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Message from the President, Lilha LEE, Ph.D.

This special occasion is finally upon us. Although the long road travelled by IFHE has not been without hardships, we can proudly look back on our many important accomplishments in the past. I welcome all participants from around the world with immense pleasure to the Centennial Congress. I hope all of us can be excited and energized by this truly unprecedented event celebrating 100 wonderful and productive years.

A highlight at this Congress will be the launch of our History Book and History DVD covering the past 100 years of IFHE. Another notable achievement is the establishment of IFHE electronic Archives.

For the first time, we are planning to hold a Newcomers' Party for the orientation of our new members, and we will be holding a Leadership Meeting with representatives from each member organisation of IFHE. At this special meeting, the IFHE

Position Statement on "Home Economics in the 21st Century," which was initiated by the Think Tank Committee, will be presented.

Another groundbreaking accomplishment is the publication of our own scientific journal, the *International Journal of Home Economics*, of which the very first issue will be launched at the congress.

I believe all these innovative initiatives will become the building blocks for strengthening

ties among members and member organisations of IFHE. These initiatives will also serve as a growth mechanism for IFHE to improve its capacity and fulfil its mission in the rapidly changing living environment in the 21st century. I hope all of you will enjoy our centennial celebration as a part of the IFHE family on this special occasion.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

**IFHE ANNUAL
LEADERSHIP
MEETING 2009**

March 28 – April 2

**The Knutsford Court
Hotel**

**New Kingston,
Jamaica**

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WELCOME TO SWITZERLAND

Submitted by Monika ALBRECHT and Isabelle ODERMATT, Chair Persons of the Organising Committee

Dear Participants to the XXI. IFHE World Congress in Lucerne

Welcome to Switzerland! We are looking forward to meeting you all. On behalf of the Swiss Organising Committee we extend a warm welcome to all members of IFHE especially those members who are attending their first IFHE Congress. We hope you will enjoy listening and participating in the various sessions and presentations.

The XXI. IFHE World Congress offers you an interesting programme. During the five days of Congress you will have the opportunity to get an overview of all the research topics and best practice methods in the vast field of Home Economics. It is an excellent opportunity to share experience and knowledge and to discuss the challenges for the future. We hope you will all go home with a new impulses and enthusiasm for your work.

In our opinion it is important to strengthen the network between the Home Economists and all interested persons worldwide. More than 1000 participants from over 50 countries are registered for the XXI. IFHE World Congress in Lucerne. Now it is up to you to seize the opportunity for networking!

We hope that you will wear your national costumes at the Congress dinner (Banquet) a special highlight of our celebration of 100 years of IFHE.

The Organising Committee and the IFHE staff will endeavour to make this Congress a wonderful and unforgettable event and we hope you will all have an enjoyable time. If there is anything we can do to help you further, please contact us at the information desk.

BIOGRAPHY GERALDENE HODELIN OUTLOOK 2008 - 2012

Meet the Incoming President of IFHE

GERALDENE B. HODELIN,
Ph.D.



Dr. Geraldene B. HODELIN is the first Caribbean home economist to be elected President of the International Federation for Home Economics. Dr. HODELIN is a two time graduate of the University of Minnesota with a MA in Home Economics Education and a Ph.D. in Education. Her undergraduate work was completed at Ryerson University and Centennial College of

Applied Arts and Technology in Toronto.

She is recognised as a distinguished educator in Jamaica and up to August 2007 was the Dean of the Faculty of Education and Liberal Studies at the University of Technology, Jamaica. The IFHE incoming President who is affectionately called Geri, is currently on sabbatical and is using her time to prepare to take on the important job as President of IFHE, spending time getting caught up with her family and focusing some energies on getting used to experiencing the “empty nest” along with her husband Milton. She is also getting prepared to take on new leadership activities at the University of Technology, Jamaica early in 2009 when she returns to work.

