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## A Message from the President

Mary Andrews

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### **It's a Small World!**

All of us as we travel, appreciate the uniqueness of each country and culture that we visit. But, increasingly it is bewildering to observe the “sameness” across the globe: McDonalds at every street corner, Star-bucks Cafes (or some other designer brand), Benetton Colors, TJ Fridays, Dominos/Pizza Hut and other global enterprises line the streets of major cities throughout the world. Our European and American consumer habits aren't infecting the teenagers, young adults and newly affluent in continent after continent and vice versa. Have you noticed how small and tight are the blouses and skirts made in Asia? Our body types do not do well in such styles!

We all know the old saying—the world is shrinking. And indeed it is in many more ways than ever before. One of my pet peeves is the cell phone. If we think every teenager in the US has a phone glued to their ears, wait till you visit India or Singapore! Even the drivers and house servants have cell phones and use them continuously. It is fun to remark on the very mundane and boring job of a ‘security guard’...and there are many in that profession throughout the world. But behold the use of the cell phone gaming capability and thus an interesting way to pass the time!

Cell phones have entered the list of “things to take/have” this year for the first time since we have been taking Michigan State University students to India for a study abroad experience. At first I thought it was OK, a good way for the students to arrange schedules and exchange information with each other. But oh no...they are talking daily to their parents, boyfriends, old roommates, etc. Such contacts occasionally help students keep connected with the home base. But such continual contact detracts from their ability to make friends and settle into the new routines of their home country. It adds to their dissatisfaction with minor inconveniences and reinforces stereotypes that come from home. But even without home-based influences, what are our students learning? Oh, how much easier it was a few years ago! Indian youth aspire to act, dress, eat and spend like American youth! Where are the lessons in “small is beautiful” and “a simple life is satisfying”?

Sometimes as I travel in Asia I think that this new global economy is really just a bubble...and like bubbles, it must some day burst. But is that true? Will not the jobs brought to developing countries through global outsourcing change those cultures irretrievably? Will the youth involved in these new careers ever appreciate their cultural history and roots? As they become global citizens with the means to travel and partake of the increasing “sameness” around the world will not their values and expectations reflect their new experiences? Just as we are beginning to appreciate our “diversity”, many around the world are appreciating their “sameness”! What is the world coming to! ❖

## Attend the IFHE Jubilee Congress in Switzerland, July 2008

Lots of exciting things are being planned for the Jubilee Congress! Not only are traditional papers and posters anticipated, but a host of new opportunities will be available for members to participate. Fund raising plans are underway and a number of pre and post congress tours are on the drawing board. Some information is provided in this newsletter (see page 5), but keep in touch with developments by checking the special Congress Web site at: [www.ifhe2008.org](http://www.ifhe2008.org). ❖

## United Nations Special Observance

Mary Andrews and Ruth Norman

The International Day of Families is celebrated annually on May 15. This special day is set aside to raise public awareness about crucial issues facing families. Family, as a basic unit of society plays a key role in the social, economic, and political development of a society. It is the setting in which values, skills, and a sense of identity are formed that shape our every day lives. Celebrate Families every day and every year on the "International Day of Families." ❖

## New Networking Opportunities at AAFCS

Mary Andrews

During the 2006 Annual Meeting, the AAFCS Senate approved a new organizational structure for member participation. Instead of Divisions and Committees, members can suggest "Communities of Interest," a way to cut across old divisions and create issue-oriented sub-groups. Because of this change, our International Division no longer exists. If you would like to see an International Community of Interest, voice your support through e-mailing us at the IFHE-US organization or directly to the Board of Directors of AAFCS at [communities@aaafcs.org](mailto:communities@aaafcs.org) by May 15th. More discussions will occur at our IFHE-US annual business meeting on Wednesday, June 20. Also, special times have been set aside during the conference to discuss "communities."

The times are as follows:

- Thursday, June 21, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Chat Room for AAFCS Committees
- Saturday, June 23, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Chat Room for AAFCS Committees ❖

## Network with Internationally-Oriented Colleagues at AAFCS!

You have probably received lots of information about the AAFCS Annual Conference and Expo set for Reno on June 21-24, 2007. The conference will be held at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada. Early bird registration is due April 13, 2007. Our IFHE-US chapter collaborates with AAFCS is hosting our annual meeting and events of interest to both our membership and other internationally-oriented colleagues. The following are some key events to consider on your calendar:

