

## Welcome to BPW International

Information Booklet for New Members



## BPW International

International Federation of Business & Professional Women

Since 1930

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### 1. Aims of BPW

MAIN AIM: Develop professional and leadership potential of women at all levels

BPW members

- ◆ take professional responsibility on all levels in the economy, politics, and society
- ◆ think and act locally, nationally, and internationally
- ◆ engage in networking, mentoring, and lobbying
- ◆ enjoy lifelong learning
- ◆ works with United Nations and other international organizations
- ◆ develop multicultural friendships

International Theme 2005 – 2008

**“New Dimensions of Leadership”**

## 2. Map of Federation and Associated Clubs



|                  |                    |                       |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| AFGHANISTAN      | GHANA              | SINGAPORE             |
| ARGENTINA        | HAITI              | SOUTH AFRICA          |
| AUSTRALIA        | ICELAND            | SPAIN                 |
| AUSTRIA          | INDIA              | SRI LANKA             |
| BANGLADESH       | INDONESIA          | ST KITTS              |
| BARBADOS         | IRELAND            | SUDAN                 |
| BELGIUM          | ISRAEL             | SWEDEN                |
| BENIN            | ITALY              | SWITZERLAND           |
| BERMUDA          | JAMAICA            | TAIWAN                |
| BOLIVIA          | JAPAN              | THAILAND              |
| BRAZIL           | JORDAN             | TOGO                  |
| BULGARIA         | KOREA              | TRINIDAD&TOBAGO       |
| BURKINA FASO     | LATVIA             | TURKEY                |
| CAMEROON         | MEXICO             | UKRAINE               |
| CANADA           | MOLDOVA            | UNITED ARAB           |
| CAYMAN ISLANDS   | MONGOLIA           | EMIRATES              |
| CHILE            | MOROCCO            | UNITED KINGDOM        |
| CHINA(Hong Kong) | NEPAL              | UNITED STATES OF      |
| COOK ISLANDS     | NETHERLANDS        | AMERICA               |
| CROATIA          | NETHERLANDS        | URUGUAY               |
| CYPRUS           | ANTILLES           | USA (Paso del Norte / |
| CZECH REPUBLIC   | NEW ZEALAND        | Chicago)              |
| DEM REP OF       | NIGERIA            | USA / California      |
| CONGO            | PAKISTAN           | USA / New York        |
| ECUADOR          | PALESTINE          | USA / Pacific Rim     |
| EGYPT            | PANAMA             | UZBEKISTAN            |
| EL SALVADOR      | PAPUA NEW          | ZIMBABWE              |
| ESTONIA          | GUINEA             |                       |
| ETHIOPIA         | PHILIPPINES        |                       |
| FINLAND          | POLAND             |                       |
| FRANCE           | ROMANIA            |                       |
| Germany          | RUSSIAN FEDERATION |                       |

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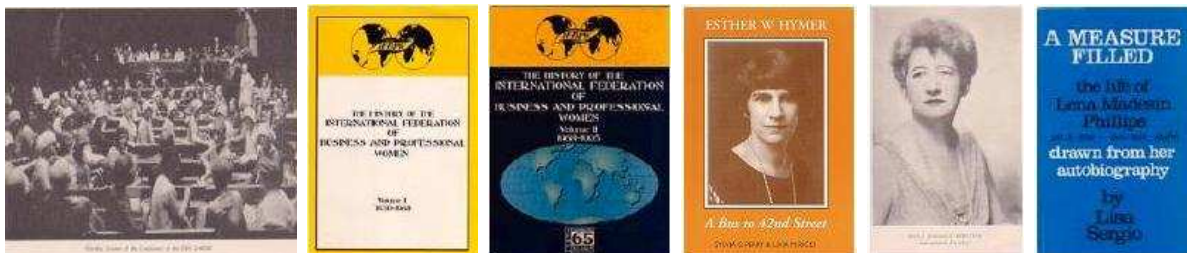
## 3. History

The "International Federation of Business and Professional Women", the today's "BPW International" was founded in Geneva (Switzerland) in August 1930, on the initiative of Dr. Lena Madesin Phillips, after goodwill tours to Europe by members of the national Federation of Business and Professional Women of the United States of America. Founding member countries besides the United States of America were Austria, Canada, France, Great Britain, and Italy. 168 members from 16 countries met in Geneva.

