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## XXI. IFHE WORLD CONGRESS 2008 AND CENTENNIAL PROJECTS

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

As our landmark Centennial Anniversary draws near, all preparatory work is actively making progress. The second announcement from the Swiss Congress Organising Committee will be released in about a month. This will include information on congress registration, accommodation, pre- and post-congress tours arranged by the Swiss Organising Committee, and also the information on the plenary session initiated by Donna

PENDERGAST. The planned Centennial Projects are well underway: the IFHE history book drafted by Margaret ARCUS is being proof read and the preview of the IFHE history DVD initiated by Nancy LEIDENFROST is scheduled for September 2007, and the IFHE shirt project developed by Geraldene HODELIN received ardent support from participants of the Caribbean Regional Association Conference. Substantial outcome regarding the IFHE

promotion was obtained at the 14<sup>th</sup> International Congress of the Asian Regional Association for Home Economics. The former and incumbent IFHE executives promoted IFHE through member recruitment, collection of membership fees and donation for the Centennial Projects. The Home Economics leaders of the IFHE-Region Africa are planning to develop ways to promote IFHE at its Third Regional Conference to be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, August 2007 in

Yaoundé, Cameroon. Likewise, with our Centennial Year serving to bring momentum, collective efforts of all members around the world are evident and help to show our strong solidarity. It is encouraging to see that many members are very enthusiastic to be a part of the Centennial Ceremony, a significant event that happens only once in our lifetime. Taking this opportunity,

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### IFHE ANNUAL LEADERSHIP MEETING 2008

8 – 12 February 2008

“Seminarzentrum der  
SRH”

Heidelberg, Germany

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Germany

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I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to those who have been involved in the work of organising the Centennial Congress to make the event a successful one. We are indebted to all committees engaged in this endeavour as well as the IFHE staff members.

On behalf of the IFHE, I wish you all the very best.

## IFHE ANNUAL MEETING 2008

**The IFHE Leadership Meeting 2008** will take place in Heidelberg, Germany from 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

The Programme, timetable, accommodation and travelling information regarding the IFHE Leadership meeting are published on the IFHE website. [www.ifhe.org](http://www.ifhe.org).

Online registration and payments for the IFHE Annual Leadership Meeting via credit card payment are available in the members only area on the IFHE website.

Most of all the preparation of the different sessions of the XXI. Centennial IFHE World Congress as well as the organisation of the Congress will be central to the discussions and decisions at IFHE Annual Meeting 2008.

Traditionally on Saturday an IFHE Symposium will be conducted in the SHR Centre Heidelberg (see following article).

In addition to the Symposium, Plenary Sessions, Committee

Meetings and Regional Meetings all IFHE members are invited to visit the wonderful city in Germany "Heidelberg" or take part in the excursion to Strasbourg.

Details of concerts will be published on the IFHE website as soon as the culture programme is available.

### Sightseeing in the City of Heidelberg

"With its glorious natural setting, the harmonious ensemble consisting of castle, old town and river set in the midst of hills, Heidelberg is regarded as one of the most beautiful cities in Germany. Every year millions of tourists are drawn to experience Heidelberg's mystique. Heidelberg was included in the preliminary German list for registration as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

The city of the oldest university in Germany (established in 1386) looks back on over 800 years of history.

### One Day Excursion to Strasbourg

#### Strasbourg the magnificent!

With its monumental cathedral featuring carvings as delicate as any piece of lacework, Strasbourg is one of Europe's most attractive cities. Thanks to the richness and sheer density of its heritage sites, the entire town centre has been listed as UNESCO World Heritage. Strasbourg is definitely well

worth a visit, to discover its history, its cuisine and its unique atmosphere.

Strasbourg cathedral is an outstanding masterpiece of Gothic art.

The Protestant Church of Saint-Thomas is an excellent example of Alsatian Gothic art. Its choir is home to the impressive mausoleum of the Maréchal de Saxe, a masterpiece of 18th-century baroque funerary art.

As the official home town of the European Parliament, the Council of Europe and the Human Rights Building, Strasbourg has a passion for its international role. This highly cosmopolitan character can also be found in the town's universities, its economic and cultural life and its streets.