- Wednesday, June 20; 8:30-11:00 a.m.  
IFHE-US Board of Director's Meeting
- Wednesday, June 20; 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
IFHE-US Annual Membership Meeting
- Wednesday, June 20; 6:00-9:00 p.m.  
IFHE-US Development Fund Cultural Event
- Thursday, June 21; 7:00-10:00 a.m.  
Orientation to AAFCS Communities of Interest
- Thursday, June 21; 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
"International Research and Perspectives"
- Friday, June 22; SUMMIT DAY, 9:20-10:40 a.m. "FCS-A Profession of Action: Meeting the Challenges of American Kaleidoscope." This educational session will highlight some of the work of IFHE-US members as they support international home economics/ family consumer science programs and professionals. ❖

## You are invited!

### AAFCS Conference Basque Cultural Event

IFHE-US Development Fund is sponsoring hors d'oeuvres and a cultural program on the Basques of Nevada on Wednesday, June 20, 2007, from 6:00-9:00 p.m., at the Parish Hall of Trinity Episcopal Church in Reno. Argitxu Camus Etchecopar will be our speaker. She is a research assistant for the Center for Basque Studies at the University of Nevada, Reno and will speak on "Basque Immigration to the United States." PDU's pending. All are welcome to attend. A portion of \$50 ticket is tax deductible. Taxis can be shared at 5:45 p.m. from Grand Sierra Resort main entrance for a nominal fee. More information available at [www.ifhe-us.org](http://www.ifhe-us.org) or contact Sharon McManus, CFCS, Director, IFHE-US Development Fund at [svmcmanus@aol.com](mailto:svmcmanus@aol.com) or 616-546-3394.

Mark this on your calendar as you won't want to miss this exciting evening which includes Basque entertainment and information, plus delicious food. A great time for networking with friends and an opportunity to support the IFHE-US Development Fund! **Registration deadline is June 9, 2007.** ❖

### CAHE and Region of the Americas Conferences in the Bahamas

The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology in conjunction with the Bahamas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Educators will host the 17<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Caribbean Association of Home Economists (CAHE), July 29-August 2, 2007, at the Wyndham Nassau Resort and Cristal Palace Casino, Cable Beach, Nassau Bahamas. The theme is "Home Economics Education: Enhancing and Sustaining the Quality of the Workforce in the Caribbean."

Following the four-day conference is the one-day Region of the Americas meeting, Thursday, August 2. This meeting will be at the same location and the theme is: "Strengthening Regional Cooperation." The program will include a keynote speaker, a panel representing a variety of regional projects, a business meeting chaired by IFHE VP Region of Americas, Janice Archibald, and poster presentations of current regional projects. The business meeting will focus on strengthening the regional structure procedures for the Region of Americas and developing greater outreach activities within the region.

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#### DEVELOPMENT FUND BASQUE CULTURAL EVENT REGISTRATION

Wednesday, June 20, 2007

6:00–9:00 p.m.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Master Card \_\_\_\_\_ Visa

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check

Make payable to:

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Mail, e-mail, or phone registration to:

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[nstjohn@bridgewater.edu](mailto:nstjohn@bridgewater.edu)

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Since it is hoped that people will also attend the CAHE Conference, the separate regional meeting registration fee is a minimal **\$10 US** for the one-day meeting. This can be paid at the same time as the CAHE registration. Just indicate on your CAHE registration that you are paying for both meetings. If you are not able to attend the entire CAHE Conference, the fee will be **\$40 US**. Please indicate on the CAHE registration form the date that you will be arriving.

For more information about the CAHE Conference, lodging, and registration for the meetings see the IFHE Web page ([www.ifhe.org](http://www.ifhe.org)), the IFHE-US Web page ([www.ifhe-us.org](http://www.ifhe-us.org)), and the CAHE Web page ([www.maxpages.com/cahe](http://www.maxpages.com/cahe)). For further details, contact VP Region of Americas, Janice Archibald ([janarchi@yahoo.com](mailto:janarchi@yahoo.com)) or Member Representative, Joanne Pearson ([pearsojm@jmu.edu](mailto:pearsojm@jmu.edu)). ❖

### **Region of the Americas Call for Regional Project Abstracts**

IFHE members living in the Region of the Americas (US, Canada, Caribbean, Central and South America) are encouraged to submit brief abstracts of “regional” projects they have recently completed or are currently conducting. The abstracts will be compiled into a booklet, and people who submit abstracts are invited to share these projects, in poster format, at the IFHE Regional Meeting in Nassau, Bahamas, on Thursday, August 2, 2007. “Regional” in this case can mean states, providences, islands, or countries. The abstract submitters must be IFHE members living within the Region of Americas. The projects can include school-based, college/university, community, development agencies, professional organizations, and any other settings where home economists (FCS professionals) may be associated.