Dr. HODELIN has been a member of the IFHE since 1974. Over the years she has served on the Education Policy and the CEEC committees. She has been a member of the Executive Committee representing the Region of the Americas, 2000-2004; served as co-opted member of the EC from 2004-2006 and was elected by Council as IFHE President-Elect for the period 2006-2008. Geri has represented IFHE at the launch of the IYF in Valetta, Malta, in 1993; at the FAO consultations in Cuba and Venezuela; attended and actively participated in world Congresses and Council meetings since 1988.

Among the many awards that Dr. HODELIN has to her credit is the University of Technology, Jamaica highest honour the Distinguished Award in Recognition for Outstanding Service to the University in 2004; the University of Minnesota College of Education and Human Development, Distinguished International Alumni Award for 2006; and the Jamaican Home Economics Association Home Economist of the year in 1993.

Geri is selected to serve her country on several educational service committees including being Chairman of the Teacher Education Board of Studies of the University Council of Jamaica, Member of the Teacher's Commission of the Ministry of Education and Youth in Jamaica and Assistant Examiner in Home Economics for the Caribbean Examinations Council.

Dr. HODELIN's work experience extends beyond the shores of her island home, Jamaica. She is a mentor to home economists and educators in the Caribbean. She is recognised as a regional educator and well known for her consultancies in home economics as well as she promotes efficiency in Technical and Vocational Education and Training and school leadership through funded projects across the Caribbean.

Geri has been the Past President of the Jamaican Home Economics Association, is currently the Chair of the Caribbean Association of Home Economists Think Tank and the

Editor of the Caribbean Journal of Home Economists.

Our new President is the co-author of home economics textbooks for the Caribbean and Africa. She actively promotes service and learning and learning through service in higher education. She believes in the education of children and adults in ways that will encourage them to improve the quality of their daily lives in a continuous way. Dr. HODELIN believes that much of what home economists know and do to create success in their professional activities, their family life and community work, were learned in their home economics class. To these ends home economics as a discipline, is indispensable in home, school and community education. When home economics education is removed or undervalued, the impact on the everyday lives of people is negative.

The work of the IFHE should extend beyond meetings as we approach the new century. So for the next four years the IFHE Executive Committee will be guided by a strategic plan which they will develop and in collaboration with Council and Programme committees. Groups within the IFHE organisation will be encouraged to adopt projects that will give members many opportunities to become visible in the regions and demonstrate the range of expertise members possess and promote the IFHE as the organisation that positively impacts the communities in which our members live and work.

Dr. HODELIN is highly motivated about her new role as IFHE President. She looks forward to building on the past and taking the Federation to new levels of success and recognition among NGO's and UN influenced organisations. She looks forward to nurturing the energies of the YPN, to encourage the new members find a place for service and networking in the organisation and provide improved opportunities for all members express their professionalism. Dr. Geraldene HODELIN invites all IFHE members to join her in making the next four years professional enriching but enjoyable for all members.

HOME ECONOMICS IN THE 21st CENTURY POSITION STATEMENT

Submitted by Donna PENDERGAST

Since the 2006 IFHE Council Meeting, the IFHE Think Tank Committee has focussed on the development, finalisation and strategies for dissemination of the *Home Economics in the 21st Century Position Statement*, which has been developed by members of the Think Tank Committee through an extensive consultative process.

The *Home Economics in the 21st Century Position Statement* is included in the Congress Bag and can be downloaded from the IFHE website www.ifhe.org.

FROM 1908 TO 2008: 100 YEARS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR HOME ECONOMICS

Submitted by Margaret ARCUS

The first international conference on Home Economics was held in Fribourg, Switzerland, September 29-30, 1908, convened under the patronage of the Department of Public Education of the canton of Fribourg with the assistance of the Swiss Women's Association for Voluntary Public Service. The teaching of Home Economics was in its infancy in many countries around the world, and the major purpose of the conference was to provide an opportunity for those concerned with Home Economics (i.e., teachers of Home Economics, representatives of governments and educational authorities) to exchange ideas and to discuss similar problems and issues. Home Economics was seen as an important means of strengthening families for the greater good of society, and it was hoped that this conference would attract public attention to the value and dignity of the work of women in the home and the importance of increased educational opportunities for women.

