam – Amsterdam, The Netherlands
COFACE, the Confederation of Family Organisations in the European Union, in cooperation with the UN focal Point on the Family (Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs), is organising this international conference

13th – 14th May
9th International Scientific Conference “Rural Environment, Education, Personality (REEP-2016)”
Latvia University of Agriculture, Institute of Education and Home Economics – Jelgava, Latvia

22nd – 25th June
107th Annual Conference & Expo – American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS)
“Improving the Health and Well-Being of a Changing Society”
Hyatt Regency Bellevue – Bellevue, Washington, USA

31st July – 6th August
XXIII IFHE World Congress 2016
“Hope & Happiness: the role of Home Economics in the pursuit of hope & happiness for individuals and communities now and in the future”
Daejeon Convention Centre – Daejeon, Korea
Hosted by the Korean Home Economics Association (KHEA)

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