

We are delighted to inform you of **20 Anniversary of founding the very first BPW Club in Poland** and also in Central-West Europe. On this occasion a Conference is celebrated on September 25th 2010.

This first Club has been founded April 25, 1990 by Sylvia Zapalska and her friend Gerta Lestock from BPW Cleveland (Ohio, USA). The founders, invited by Teresa Gertig, Alicja Wegner and Sylvia Zapalska, met in Polonia House in Poznan. Sylvia Zapalska was chosen as the first President of newly created Club.



Activity of its members promoted the new women's organization in Poland, where soon appeared another Clubs. BPW Clubs from Poland made National Federation in 1992. The first President of the Federation was Warsaw Club member Bozena Moskalewicz. Two Clubs abroad, in Moscow and St Petersburg were established by personal contacts of Polish BPW members.

National Federation was included into the European and International BPW, organization playing an important role in women's movement, even functioning as permanent advisory body in the United Nations. Representatives of the European and International BPW will participate in our Anniversary.

BPW Clubs in Poland act according to goals of the International Constitution, particularly supporting women to reach high position in public life, politics, science and economy.

A ceremony on the occasion of 20 Anniversary of BPW in Poland will be held on September 25th 2010 in the Congress Center of Poznan Medical University, 37 Przybyszewskiego str. Conference opening is provided at 10 AM. The main message of the Conference is "Empowered Women are Avant-garde of Development, Well-being and Welfare of a Society".

If you have any questions or require any information before Conference, see our website www.bpw-poland.pl/kongres.php

The online registration for Anniversary Conference is now open: bpw.kongres@wp.pl

Participation in Conference is free. Unfortunately we are not in a position to cover travel and accommodation costs.

We cordially invite all BPW members, members of women organizations and women active in local/national governments.

Conference Organizing Committee

Program of the 20th anniversary of BPW Poland

"Empowered women are avant-garde of a development, welfare and well-being of the society"

Saturday 25 September 2010 - Poznań (Hall of the Medical University, 37 Przybyszewskiego street)

- 8.30-10.00 Registration of participants
- 10.00-10.15 **Opening ceremony** – President of BPW Poland – Mrs. Małgorzata Paczkowska
- 10.15-10.45 **20 years of BPW in Poland - a historical outline** – the first President of BPW Mrs. Sylvia Zapalska paying tribute to founders of BPW, who have been active for 20 years
- 10:45-11:00 **The objectives and achievements of BPW in the international arena**
Mrs. Amelie Leclerq - Coordinator of BPW Europe
- 11.00-12.30 Program lecture - **Why shall we remember women?** – Prof. Bożena Chołuj Ph.D
Discussion (questions please submit to bpw.kongres@wp.pl)
- 12.30-13.30 Lunch
- 13.30-15.00 Multifaceted medical panel **Modern woman's health**
Discussion (questions please submit to bpw.kongres@wp.pl)
- 15.00 -15.10 Coffee break
- 15.10 -16.15 Economic panel **Polish-German economical relations - Prospects of Poland's joining the Eurozone** - Ewa Sadowska-Cieślak – Economic counselor of the Polish Embassy in Berlin
Discussion (questions please submit to bpw.kongres@wp.pl)
- 16.15-17.00 Anna Kareńska - concert

Sunday 26 Septemeber 2010

- 12.00 BPW members – meeting in Manor house in Podstolice