The great majority of the 750 participants in the conference came from 18 European countries, with a few also attending from Canada and USA. The participants wished to continue the work they had

begun, and during an additional meeting on October 1st, they adopted 32 resolutions of the conference, including one that established the International Office of Home Economics, with the headquarters office to be located in Switzerland. Georges PYTON, Head of the Department of Public Education in Fribourg and the Honorary President of the first IFHE conference, became the first President of IFHE, and Mme. Marie de GOTTRAU-WATTEVILLE, President of the 1908 Congress Organising Committee and the founder of the Scholl of Domestic Science in Fribourg, became the first General Secretary of IFHE.

Since 1908, the headquarters office for IFHE has been located in three different European cities and countries: Fribourg, Switzerland (1908-1954); Paris, France (1955-2000); and Bonn, Germany (from 2001).



The first statutes governing the International Office were adopted by the Council of State of the canton of Fribourg in May, 1909, and this gave legal status to IFHE in Switzerland. These statutes specified that the Head

of the Department of Public Education would serve as President of IFHE and that the canton of Fribourg would be responsible for the finances of the organisation. Three individuals (Georges PYTON, Ernest PERRIER, Joseph PILLER) served as IFHE President while the office was in Switzerland, and the canton provided substantial subsidies to support the work of the Federation. It was not until 1955, after the office had moved to France, that the President of IFHE was elected by the members from among the IFHE membership. During its time in France, the government of France and the city of Paris provided IFHE with a General Secretary and with free premises for the headquarters office.

The statutes adopted in 1909 identified the major goals and activities to be undertaken by the International Office. These included convening world congresses, establishing a specialised international library on Home Economics, providing a link among members, and promoting the introduction and development of Home Economics throughout the world. For the most part, these have continued as major activities of the Federation. Since 1908, IFHE has convened 20 world congresses, with the 2008 centenary congress in Switzerland to be its XXI. World Congress. All of the early congresses were held in Europe, and it was not until 1958 that a world congress was convened in another region of the world.

Throughout most of its 100 years, the *Bulletin* had been IFHE's major publication and its major means of communication with members. It was first published in 1913 but ceased shortly thereafter due to World War I. The *Bulletin* was re-started in 1927 and continued until it was replaced in 2000 by the electronic newsletter, *Home Economics News*.

Immediately following the 1908 conference, the International Office established and international library/documentation service and began to collect documents on Home Economics from throughout the world. This continued until the 1990s, despite the lack of space to adequately house the documents and the lack of staff to adequately manage this international multi-lingual resource.

Initially IFHE was a French-language organisation with some conference presentations and some articles also published in other languages (English, German, Italian). In 1955, IFHE decided that French, English, and German would be its three official languages, with Spanish added as the fourth official language in 1988. Currently the official language of IFHE are English and the language of the host country for the headquarters office.

Throughout its history, membership in IFHE has consisted primarily of individual members (those who have qualified in Home Economics) and organisational members

(local, national and regional Home Economics associations and training institutions). A student member category was created in 1974, and business and industries who were interested in IFHE and its work became eligible for membership in 2006.

IFHE has maintained an extensive programme of work. In addition to those activities specified in the first statutes (world congresses, links with members, international documentation service), other activities, including work within the United Nations (UN) system, the work of IFHE Programme Committees, and work undertaken by regions or by countries within regions, have emerged as IFHE has grown as an international Home Economics organisation. IFHE is an International Non-Governmental Organisation (INGO) and has been granted consultative status by several specialised agencies of the UN (FAO in 1952; UNESCO in 1965; UNICEF in 1970) and by the Council of Europe (1970). As an INGO, presented official position papers representing the views of IFHE and Home Economics. IFHE was one of the first INGOs to propose that the UN establish and international year of the family. This was eventually approved by the UN, who designated 1994 as the International Year of the Family, with the theme "family resources and responsibilities in a changing world". This theme was consistent with the mission and goals of IFHE and thus IFHE

was well-positioned to demonstrate the special contributions made by home economists to the well-being of the world's families.