Abstracts should include the following information:

- Title of project
- Contact person or persons on project
- E-mail address(es) of person(s) named above
- The purpose of the “regional” project
- Partnering groups/schools/agencies or organizations
- Time frame for the project
- Description of activities involved
- Outcomes (final or preliminary)

The abstract must be in English in a rich text format (\*.rtf) or WORD in a maximum of 250 words, single spaced, Times New Roman, 11-point font. Indents should NOT be used. Send abstracts to the IFHE Member Representative for the Americas Region, Joanne Pearson, [pearsojm@jmu.edu](mailto:pearsojm@jmu.edu), by June 15, 2007, in order to have your abstract included in the Regional Projects booklet that will be available at the Regional Meeting on August 2, 2007.

All people who submit abstracts are invited to share their information in the form of a poster (dimensions approximately 100 cm x 70 cm) at the regional meeting. Receipt of the abstracts by Joanne Pearson will be acknowledged, but no screening of submissions will take place in order to determine who can bring posters to the meeting. All submissions will be accepted. We are trying to get a broad spectrum of submissions from throughout the Region of Americas to highlight regional cooperation efforts by home economists (FCS professionals). ❖

### **For Sale Items at AAFCS Conference at Reno Benefits IFHE-US Development Fund** Sharon McManus and Ruth Norman

The notecards have photographs of women, children and families which members have taken in other countries! A package of 12 (3 each of 4 different photos) costs \$10. Purchase at Reno or take back to your affiliate to sell. Great gift!

Bookmarks representing the 2006 UN Day of Families stamp will be sold for \$2.00. The stamp features a family working in a field. ❖

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**School Gardens Planted in Moldova**

By Joanne Pearson – Project Coordinator

In September 2006, a workshop was held for representatives from auxiliary schools in Moldova who were interested in starting school gardens. The workshop was a part of the 2.5-year grant funded by the Monsanto Fund that IFHE-US and IFHE (CEEC Committee) received in January 2006. Following the workshop, ten schools from around the country were selected to receive funding for development of the gardens. Fruit trees and bushes were provided to the schools in the fall, with the gardens to be planted in the spring.

In April Dr. Pearson will again travel to Moldova to meet with the Moldovan co-directors, Drs. Herve and Eleonora Dupouy. Procedures for analysis of the initial nutrient status surveys and procedures for gathering garden development and progress data will be finalized. The several project leaders will visit some of the schools to see the progress of the gardens and to hear about the student involvement in the project. The hope is that the spring and summer seasons this year will have growing conditions of adequate, but not too much, rainfall that will result in first-year success for the gardens. ❖

**Work of the IFHE NGOs**

Mary Miller, IFHE Representative

Each year Commissions made up of UN delegates meet for two weeks to evaluate goals of a variety of UN programs and make plans for the following year. Two commissions of interest to IFHE met during February and March. The Commission on Social Development-CSD (including the Family and Aging); and The Commission on the Status of Women-CSW (focusing on women and girls).

IFHE NGOs attended both and Mary Miller was on the small committee writing the statements submitted by the NGO Committee on the Family to the CSD and the CSW Commissions. Of particular note is that Mary Miller was selected to read the statements during the regular sessions of each commission when NGOs are invited to speak. These statements become a permanent part of the commission proceedings. This is an honor and a recognition of the hard work and leadership Mary has shown as the IFHE Representative. Both statements submitted and additional reports concerning the work of the NGO Committees is on the IFHE-US Web site. ❖

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**Deadline for the Next Newsletter**

The deadline for the fall newsletter is September 14, 2007. Send articles to Jan Scholl at [jscholl@psu.edu](mailto:jscholl@psu.edu).

It is very important that “2007 Fall IFHE Newsletter” is in the subject heading and helpful if sent between September 1-14, 2007.

We’d love to print information of IFHE-US programs, projects and activities. If submissions come in before the board meeting. I can be sure that all articles are included. ❖

**Help Us Save Trees!**

If you receive the IFHE Newsletter by e-mail and do not want the mailing, please notify us. Each newsletter sent represents nearly \$5.00 worth of postage, printing and paper.

Also, please inform us if there is any change in your address or e-mail! Also, if you are receiving this newsletter as an officer of an organization, please notify us of the new name and address of the officer, position and organization. More than 50 newsletters were sent back to us during our last mailing! ❖

To make changes, notify [jscholl@psu.edu](mailto:jscholl@psu.edu). In the subject box type: IFHE-US Newsletter Changes. Thank You! ❖

## NURTURE

An international and trans disciplinary research journal for human development, developed by the Pakistan Home Economics Association, will publish their first issue in 2007. Articles for the first issue will be selected from those submitted before July 2007.