Dr. Lena Madesin Phillips was elected as the first International President and served as such until 1947. She had long been convinced that no form of equality could endure, or prove effective once achieved, unless it had a sound economic base.

The Global net of affiliates at present covers members in about 80 countries on all continents.

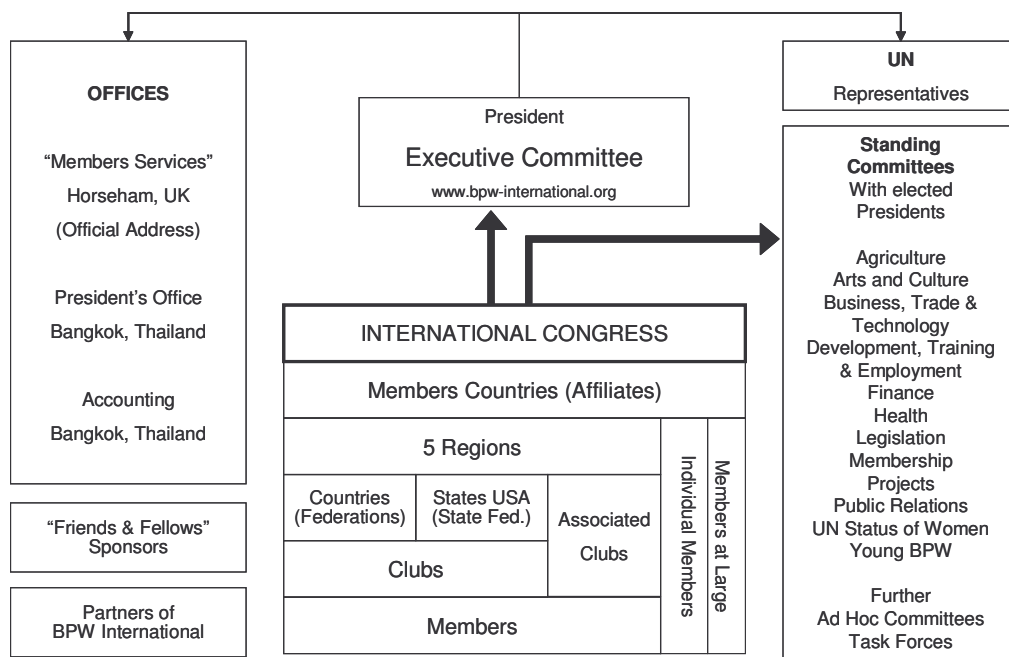
BPW International is one of the world's most influential organizations, non-partisan, promoting its objectives without distinction as to race, language, or religion. It is the recognized voice of women in all professions and occupations.



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#### 4. Structure of BPW International



#### 5. Executive Board (2005-2008)

| NAME                      | COUNTRY     | POSITION                                      |
|---------------------------|-------------|---|
| Chonchanok Viravan        | Thailand    | President                                     |
| Annarosa Colangelo        | Italy       | 1st Vice President – UN Chair                 |
| Elizabeth Benham          | U.S.A.      | 2nd Vice President – Membership Chair         |
| Freda Miriklis            | Australia   | Executive Secretary                           |
| Thitinan Wattanavekin     | Thailand    | Finance Director                              |
| Rooma Para                | Pakistan    | Young BPW                                     |
| Amany Asfour              | Egypt       | Regional Co-ordinator – Africa                |
| Ambica Shresthra          | Nepal       | Regional Co-ordinator – Asia / Pacific        |
| Gabriella Canonica        | Switzerland | Regional Co-ordinator – Europe                |
| Maria Inês Garcia Bunning | Brazil      | Regional Co-ordinator – Latin America & SSCC  |
| Monica Burgess McNeil     | Jamaica     | Regional Co-ordinator – North America & NSSCC |

All Executive Board Members are elected at Congress and can only serve one 3 year term in the same office consecutively.