Volunteer contributions from members have been essential for the functioning of the Federation. These contributions include serving as an officer or as a member of the Executive Committee, providing translation services for the *Bulletin*, representing IFHE at the UN, and organising congress and council meetings. In 1980, IFHE established Programme Committees as a means to encourage and provide opportunities for more members to become actively involved in the work of the Federation. The response was positive, and the number of Programme Committees has more than doubled from the original five committees. The formal establishment of regions within IFHE has also provided the opportunity for more individuals to become involved in and support the work of IFHE. The four regions created in 1972 was expanded to five in 1980: Africa, Asia, Americas, Europe, Pacific. These remain the current regions of IFHE and steps are currently underway to expand and enhance the work of IFHE within these regions.

IFHE continues to evolve as it approaches its 100th anniversary as it strives to meet the needs of its members and to work on behalf of its century-long mission to support and promote the development of Home Economics throughout the world.

IFHE LEADS BY EXAMPLE: LAUNCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF HOME ECONOMICS E-JOURNAL

Submitted by Donna Pendergast, Editor IJHE

IFHE has been committed for some time to developing a professional journal dedicated to the needs of the home economics profession. Now it is a reality! At the World Congress in Switzerland not only does the Institute celebrate 100 years, but it celebrates a big step into the 21st Century, with the launch of the peer reviewed e-journal, *International Journal of Home Economics* (IJHE).



The publishing of the IJHE is a milestone. As an electronic journal it reflects the contemporary times in which it is launched.

The benefits of e-journals are vast, including: reduction of barriers to information dissemination traditionally

experienced with paper publications such as time (for delivery) and geography (distance, service availability); cost efficiencies; ability to include interactive components – to name just a few. Importantly, it also makes an explicit statement about the membership of IFHE, valuing their ICT capabilities both for current and future generations. The e-journal adds a layer to the professional culture of home economics at a global level. Having a truly international venue for publishing high quality research and dialogue about, for and by members of the profession – and those aligned with it - contributes to the professional growth of those within, as well as the profession itself.

The e-journal will be accessed through the IFHE website, with paid members having automatic subscription. Non-members, such as libraries, can subscribe and have access on an annual basis. IFHE aims to achieve the highest level of quality in this e-journal. The e-journal requires: a prominent international editorial board; high quality submissions; a thorough and comprehensive review process; a high quality presentation. In this first Issue, we believe we have commenced this tradition. The journal will be published twice per annum.

You are invited to be involved with the IJHE. Here are the ways you can be involved:

1. Nominate as an Editorial Board member – for 2009, the Editorial Board will be reconstituted. Details for

nomination will be available on the IFHE website.

2. Assist editorial board members in the review process if you are approached for your opinion about the contribution of paper/s.
3. Promote the journal to your colleagues and friends.
4. Submit high quality manuscripts relevant to the field for review.
5. Provide feedback about the IJHE through your region delegates.

LAUNCH OF THE IFHE E-BOOK

Submitted by Miriam O'DONOGHUE

The IFHE Programme Committee Consumer Issues and Family Resource Management developed an e-book on “Global Sustainable Development: A Challenge for Consumer Citizens”.

The CD includes many perspectives on Sustainable Development from all over the world, 93 contributions representing 48 countries. The e-book was published in cooperation with CDVEC (Curriculum Development Unit Ireland).

The e-book will be launched in Lucerne, Switzerland, on Thursday, 29th July, at the IFHE Congress. Additionally a website will be available, the website address is:

www.educationforsustainabledevelopment.org.