A genuine "jewel in the crown" of Strasbourg's architecture, this house once provided income for several generations of merchants. During the 15th century, people would sell their goods under the carved stone arches of its ground floor.

### The Petite France quarter: "The district on the waters"

This is the most picturesque district of old Strasbourg. Fishermen, millers and tanners once lived and worked in this part of town where the streets have been built level with the waterways.

The magnificent half-timbered houses date from the 16th and 17th centuries. Their sloping roofs open out onto lofts where hides were once dried.

## IFHE SYMPOSIUM FEBRUARY 2008

### **“Challenges for Home Economics – Equality of Women and Men in Responsibility for Family and Housework”**

The focus of the IFHE Symposium 2008 will be the gender aspect in Home Economics and Home Economics Education.

The IFHE Symposium Committee chaired by Prof. Dr. Kirsten SCHLEGEL-MATTHIES, Germany supported by Meei-Ruey HSU, Taiwan and Joanne PEARSON, USA invited acknowledged experts in the field of gender.

Mary ANDREWS, Ph.D, Michigan State University Extension, United States will refer to the theme **„Gender aspects - division of labour in different societies”**. She will highlight the background and relation of social conditions and gender equality.

A presentation to the theme **“Housework and the role cliché – chances for a change”** will give Prof. Dr. Barbara METHFESSEL, University of Education at Heidelberg, Germany. Based on different studies Prof. Dr. METHFESSEL will describe which obstacles and barriers prevent men to participate much more in housework.

Monica PETERSSON, Ph.D., Senior Lecture at the Department of Food, Health and Environment at University of

Gothenburg, Sweden will present the **„The aspect of equality in home economics education”**. Questions she will raise “In which way can home economics education influence the gender equality?” and “what should be done to promote gender equality in Home Economics Education?”

**“Ideas and chances to promote equality of women and men in responsibility for family- and housework”** is the theme of the presentation of Prof. Dr. Sidiga WASHI, Dean School of Family Sciences, Ahfad University for Women, Sudan and IFHE Vice-President Region Africa. Prof. Dr. WASHI demonstrate which conditions, measures and activities has to be realised by the societies, at schools, universities and in families to promote equality of women and men in taking responsibility for family life and housework.

Prof. Dr. Sestu ITO, Dean of Graduate School of Human Life Sciences, Showa Women’s University, Major: Social Policy/ Family Resource Management, Tokyo, Japan will give a presentation to the theme **“Challenge for Home Economics towards Realisation of Work-Life Balance of Women and Men”**.

Work-Life Balance is an important aim of women and men to enable them to cope with the burden and challenges at work. Prof. Dr. ITO will explain in which way Home Economics can contribute to realise Work-Life Balance.

As a result of the IFHE Symposium IFHE Geraldene HODELIN, Dean, Faculty of Education and Liberal Studies, University of Technology, Jamaica and IFHE President Elect will summaries the contents and discussions and IFHE will publish a paper with the discussion results

At least we will consider recommendations for Home Economic Associations to promote equality and participation of men and women in family life and housework.

## ORDER YOUR OWN IFHE SHIRT!

**IFHE shirts are now available!**



Wonderful IFHE shirts in different colours red, yellow, white and blue can be as well as different sizes will show your identification with IFHE around the world. Order forms can be downloaded from the IFHE website. [www.ifhe.org](http://www.ifhe.org).

## XXI. CENTENNIAL IFHE WORLD CONGRESS 2008

On behalf of the IFHE Congress Organising Committee we would like to inform you about the current status of the Congress Preparation.

### IFHE World Congress Website ([www.ifhe2008.org](http://www.ifhe2008.org))

The IFHE Congress Website will be steadily updated. So please have a look at this website and get new information about what will be going on at the World Congress in Lucerne, Switzerland!

For example all Pre and Post Congress tours are already published. IFHE members and participants of the IFHE World Congress have a big variety of interesting options for tours.

The programme of the plenary sessions is just finalised and experts from all over the world will give presentations to the different aspects which will be highlighted at the IFHE World Congress 2008.

### Second Announcement

At the moment the Second Announcement of the XXI. IFHE Centennial World Congress is being prepared. And will be published on the web latest in October 2008.