## 6. Chairs of the Standing Committees and Task Forces / Ad Hoc Committees

| COMMITTEES                         | NAME                  | COUNTRY     |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Agriculture                        | Sandra Queroz         | Brazil      |
| Arts and Culture                   | Carla Michelli        | Italy       |
| Business, Trade & Technology       | Paola Corsini         | Italy       |
| Development, Training & Employment | Marta Susana Solimano | Argentina   |
| Environment                        | Yara Blochtein        | Brazil      |
| Health                             | Faye Gardiner         | New Zealand |
| Legislation                        | Kellie Tranter        | Australia   |
| Membership                         | Liz Benham            | USA         |
| Projects                           | Susan Jones           | Australia   |
| Public Relations                   | Yasmin Darwich        | USA         |
| United Nations                     | Annarosa Colangelo    | Italy       |
| Young BPW                          | Rooma Para            | Pakistan    |

Note: Standing Committee Chairs are elected at Congress for the triennium term. BPW affiliates can nominate members to serve as committee members by faxing or emailing the signed nomination form to Member Services. Committee members are selected by the international president in consultation with Committee Chairs.

### Taskforces

|                                  |                    |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Fund Raising Taskforce           | Chonchanok Viravan | Thailand     |
| New Dimensions of Leadership     | Antoinette Ruegg   | Switzerland  |
| ICT Taskforce                    | Sharon Selkirk     | Canada       |
| Friends & Fellows Taskforce      | Liz Benham         | New York/USA |
| Mentoring Taskforce              | Ninette Trifiletti | Australia    |
| Twinning Taskforce               | Megan Smith        | Australia    |
| Peace Taskforce                  | Elisa Campos       | Brazil       |
| UNIFEM Taskforce                 | Marilyn Forsythe   | Australia    |
| Communications Taskforce         | Chonchanok Viravan | Thailand     |
| Resolutions Ad Hoc Committee     | Patricia Harrison  | Australia    |
| Water                            | Lesha Witmer       | Netherlands  |
| International Planning Committee | Chonchanok Viravan | Thailand7    |

## 7. United Nations

BPW International holds a General Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Benefits for members include:

- ◆ Gain International Recognition
  - When called for, BPW can report case studies of BPW activities in various countries to UN agencies, especially those that support UN policy.
  - When called for, BPW can nominate BPW members as Experts to UN meetings.
- ◆ Gain Knowledge & Insight
  - BPW can appoint official representatives to UN agencies world-wide.
  - BPW can accredit members to attend specific UN meetings as observers.
- ◆ Opportunities to lobby and contribute at an International level
  - BPW can submit written statements to UN meetings
  - BPW official representatives at the UN can give oral statements at UN meetings.

BPW has permanent and alternate representatives at all the UN Agencies in New York, Geneva, Paris To know about these UN opportunities in a timely manner, BPW members can join BPW Online so that when the UN has meetings, projects, publications, or other special activities that match their areas of interest, they can be informed via e-mail communications.

## 8. Information / Communication

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|---------------------------------|--|
| Website of BPW International:   | <a href="http://www.bpw-international.org">http://www.bpw-international.org</a>  |
| Newsletter of BPW International | “BPW News International” <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Is published every 3 months in the 4 languages English, French, Spanish, and Italian</li><li>♦ Can be downloaded and printed from website</li></ul> |
| Business and member pages       | <a href="http://www.bpw-business.org">http://www.bpw-business.org</a>  |
| BPW Online                      | <a href="http://groups.google.com/group/BPW-Online">http://groups.google.com/group/BPW-Online</a>  |
| BPW Roster Online               | <a href="http://www.bpw-roster.info">www.bpw-roster.info</a>   |

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## 9. BPW International Services for members