Note: this website will not be live before 29th July 2008.

YPN ACTIVITIES

Submitted by Emma COLLINS

The Young Professionals Network (YPN) is a group of dynamic enthusiastic globally aware members of IFHE who feel empowered and proud to actively promote Home Economics. The Young Professionals Council Committee was formed following the last Congress in Kyoto, Japan 2004 and has since progressed and gathered members from all corners of the world. Advocating “young” to mean young in age, our profession, and IFHE, the YPN consists of a diverse range of individuals with different backgrounds, cultures and countries – all of whom work in the field of Home Economics.

The latest most recent YPN achievements include; YPN members James McINTOSH, Emma COLLINS and Chissy COLLINS were asked as members of YPN to present a plenary session (Sponsored by *Whisk: A Fresh Approach to Home Economics* www.whisk.biz) at this years Congress to signify the impact of global on the future of Home Economics.

Looking at Home Economics in 2028, harnessing the reality of virtual Home Economics, assessing the needs of the current and future generations and encompassing the digital world in which we now live.

James and Emma have also put together **Linking the Loop** – a slideshow that will be shown throughout the Congress highlighting the diversity of our

organisation and the importance of Home Economics across the world. Members were asked “*What does Home Economics mean to you?*” Make sure you come and see it at the Congress!!

For those of you who would like to contribute to **Linking the Loop 2** to be shown at the IFHE Council Meeting in Sligo, Ireland, 2010 please visit; www.whisk.biz/linkingtheloop.

In Europe, Stefan WAHLEN has been working together with the German Young Professionals group “JUNGES FORUM” to provide a pre-congress tour for young professionals. The tour consists of a workshop with a range of guest speakers and reduced price accommodation for the tour and the Congress, thus encouraging young professionals from the European Region and further overseas to make the journey and join the centenary celebrations. More than 30 Young Professionals from all over the world have registered for this pre-congress workshop.

In June 2008, Emma COLLINS and Chrissy COLLINS were invited to join the Japanese Society of Home Economics (JSHE) for their 60th Annual Meeting. Emma took part in a panel discussion for Young Professionals. The theme of the panel discussion was “Utilising Home Economics” focusing on the importance of building valuable networks. On behalf of the International Exchange Committee Chrissy presented the work of the YPN.

2009 LEADERSHIP MEETING TO BE HELD IN KINGSTON, JAMAICA

Submitted by Geraldene B. HODELIN, IFHE President-Elect

At the 2008 Leadership Meeting held in Heidelberg, Germany, the IFHE Executive posed the idea of holding the 2009 meeting in a location outside of Germany and at a slightly different time. The decision of holding the meeting in Jamaica between March and April was accepted. Between March 28 and April 2, 2009 the new President of IFHE will be pleased to welcome IFHE Executive Committee members, Programme and Council Committee Chairs and members to Kingston, the capital city of Jamaica in the heart of the Caribbean, Region of the Americas.

This important first leadership meeting will focus on planning for the next four years. It is expected committee members may want to critically examine the ongoing and planned work of their group and their contribution to helping the committees meet the goals of the IFHE in ways that enhance the role and visibility of the IFHE as a NGO with strong UN affiliation. The meeting will work with a Strategic Planning consultant in arriving at measurable and achievable goals for the period. Participants are encouraged to begin to think about what IFHE could be focusing on for the next four years and most importantly how

each member can help to make the Federation work successfully towards those goals. The members from the Region of the Americas are especially invited to welcome participants from the other regions and to help make this important meeting meaningful for all committee members as well all IFHE members who will share in the outcomes of this important planning activity.

Jamaica is the largest English speaking country in the Caribbean and about 80 minutes away by air from Miami, Florida in the USA. Kingston is in the seat of government for the country and the business and cultural centre of Jamaica. It is the home of the main campus of University of the West Indies, the University of Technology, Jamaica and the Edna Manley College for the Visual and Performing Arts among other educational institutions. The weather is tropical and the island is cooled by the gentle northeast trade winds.