This refereed journal is to provide an international forum for academic publishing, having implications for individual, family, or community as consumers and social units. It's aim is to support the creation of knowledge to empower the individual, family, or community and optimize quality of life. Relevant subject areas are:

- Family dynamics, globalization of human development
- Home management and consumerism
- Food, nutrition, and wellness
- Housing and interior design
- Textiles and clothing
- Design and visual studies
- Home economics education and research.

Articles may be submitted with a cover letter to:

Mrs. Farzana Asar,  
3/P Block 2 P.E.C.H.S.  
Karachi, Pakistan  
or by e-mail at: [nurture2007@gmail.com](mailto:nurture2007@gmail.com).

Contributions may include: Review article, Original research article, short reports, short communications, special communications, case studies, and letters to the editor. Detailed guidelines are available at: [www.chek.edu.pk/indexnurture](http://www.chek.edu.pk/indexnurture). Manuscripts must not have been previously submitted or published.

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## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt

Carol Blount

Fifteen squares have already arrived for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary quilt to be auctioned off in Switzerland in 2008. Funds earned will be contributed to the IFHE-US Development Fund , which IFHE will offer again in 2008. The first grant was awarded to St. Lucia in 2004 in Kyoto for Banana Artistry. Squares for the 2008 quilt have been contributed by the following U.S. States: Ohio, Oregon, Michigan, Minnesota, Washington, and Wisconsin. Squares have also been received representing the following countries: Austria, Korea, Canada (Manitoba), China, Ghana, Malaysia, Palestine, South Africa, and the Western Province of South Africa.

Be sure your state/country is represented by contributing a 11 x 11 inch (28 x 28 cm) square. It's fine to have more than one square from one geographic area. Be sure your name and location it represents is included in the design. The square may be pieced, patched, appliquéd, embroidered, or otherwise embellished. Fabrics should be cotton or cotton blends. A square fits nicely into a standard business envelope, and should be mailed to Carolyn Blount, 2026 Tenth Avenue East, Seattle, WA 98102 before March 2008. ❖

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## Jubilee Opportunities

### Jubilee Tour Opportunity

Janette Gibbs

You are invited to participate in a tour of Switzerland from July 18-31 through August 1, 2008. This includes attending the IFHE Jubilee Congress, July 25-31 in Lucerne as well as a pre-congress tour of Switzerland.

Experience the beauties of Switzerland as they are meant to be enjoyed! Tour Fribourg, birthplace of IFHE. Take an excursion to Interlaken and Jungfrau. Ride a cog-wheel train to Zermontt as well as viewing the Matterhorn. Take the Glacier Express to Andermatt. Enjoy a Lake Steamer cruise to Lucerne. There will be other cities to visit along the way such as Burn, Thun, and Brunnen. Transportation will be by private coach, lake steamer, cog-wheel train and Premier Swiss mount train. Along the way enjoy the great Alps mountains, beautiful lakes and glaciers. The tour will leave and return to Atlanta. More information is available from Janett Gibbs, 135 Meadowview Road, Athens, GA 30606, phone or fax 706-546-6372. E-mail address: [jangibbs@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jangibbs@ix.netcom.com). ❖

### Become a Reviewer of Research Abstracts Submitted for the IFHE 2008 Congress

If you are interested in reviewing the research abstracts, please let me know as soon as possible. Tahira Hira needs your assistance! Contact her at: Tahira Hira, Professor, Iowa State University, [tkhira@iastate.edu](mailto:tkhira@iastate.edu).

The Home Economics News, publication of the International Federation for Home Economics, is currently available on the IFHE-US Web site.

Included in the newsletter is information about the IFHE 2008 Leadership Meeting in Heidelberg, Germany, and the third Africa Regional Conference in Yaounde in August 2007. Reports were issued on the IFHE 2007 Symposium in Bonn, Germany, and the 2006 National Home Economics Conference of the Home Economics Association of Zambia. The Centennial Committee announced three projects to establish and publish a written and DVD history of IFHE. A calendar of events includes conferences home economics/family related conferences in Berlin, St. Louis, MO, Reno, Northern Ireland, Malaysia, Bahamas, and Malaysia. This calendar can be accessed at any time at: [www.ifhe.org/calendar.html](http://www.ifhe.org/calendar.html). ❖

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### Contribute to New “E-Book” for IFHE Congress 2008

The IFHE Consumer Issues and Family Resource are seeking contributions for an e-book on “Global Sustainable Development” for the 2008 Congress. Please submit research or discussion papers that highlight consumer citizenship by telling the story of your local community, enterprise, school or project that illustrate “sustainability.”