All relevant information about registration, accommodation and booking of the Pre and Post Congress Tours and payments will be included in the Second

Announcement of the IFHE World Congress 2008.

### Organisational Member - Special Leadership Event

A special invitation to all IFHE organisational members regarding a **Organisational Member Special Leadership Event**, which will take place at the IFHE World Congress 2008 in Lucerne.

The focus of the session is on future planning, membership retention, political positioning, marketing and public relations, which connects directly with the second theme of the Congress - Creating the Future. This session will provide insights into the **IFHE Position Statement, Home Economics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** and how this might be utilised by member organisations.

### Abstracts for the IFHE World Congress

Many IFHE members and many new IFHE members followed the "The Call for papers for the IFHE World Congress 2008" and sent their abstracts to the IFHE Liaison of their country or to the relevant Chair of the Research or Programme Committees until the deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> August 2007.

Until Christmas all IFHE members who submitted their abstract will be informed whether the abstract was accepted.

The deadline for the **CALL FOR DISPLAYS OF BEST PRACTICES by IFHE PRACTITIONERS** is the 1<sup>st</sup>

January 2008.

([http://www.ifhe2008.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Call\\_for\\_Papers/Special\\_Issue\\_REVISED.pdf](http://www.ifhe2008.org/fileadmin/user_upload/Call_for_Papers/Special_Issue_REVISED.pdf))

## 3<sup>rd</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONSUMER SCIENCES RESEARCH CONFERENCE

*Submitted by Yasmin HINA*

### "Improving Consumer Skills – improving Consumer Choice"

The Conference was held on 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at the Jordanstown Campus of the University of Ulster, Northern Ireland.

The Consumer Studies team at the University of Ulster hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Consumer Sciences Research Conference in partnership with the Consumer Council.

As IFHE member from Sudan I attended the conference on consumer studies in Belfast, Ireland. It was a three days conference which was catering three main section of presentation.

- on textile related studies
- on nutrition related studies
- on consumer related studies.

I presented two oral papers titled: **Consumer awareness on food labelling and advertising** and

**Traditional dishes: how nutritive are they?**

and two poster presentation

**Trade testing tools in Swaziland and Zodiac sign preference on clothing.**



It has gone very well. We really enjoyed it. It was well managed. Consumer Council of Ireland is doing lots of work related with consumers. Their effort is really appreciable.

**REGION OF AMERICAS MEETING IN THE BAHAMAS A SUCCESS**

*Submitted by Joanne PEARSON*

This year the Region of Americas Meeting was a one-day event, August 2, 2007, in Nassau, the Bahamas, immediately following the Caribbean Home Economics Meeting. More than 50 people registered for the meeting from 11 countries in the Caribbean region and the USA. Attendees were welcomed to the meeting by Janice MAISON (ARCHIBALD), Vice-President Region of Americas.

The theme for the morning symposium was **“Integration and Collaboration Strategies**

**for Effective Networking Across the Americas”.**

Speakers for the program, chaired by Joanne PEARSON, were Janett GIBBS, Wanda MONTGOMERY, Caryl JOHNSON, Norma MAYNARD, and Geraldene HODELIN.

Following the morning session there was time to view posters of collaboration projects submitted by several attendees from the USA and Guyana.

The afternoon session was devoted to the Region of Americas business meeting, chaired by Janice MAISON (ARCHIBALD). A major component of the meeting was a discussion lead by Juanita MENDENHALL of how the regional structure might be implemented, based on the official recommendation for regional structure approved by the IFHE Executive Board in 2004. A Coordinating Committee to work on the further development of the structure for the Americas Region was formed.

A brief presentation was made by Joanne PEARSON detailing the model of outreach that the Outreach to Central and Eastern Europe Committee of IFHE had developed over the last eight years. Suggestions of how this might be adapted to outreach activities within the Americas Region were proposed.

Minutes of the Region of Americas Business Meeting can be found on the member's side of the IFHE webpage in the near future.

**PC HOUSEHOLD TECHNOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY**

*Submitted by Rainer STAMMINGER*

**Call for Interest**

In March 2007 the call for interest in the IFHE PC **“Household Technology and Sustainability”** was made. In the meantime 19 experts from 8 different countries applied for membership.