Watch the website for more information on the Kingston meeting scheduled for March 28-April 2, 2009. Immediately following the 2009 Leadership meeting, the Caribbean Association of Home Economists invite all participants to join them in Grenada for the Biennial Meeting of CAHE scheduled for March 5-8, 2009. More information on the CAHE meeting will be available on the CAHE and IFHE websites shortly.

IFHE PROJECT GRANT GUIDELINES

Submitted by Joanne PEARSON

IFHE, an International Non Governmental Organisation (INGO), has received tax exempt status in Germany and will begin funding one or more projects annually that address one or more themes of the United Nations or one of the UN agencies.

Project proposals can be submitted by a wide variety of IFHE members and groups. Programme Committees, special project groups within Programme Committees, IFHE Regional groups, and individual IFHE members are all potential project proposal submitters. The proposal may be submitted as a part of a larger proposal being submitted to another funding agency, or it may be a stand-alone proposal only submitted for funding from IFHE.

The funds available for the project grants are approved at the IFHE Council Meeting and are a part of a two-year budget. Currently the two-year budget for project grants is 12000 Euros.

Because of the nature of the grants funds, in a two-year budget cycle, the amount of grants funded in any one year should generally not be more than that available in any one year. There is no specific upper limit to a project grant request, within that general guideline, and no specific number of proposals that could be funded from the one-year funds. If there are

funds remaining from year 1, those funds could be available for distribution in year 2 also. The important thing would be that the budget is appropriate for the work to be undertaken by the proposed project.

The first proposal deadline in the annual budget cycle is September 1. Proposals can only be funded to the extent that there is money available in the budget. Thus, to increase the likelihood of receiving funding, proposals should be submitted by the September 1 deadline. However, the second proposal deadline each year will be March 1. If there are remaining funds in the budget for the year, additional projects could be funded at that time. The reason for keeping a second proposal deadline each year is that opportunities for projects often become available at times other than a single deadline per year, or are not ready for submission at only one time per year. Thus, a second deadline increases the likelihood of securing funding for the proposed project.

Grant Application Guidelines for Applicants:

- White, 8.5 x 11 paper or A1 paper with a font size no smaller than 12 points and no less than .50 inch (1.27 cm) left and right margins.
- Single sided printing only please.
- Do not send proposal in a binder or folder.
- Faxed proposals are not acceptable.
- Attach only the extra materials requested in the application. Any additional

supporting materials included will be discarded.

- Proposal should be submitted in English in **electronic form** as an e-mail attached file in WORD or pdf to the IFHE Office at office@ifhe.org or by regular post to the IFHE Office, Kaiser Friedrich Strasse 13, 53113 BONN, GERMANY.
- **Grant applications are due no later than September 1 or March 1 of each year.**
- Proposals will be reviewed by 2 “experts” in the subject area of the proposal. If both reviewers accept the proposal it will be accepted and passed to the standing project committee for final acceptance within budget constraints.
- **Notification of acceptance or rejection of proposals will be given within 8 weeks of the deadline date.**
- Note: The overall budget for IFHE project grants is approved at Council Meeting every two years.

Cover Sheet (one page only please):

- Today’s date.
- Organisation/committee/region/proposal developer’s name.
- Address.
- Telephone/Fax/E-mail (if applicable).
- Contact person and title.
- Amount of request.
- Period grant will cover.
- Total project budget.
- Organisation/committee/region’s mission (2-3 sentences).
- Summary of project or grant request (2-3 sentences).

Narrative (maximum of 4 pages sections A, B, and C)

A. Project request (maximum of 4 pages, excluding the budget and budget narrative)

- **Aim of Project:** issues being addressed, needs, problems.
- **Goals:** What are the goals of this project and how do you plan to reach those goals?

