



# BPW News International

Official Newsletter of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women

CONGRESS NEWSLETTER  
Theme 2008 – 2011  
“Power to make a difference”

## From the President’s Desk

Dear BPW

It is with great joy that I take on the presidency of BPW International for the next three years. My vision for this triennium is to make many of our dreams in common, a reality. The reason you joined BPW was to become part of a powerful international network that will, and can, make a difference. The times call for action, not reaction but pro-action in addressing the issues and creating innovative solutions, which, for many reasons are now more critical than ever. I will work to give you that value by increasing our communications and visibility, strengthening our membership in all the countries, sustaining our financial viability with dues paid on time and with accurate declarations of numbers, while providing you, our members with excellent service, annual presidents seminars to focus on good governance, sharing experiences and best practices, education in personal development,

business and leadership programs affordably offered, while increasing our voice, expertise and engagement on the international platform. No matter what your level of expertise is, this is an urgent call for our members in all the languages and cultures to do whatever they can on the local, national and international levels of BPW. You are needed so that together we can and will achieve more. Time is at a premium for us all, especially in a voluntary organization but with just small committed efforts from the many members, we can maximize on the input and work that will provide results that we can all be proud of. Our organization does not have the luxury or capacity to have the first class services that other International organizations



may enjoy because our dues do not allow us to compete and for this reason each and every member should take the responsibility of increasing membership

allowing the low dues as our basic revenue for services to accomplish what we would expect from a 21<sup>st</sup> century international organization. Our very lifeline depends on our membership, financially, and for our high level presence on the international platform. Around the world our voices must be unified in our common goals of economic empowerment for ourselves, our families, neighbors and countries based on an equal status of decision making , politically, socially and economically while our members on all levels work to develop their professional potential. Each of us can and must take ownership of this

great responsibility, as women and BPW members. I implore all our members to fully engage in this process and help me and the new executive board, our leaders and our founder to reach and make this a reality for the future.

In this triennium, I pledge to increase our efficiencies vertically and horizontally, building on the best practices to provide excellent value, programs and member services.

I will encourage full engagement to support and attend local and national meetings, the upcoming exciting regional conferences and our next Congress in Helsinki, which will have so many great benefits that it cannot be missed! And finally, a BPW International organization that you will be proud to bring new members into, that will provide you international access, lifelong learning, leadership, mentoring and

friendships to empower women around the world.

I am very much looking forward to working with the new executive team building on the past accomplishments and achieving our big goals for this next triennium.



## **THANK YOU**

### **XXVI th Congress Mexico City 24-28 October 2008**

My first thanks go to **Dr Chonchanok Viravan** for her hard work and accomplishments as president and for her leadership through the 26<sup>th</sup> Congress.

I also thank all the members of the **Executive Committee** for their tireless efforts serving our BPW organization these last three years. In addition I would like to thank the **Committee Chairs** and the **committee members** for all their contributions and valuable work.

Holding a Congress is a very demanding task, requiring intensive teamwork and collaborative efforts between the **National Host Planning Committee, members of the country** and all the **staff of BPW International**. A big thank you goes to you all for your excellent efforts.

No Congress today can be held without **sponsors**. A very big thank you goes to all who so generously supported BPW and the Congress.

**Delegates and members, speakers and participants** is why we hold a Congress and my last thank you goes to all of you for your commitment in traveling long distances to be here. I know that you will leave Mexico City enriched, inspired and with many new friends!

I am also grateful for the support from the **members all over the world** and especially from my country **United States of America**.

Lastly, may I extend thanks and gratitude on behalf of BPW International to the officials of Mexico City for the hospitality extended to the Congress participants and conclude with a cordial **“Goodbye Mexico City “** as well as **“Good Luck Helsinki”** Finland for our next Congress in June 2011!

# New York

## New York

**Annual President's Seminar** 9-10 March, 2009

This 2 day seminar covers all BPW information, best practices and some special resources such as a media expert giving private coaching. It will be held during CSW and Presidents may invite Vice Presidents and interested BPW leaders to also attend the seminar. Some sessions will be together but most of the president's sessions will be separate. Cost is €175 and includes 2 lunches and dinners. Space is limited so please check the website for more details and registration.

## Calendar of Events

### BPW EVENTS

DATES	CITY/COUNTRY	EVENTS
7 March 2009	New York, USA	BPW New York AGM
9-10 March 2009	New York, USA	BPW President's Seminar
3-6 September 2009	Munich, Germany	13 <sup>th</sup> BPW European Congress
17-21 June 2011	Helsinki, Finland	27 <sup>th</sup> BPW International Congress

### OTHER EVENTS

DATES	CITY/COUNTRY	EVENTS
28 February–12 March 2009	New York, USA	53 <sup>rd</sup> Session of Commission on Status of Woman
28 February 2009	New York, USA	Project Five-O Meeting

## CONTACT US

### **PRESIDENTS OFFICE:**

4222 Oak Beach  
Oak Beach, NY 11702-4608 USA  
Tel: +1 631 422-7849 Fax: +1 631 792 1192  
Email: [president@bpw-international.org](mailto:president@bpw-international.org)

### **WEB ADDRESS:**

[www.bpw-international.org](http://www.bpw-international.org)