For many reasons we see a need to combine expertise in household technology globally to study the best of way of using these devices and the aspect of their contribution to global sustainability.

Interested experts in household technology may form a new Programme Committee in IFHE. A first meeting of a preparatory team may take place at the next meeting of IFHE.

We will conduct a **workshop for experts on household technology** at the IFHE Congress 2008 in Lucerne to discuss current challenges, the Terms of References and Plan of Action for the Programme Committee 2008 - 2012.

Workshop theme will be: **“Household technology - aspects of its contribution to global sustainability”**.

Interested people are kindly requested to send their application to:

**Prof. Dr. Rainer STAMMINGER**  
**E-mail: [stamminger@uni-bonn.de](mailto:stamminger@uni-bonn.de)**

## 17<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL CONFERENCE OF THE CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION OF HOME ECONOMISTS (CAHE)

*Submitted by Janice MAISON  
(ARCHIBALD)*

The Caribbean Association of Home Economists (CAHE) held its 17<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference under the theme “**Home Economics Education: Enhancing and Sustaining the Quality of the Workforce in the Caribbean**”, from 28<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August 2007 at the Wyndham Nassau Resort and Crystal Palace Casino, in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Over two hundred persons were in attendance from 12 Caribbean territories and the USA.

The Pre-Conference workshop held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July centered on the theme “**Meeting the Expectations: Millennium Development Goals 2015**” with emphasis on Goals 1 and 7. The main presentations were from the Caribbean Food and Nutrition Institute (CFNI) and the National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA), Jamaica.

Following the customary church service on Sunday morning, the Official Opening Ceremony was held in the afternoon and among those bringing greetings was Janice MAISON (ARCHIBALD), Vice-President of the Region of the Americas, who also delivered the congratulatory message from the President of IFHE, Dr. Lilha LEE. The Conference was organised for presentations in

plenary, panel discussions as well as concurrent sessions and these provoked much discussion as issues surrounding the quality of the workforce in the Caribbean were examined. In-conference workshops allowed participants to be involved in a variety of interactive sessions under the theme “**Revisiting Indigenous Crafts, Cuisine and Coiffures**”. These were very popular. Other successful activities of the Conference included the Market Place where items from CAHE and other territories and business places were on display and sale, as well as the Cultural evening which was an exciting extravaganza of Bahamian and other Caribbean cultural entertainment and cuisine.

One major issue dealt with during the General members meeting was the ratification to the amendment of the constitution which now allows persons with alternate qualifications to be accepted as Associate as well as Active members of the Association. Except for the newly elected Public Relations Chairperson, the entire Executive was returned to serve another two-year term of office until 2009.

The officers were installed at the Banquet by Dr. Joanne PEARSON, Region of the Americas Representative on IFHE Executive Council.

**LOOK OUT FOR THE 18<sup>th</sup>  
BIENNIAL CONFERENCE IN  
GRENADA IN 2009!!**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> IFHE AFRICA REGIONAL MEETING

*Submitted by Sidiga WASHI*

The 3<sup>rd</sup> IFHE Africa Regional Conference was held at Yaoundé Congress Center in Yaoundé, Cameroon during 22<sup>nd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> August 2007. About 110 Participants attended, 84 from Cameroon, 19 from Nigeria, 4 from Central Africa Republic, 2 from Sudan and one from France.

The first day was for the Francophone participants which was a common debate on the French IFHE-Africa platform on a strategic planning. The program for the rest two days was very rich where presentations on Entrepreneurship, education, and employment in home economics, were discussed. The opening session was attended by the Mayor of Yaoundé Open Council, the Representative of the Ministry of Secondary Education, and various Home Economies related organisations. In the opening session a congratulatory message was sent by Lilha LEE, Ph.D., President of IFHE and read by Prof. Sidiga WASHI, IFHE Africa Vice-President.

A Business meeting was conducted for IFHE members to discuss various IHFE Africa issues with focus on the IFHE Centennial Congress in 2008 and how to facilitate the attendance of many IFHE Africa members. A social program was accompanied. This 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Congress has resulted in recruiting more members to join IFHE.

Thanks to Marie-Louise NWAFO WANDJI, IFHE EC member and the chair of the Organising Committee for her leadership and the well organised conference.