B. Evaluation/Recognition

- How would you define success for this project? How will you know if it has been achieved?
- How will recognition for the project be made?

C. Organisational Structure/Administration

- Who will be involved in carrying out the plans outlined in this request? Include a brief paragraph summarising the qualifications and responsibilities of key individuals involved.
- **Time Line:** When will major activities take place and by whom?

D. Budget

- Project budget with budget line-item narrative.

Criteria for Evaluation of Proposals

Criteria for evaluation of proposals are based, in part, on the aims of the IFHE Constitution, on the Plan of Action of the current IFHE President, results of the 2002 IFHE survey and aims of the Think Tank Committee.

Scale for evaluation:

Very much = 3 points
 Middle = 2 points
 Little = 1 point
 None = 0 points

Score

1. Project addresses one or more of the current themes of the United Nations or one of the UN agencies.
2. Worldwide improvement of IFHE’s political impact.
3. Optimising public relations of IFHE.
4. Increasing IFHE membership.
5. Cost effectiveness
6. Significant project objectives.
7. Feasible strategies to achieve objectives.
8. Suitable experience to carry out project.
9. Realistic project evaluation plan.
10. Will affect IFHE office staff.

Total score

Note: Because IFHE has received tax exempt status the main focus of any project MUST deal with item number 1 and receive double the point value for that item. Score item number 10 in the negative. The maximum possible Total Score is 30 points.

Expectations of Award Recipients

1. Unconditionally agree to use the grant only for the purposes described in the grant application and budget.
2. If there is a need to change the purposes of the grant or the budget IFHE will be notified, and if IFHE agrees to the proposed changes the agreement will be amended in writing.
3. Copies of press releases, news features and other public information regarding

- the project should be sent to IFHE in a timely manner.
4. Progress reports, including a financial report, will be submitted in writing every six months that the grant is in effect, and a final project report, including financial report, is due 60 days after the completion of the project. Copies of invoices and receipts of all financial transactions related to the grant should be available to the grantor upon request.
 5. Any funds not expended during the operation of the grant will be returned to the IFHE grants budget at the time of the final project report.

(download is available on the IFHE website www.ifhe.org)

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE HOME ECONOMICS POLICIES IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

*Submitted by Sandra
FORDYCE-VOORHAM*

Members of the Committee have been busy in the development of a Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Home Economics Curriculum template. This document is currently being completed by the Committee Members for their countries but we would like to invite Home Economics educators from all IFHE Regions to contribute a representative sample of their primary, secondary and tertiary home economics curriculum.

This Home Economics Education document will frame primary, secondary and tertiary home economics curriculum worldwide. It is envisaged that this document will be available on the IFHE web site - hopefully some countries will be represented by the time of Congress 2008. An Australian case study of the project will be presented at the 2008 Congress so that other Home Economics educators have an overview of the project.

This culmination of this project will enable IFHE members to view the curriculum of other countries for their own professional interest, to use in planning their own curriculum and to strengthen their professional position in their schools and universities by using the document as a reference standard.

If you are interested in joining the core team or learning more about our progress or would like to contribute your country's home economics curriculum to the project please contact the Chair of the Programme Committee **Home Economics Policies in Education and Training** - Sandra FORDYCE-VOORHAM voorham@quicknet.nl or sfordyce@mentoneggs.vic.edu.au.

ANNOUNCEMENT: XXII. IFHE WORLD CONGRESS 2012

**16-21 July 2012,
Melbourne, Australia**

GREETING FROM JAPAN

*Submitted by Dr. Chiyono
MATSUSHIMA*

I am very pleased to learn that the 100th Anniversary Congress of International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE) will be held in Switzerland distinguished as the birthplace.

More than one fourth of a century has passed after the first Congress of IFHE in Asia held in Manila, Philippine in 1980. After that time I was required eagerly to establish the Asian Regional Association of Home Economics by the Vice-President of the IFHE, Dr. A. CORPUZ.