1. **Direct** contacts to all member countries: see [www.bpw-international.org](http://www.bpw-international.org)
2. **Website** and “**BPW International**” as a platform for information exchange  
See [www.bpw-international.org](http://www.bpw-international.org)
3. “**Projects**” New and Ongoing [www.bpw-international.org](http://www.bpw-international.org)  
Up to date platform for world wide information about projects and special events in English, French, Spanish, and Italian
4. **BPW Business & Member Pages**, see [www.bpw-business.org](http://www.bpw-business.org). International platform for all BPW members to be listed free in the Members Directory. Business Pages cost (75.-€ / Year ) and promotes **Members businesses**. It is available in 6 languages.
5. **Participation in UN conferences at UN Agencies** (registration is e-mailed to Country President who forwards it to “Membership Services” [member.services@bpw-international.org](mailto:member.services@bpw-international.org))
6. **International Roster** addresses of Presidents / Offices  
Each Country Federation/Associated Club <http://www.bpw-roster.info>

7. **Participation in international BPW Congresses and Regional Conferences** (Events see “Diary Dates” in “BPW News International,” last page). At International Conferences you get in addition to special information and educational resources a lot of multicultural know-how, training for foreign languages and insight of the organization on an international level.
8. **Seminars for Presidents and Executive Members** (at “Regional Conferences” or “Presidents’ Meetings” in the Regions, see “Diary Dates” in “BPW News International, last page)
9. **Confirmation Certificates for term of service as a BPW Officer for CV** (through the Country President who forwards documents to [president@bpw-international.org](mailto:president@bpw-international.org))
10. **Worldwide Mentoring and Job Shadowing** (through direct contact to countries and access to mentoring programs: [www.bpw-international.org](http://www.bpw-international.org))
11. **“Twinning”** between clubs from different countries to share news. Mentoring, networking etc.
12. **Worldwide Events** [www.bpw-international.org](http://www.bpw-international.org)  
A multitude of ongoing BPW events happening in all regions of the world

## 10. Friends and Fellows, Sponsors of BPW International

“Friends of BPW International” are a members **Sponsor group** who provide additional funds to BPW International outside of the member dues in order to help our young BPW members and administrative costs. Money raised from friends is used to help clubs and young bpw members from economic disadvantaged countries to be able to attend and participate at Congress.

“Friends of BPW International” receive a pin and the editions of “BPW International” newsletter that informs about the activities of the International Federation.

### Friends-Categories:

|                                       |                                      |                                   |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Business:</b> €2000/\$2500/GBP1300 | <b>Diamond</b> €1125 /\$1500 /GBP750 | <b>Gold:</b> €750 /\$1000 /GBP500 |
| <b>Silver:</b> €375 /\$500 /GBP250    | <b>Bronze:</b> € 150 /\$200 /GBP100  | <b>Friend:</b> €75 /\$100 /GBP50  |

### Fellows Program

The Fellowship consists of qualified, people of distinction in business, education, politics, health fields etc outside of BPW or inside BPW. Through a nomination process from BPW members or federations and clubs along with a fee of 1000.00 Euro the individuals are selected and admitted as Fellows. The Fellows program increases our base of influential people who support BPW's aims and who can provide knowledge, advice and give higher credibility to BPW as an important international organization.

A special pin is given to the **Fellows**.

The money collected is accumulated and placed in the projects account to be distributed as determined by the projects chair and committee A An exclusive benefit given to Friends and Fellows is an invitation to a unique social event for “Friends and Fellows of BPW International” only at the Congress which takes place every three years.

Application Forms are available on the website [www.bpw-international.org](http://www.bpw-international.org)

## 11. NEXT INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS



# XXVI BPW International Congress

**“Power to Make a Difference”**

Merida, Mexico  
24-28 October 2008

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

Every member, including new ones and guests are welcomed and encouraged to attend!

<http://www.bpw-business.org>

Members Directory of BPW International



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The Business & Members Pages of BPW,  
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