## THE WORLD HEALTH REPORT 2007

*The World Health Report 2007 - A safer future: global public health security in the 21st century* marks a turning point in the history of public health, and signals what could be one of the biggest advances in health security in half a century. It shows how the world is at increasing risk of disease outbreaks, epidemics, industrial accidents, natural disasters and other health emergencies which can rapidly become threats to global public health security. The report explains how the revised International Health Regulations (2005), which came into force this year, helps countries to work together to identify risks and act to contain and control them. The regulations are needed because no single country, regardless of capability or wealth, can protect itself from outbreaks and other hazards without the cooperation of others. The report says the prospect of a safer future is within reach - and that this is both a collective aspiration and a mutual responsibility.

### Conclusions & recommendations

In achieving the highest level of global public health security possible, it is important that each sector recognises its global

responsibility. The WHO urges all involved to acknowledge their roles and responsibilities for global public health security through the **following recommendations:**

Full implementation of IHR (2005) by all countries. The protection of national and global public health must be transparent in government affairs, be seen as a cross-cutting issue and as a crucial element integrated into economic and social policies and systems.

Global cooperation in surveillance and outbreak alert and response between governments, United Nations agencies, private sector industries and organisations, professional associations, academia, media agencies and civil society, building particularly on the eradication of polio to create an effective and comprehensive surveillance and response infrastructure.

Open sharing of knowledge, technologies and materials, including viruses and other laboratory samples, necessary to optimise secure global public health.

Global responsibility for capacity building within the public health infrastructure of all countries. National systems must be strengthened to anticipate and predict hazards effectively both at the international and national levels.

Cross-sector collaboration within governments. The protection of global public health security is dependent on trust and

collaboration between sectors such as health, agriculture, trade and tourism.

Increased global and national resources for the training of public health

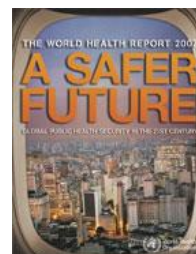
personnel, the advancement of surveillance, the building and enhancing of laboratory capacity, the support of response networks, and the continuation and progression of prevention campaigns.

Professionals and policy-makers in the fields of public health, foreign policy and national security should maintain open dialogue on endemic diseases and practices that pose personal health threats, including HIV/AIDS, which also have the potential to threaten national and international health security.

Although the subject of The World Health Report 2007 has taken a global approach to public health, WHO is not neglecting the fact that all individuals – women, men and children – are affected by the common threats to health. It is vital not to lose sight of the personal consequences of global health challenges. This was the inspiration that led to the “health for all” commitment towards primary health care in 1978.

**The complete report see under:**

**<http://www.who.int/whr/2007/en/index.html>**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2007

September 30 – October 5

#### **19<sup>th</sup> Congress Brazilian and 7<sup>th</sup> Congress Latin-American of Home Economics**

Brazilian Association of Home Economists (ABED)

26 – 28 November

4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Environmental Education (ICEE)

#### **“Environmental Education towards a Sustainable Future – Partners for the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development”**

Centre for Environment Education

Ahmed, India

6 – 8 December

International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS)

The 2007 ISQOLS Conference

#### **“From QOL Concepts to QOL Performance Management”**

San Diego Marriott Mission Valley – San Diego, California, USA

23 – 25 December

Anuvrat Global Organization (ANVIBHA)

VI. International Conference on Peace and Nonviolent Action

#### **“Challenge of Violence, Poverty and Hunger: Evolving Sustainable Counter Measures”**

Children`s Peace Palace – ANUVIBHA. Rajsamand near Udaipur, India

### 2008

8 – 12 February

#### **IFHE Annual Leadership Meeting 2008**

“Seminarzentrum der SRH”

Heidelberg, Germany

February 28 – March 1

#### **2008 Family Resource Management Eastern Family Economics & Resource Management Association (EFERMA) Conference**

Savanna – Georgia, USA

13 – 16 May

South African Association of Family Ecology and Consumer Science (SAAFECs)

9<sup>th</sup> International SAAFECs Conference

#### **“Aligning for the future”**

University of Pretoria, South Africa

**For more information see:**  
[www.ifhe.org/calendar.html](http://www.ifhe.org/calendar.html)

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