Executive members of the Japan Society of Home Economics (JSHE) felt that the situation to establish Asian organisation for home economics was not yet mature. The proposal of Dr. CORPUZ, however, was discussed continuously at the meeting of the Special Committee for International Relations of the JSHE which was founded by the suggestion of the President of the JSHE, the late Dr. A. YABE. After discussing for a few years, the Asian Regional Association of Home Economics (ARAHE) was organised and the First General Assembly of ARAHE was held with the financial support of the Olympic Memorial Fund etc. in Japan, 1983. I was elected the first President of ARAHE. The conference of ARAHE has been held biennially in member countries and the Journal of ARAHE has been published since 1990.

International Congress of IFHE have been held in Asian countries such as Bangkok, Thailand in 1996 and Kyoto, Japan in 2004.

Concerning the JSHE many young home economists are participating in the congress of the ARAHE and IFHE.

I am reminded sometimes of New Year's Day in Paris where I stayed to attend the Executive Meeting as an Executive Member.

My hope is that IFHE will be more fulfilled and more highly evaluated by its academic contribution to society.

IFHE MEMBER NEWS AND INFORMATION

New IFHE e-mail address

Since April 2008 IFHE has a new e-mail address. The new e-mail address is as follows:

office@ifhe.org

IFHE Centennial Project Fund

It is certainly a privilege for IFHE to celebrate its Centennial Anniversary.

For this special occasion, several projects have been developed by the IFHE History Committee

- Publishing the IFHE written History.
- Publishing a DVD history.
- Establishing a digitalised IFHE Archive.

IFHE would like to invite all IFHE members to support these projects with your individual donation to the **IFHE Centennial Project Fund**.

We welcome all IFHE members to wear an **IFHE shirt** (please see on page 12) or use the wooden **IFHE board**.



They have all contributed to the IFHE Centennial Project Fund.

IFHE Position Statement

The IFHE Position Statement regarding Home Economics in the 21st Century is available as pdf file on the IFHE website, as well as printouts in hard cover. Please ask at the IFHE Congress Information desk or via e-mail to office@ifhe.org.

IFHE revised website

At the IFHE World Congress the new **IFHE E-Journal** *International Journal for Home Economics* as well the new **IFHE online archive** will be launched. Both IFHE services are available on the special IFHE Members only area!

The revised IFHE web structure enables easy access for all IFHE members to the available information and services. IFHE Office would appreciate your comments and recommendations regarding the new web structure, the E-Journal as well as the IFHE online archive!

IFHE Network

IFHE members build up a strong network of enthusiastic Home Economists around the world. To strengthen and maintain the worldwide network all IFHE members are requested to promote the International Federation for Home Economics and recruit new members.

The IFHE Poster, IFHE Postcard, and IFHE

Information leaflets can be used to promote IFHE at national or regional Home Economics meetings and conferences. The **IFHE Pins** as a symbol of the network should be worn at each national or regional Home Economics meetings or conferences around the world. The **IFHE Sound** is suited to open meetings and to get participants in the right frame of mind before any Home Economics meetings!



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2008

7 – 10 October 2008

2008 Annual Conference of the Housing Education and Research Association (HERA)

“Housing at the Crossroads”

Indianapolis, USA

2009

28 March - 2 April 2009

IFHE Annual Meeting 2009

The Knutsford Court Hotel

New Kingston, Jamaica

5 - 8 April 2009

Caribbean Association of Home Economists (CAHE) Biennial Conference

Grenada, West Indies

24 – 26 June 2009

4th International Consumer Sciences Research Conference

“Consumer Voice and Representation”

Queen Margaret University

Edinburgh, Scotland, UK

2010

18 – 23 July 2010

IFHE Council Meeting

Sligo, Ireland

Pre Council Tours: 11th – 16th July 2010

Post Council Tours: 24th – 30th July 2010

2012

16 – 21 July 2012

XXII. IFHE World Congress

Melbourne, Australia

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