Even students could write about what sustainable development means to them—include photographs of sustainable activities, etc. The hope is to include contributions from as many countries and settings as possible.

Letters of interest must come immediately but finished contributions don't need to be sent until November 1, 2007. Express interest or receive guidelines from Miriam O'Donoghue at: [miriamodonoghue@eircom.net](mailto:miriamodonoghue@eircom.net).

Send: 1) name of author, including title; 2) institution/workplace names and addresses; country of origin; e-mail address; proposed title/theme of paper/contribution, proposed format: research paper, discussion paper, philosophical reflection, case study, illustrated story/photographs. ❖

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**IFHE JUBILEE WORLD CONGRESS 2008**  
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**ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA for RESEARCH and PROGRAMME PAPERS**

1. The first author must be an individual member of IFHE and must register for the Congress. A person may submit only **one** paper as **first** author.
2. Papers must be previously unpublished.
3. Papers will be selected on the basis of significant merit and relevance to the field of **“Home Economics” (Family and Consumer Sciences)** and should have implications for individuals, families, and/or households.
4. Research papers must be based on scientific research, aim at development of concepts or theories, and add to the body of knowledge.

**CALL FOR RESEARCH PAPERS**

**GUIDELINES for Research Papers**

1. Papers are submitted for either oral or poster presentation:
  - a. **Oral:** The time allowed for oral presentation is 15 or 20 minutes, including introduction of speaker, presentation, and discussion.
  - b. **Poster:** Authors are to be present with their posters for a specified two-hour period for discussion. The space allowed for display will be confirmed in the acceptance letter. Audio visual presentations are not suitable substitutes for posters.
2. The Research Committee will normally assign papers to oral and/or poster presentations as requested, but reserves the right to change category if necessary.
3. Submission of an abstract constitutes a commitment of the author(s) to be at the conference to make the presentation (if submission is accepted).
4. Abstracts should be submitted in **electronic** form as an e-mail attached file in WORD **and** rtf.
5. The **Deadline** for submission to Tahira K. Hira by e-mail - [tkhira@iastate.edu](mailto:tkhira@iastate.edu) is **August 15th 2007**.
6. The final selection of papers will be made by the IFHE Research Committee. Notification of acceptance will be mailed to the first author by **December 2007**.

## Abstract Form for Research Paper

Abstracts must be in a rich text format (\*.rtf) or WORD file in a maximum of 250 words, single spaced, Times New Roman, 11-point font. Indents should not be used.

### TITLE OF ABSTRACT

Name(s) of authors, e.g., S. HOLMES, J.WATSON, and P. HAROLD

Affiliation and mailing address first author.

Name of first author, IFHE Individual member:

- Yes, since \_\_\_\_\_  
 No

(If you are not a member, please send membership dues as soon as possible, you have to be a member to be a presenter.)

E-mail address:

Phone:

Fax:

Country:

Signature:

Date:

The text must include the following paragraphs:

- Introduction (focus and aims)
- Method(s)
- Results and
- Conclusion(s)
- Implications
- 3-5 key words.

### Please indicate the topic area of your paper on the list below.

The Research Committee reserves the right to subsume or expand categories as necessary.

- Consumer Issues, Environment, Sustainability  
 Design, Technology, Textiles  
 Families, Households and Daily Life  
 Health, Food, Nutrition  
 Learning, Education  
 Theories, Methodologies, Philosophies  
 Other

### I would prefer to present my work as (check one):

(The committee reserves the right to overwrite your choice.)

- A poster  
 An oral presentation  
 No preference

## **CALL FOR PROGRAMME COMMITTEE PAPERS**

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April, 2007

Dear IFHE-US Member,

The IFHE-US Development Fund continues to work towards its goal of \$100,000, so we can help fund one or more projects at the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and 21<sup>st</sup> World Congress of IFHE in Lucerne, Switzerland. The principal is kept intact and projects are funded from the interest income.

The “Banana Artistry” project, which was funded to St. Lucia in 2004, is doing well. It is nice to see them benefit from our financial assistance. We know that there are many other countries where we can make a difference by funding future projects.

Your commitment to the IFHE goals and your monetary gifts help us achieve our global mission. We thank you for your ongoing support. All contributions are tax deductible.

A Basque Cultural Event will be held on Wednesday, June 20, 2007, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Reno, NV. Bring a friend. A portion of \$50 ticket is tax deductible. A registration form is included in this issue of *Connections*. This is our 9<sup>th</sup> annual educational fundraiser. Hope to see you in Reno.

With much appreciation,

*Sharon V. McManus, Director*

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