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Celebrating EWL Women's Achievements!



Silver Rose
Award

Congratulations to former EWL President Denise FUCHS who has been selected for a Silver Rose Award 2006 in recognition of her dedicated work to improve the condition of women, to address the issues of violence and prostitution as well as to give women a voice at European level. Denise will be presented with her Silver Rose at a ceremony in the European Parliament on 7 November 2006. The Silver Rose Awards celebrate the achievements of organisations and individuals around the world for their contribution to the fight for social justice. For more information:
<http://www.solidar.org>



Congratulations to another former EWL President Lydia la Rivière-Zijdel who received the 2006 Tom Waddell Award for her pioneering work at the Amsterdam Gay Games in 1998 which created new standards for disabled gay and lesbian athletes within the Gay Games movement. 200 disabled athletes participated in the Games at which cultural events for deaf participants were organised as well as special meeting places for participants living with HIV/AIDS.



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EWL News

EWL Care Campaign and Petition: "Advancing equality between women and men through the better provision of care services in European Union" - The EWL electronic petition calls for action at national and European level to advance equality between women and men through the provision of affordable, accessible and high quality care services in the European Union.

The **Petition is available for signing until International Women's Day (8th March) 2007**. The signatures will then be forwarded to European Commission President Barroso and to all of the EU Heads of State and Governments for the European Spring Council, 2007.

More information about the EWL Care Campaign:

http://ewl.horus.be/site/1abstract.asp?DocID=1696&v1ID=&RevID=&namePage=&pageParent=&DocID_sousmenu=&parentCat=15

YOU CAN JOIN THE CAMPAIGN AND SIGN THE PETITION ON EWL WEBSITE: http://ewl.horus.be/site/form_3.asp

Please distribute widely, via direct mail, links on websites and newsletters.

Press Release- 06.07.2006 : EWL and medica mondiale call on EU to protect women from all forms of abuse as part of its mission to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) - As the DRC prepared for its first elections in 40 years which took place on 30 July, the joint press release urged the EU, which sent European troops, to take additional measures to guard against the sexual exploitation and abuse of Congolese women and girls by EU soldiers and humanitarian personnel. Calling for shelter, professional support and justice for women, medica mondiale and EWL also insisted that perpetrators be brought before both national and international courts - whether they are soldiers belonging to international troops or paramilitaries, and called for a code of conduct and preparatory training on gender-specific violence. The Press release was also sent to the members of the European Parliament delegation elections observation in Congo. For more information, see:

http://www.womenlobby.org/site/1abstract.asp?DocID=1709&v1ID=&RevID=&namePage=&pageParent=&DocID_sousmenu=

EWL lobbying action against stereotypes and discrimination on television – EWL has launched a lobbying action on the revision of the **Directive Television without Frontiers** - This directive, initially adopted in 1989 was already revised in 1997 and is being revised again now. It will be discussed in the coming months in different committees of the European Parliament and is the subject of a big debate as it concerns advertising, pluralism in the media etc. The current proposal is very weak in areas relating to **human dignity and the protection of fundamental rights, especially the respect of women's rights, anti-discrimination and protection of women and girls against violence**. The EWL action therefore seeks to strengthen these aspects in the proposal in relation to television and advertising content.

EWL has drafted a lobbying letter that can be sent to members of the relevant committees of the European Parliament. For more information, see:

http://www.womenlobby.org/site/1abstract.asp?DocID=1699&v1ID=&RevID=&namePage=&pageParent=&DocID_sousmenu= or contact Cécile Gréboval at the EWL Secretariat: greboval@womenlobby.org

EWL lobbying action on the UN Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities for which the text will be finalised and adopted by the Ad Hoc Committee meeting in New York from 14-25th August 2006 and due to be adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2007. In its letter to EU Member State governments, via its member organisation, EWL called for a ‘twin-track approach’, i.e. a stand-alone article on women with disabilities and gender mainstreaming other articles of the text. The Convention marks historical moment as the needs and rights of disabled women and men across the world are being addressed in a human rights framework. More information together with the model lobbying letter can be found on EWL website:

<http://www.womenlobby.org/site/hp.asp?langue=EN>

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EWL Representation

- Mary McPhail, Secretary General and one of our interns, Anja Jungermann attended the meeting of the Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunities between Women and Men in Brussels on 7 July 2006.
- Kirsti Kolthoff, EWL President attended the Swedish Political week in Gotland during the first week of July. She spoke at the Swedish Social Democratic Women’s meeting about EWL and at a seminar organised by the Swedish Women’s Lobby about women’s roles in a future Europe.
- Saara Ruokonen, EWL Finnish Board member, attended the Troika meeting, which took place before the informal Council meeting of Employment, Social and Health Ministers, in Helsinki on 6-7 July.
- Kirsti Kolthoff, EWL President, and Mary McPhail attended the Civil Society Contact Group meeting organised in Brussels on 12 July 2006 “NGOs and the EU: making civil dialogue work better” organised by the act4europe campaign.
- The members of the EWL Executive, Kirsti Kolthoff, Annette Lawson, Iluta Lace, Karine Henrotte-Forsberg and Mary McPhail participated in the EWL Executive meeting in Stockholm on 19 July 2006, invited by the Swedish Women’s Lobby.
- Lydia la Rivière-Zijdel, EWL board member attended the United Nations eighth session of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities that took place in New York from 14 to 25 August 2006.

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EWL Civil Society Representation

Platform of European Social NGOs – EWL was part of the delegation of the European Platform of Social NGOs to the Troika meeting preceding the Informal Council Meeting of Employment, Social and Health Ministers in Helsinki on 6-8 July 2006. EWL is an elected member of the Platform’s Management Committee. More information on the Platform: <http://www.socialplatform.org/code/en/hp.asp>

EU Civil Society Contact Group – As a member of the Civil Society Contact Group Steering Committee, EWL worked on the drafting of a study on civil dialogue in the EU. A seminar was organised in Brussels on 12.07.2006, in order to present the study and to discuss issues relating to civil dialogue. A number of EWL members were present. The [EU Civil Society Contact Group](#) brings together seven large NGO sectors - women, environment, social, development, culture, human rights and public health. More information:
<http://www.act4europe.org/code/en/hp.asp>

EWL is also a member of the **European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) NGO Liaison Group with Organised Civil Society** More information:
http://www.esc.eu.int/sco/group/intro/index_en.asp

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European & International News in Brief

The UN General Assembly has a female president - Haya Rashed Al-Khalifa will be the President of the 61st United Nations General Assembly when it opens on September 12, 2006. She will be the first woman to hold the position since Angie Elisabeth Brooks of Liberia was appointed to the presidency in 1969. Haya Rashed Al-Khalifa was the Bahraini ambassador to France from 1999 to 2004. From 1997 to 1999, she was the vice chairwoman of the International Bar Association. She is the legal advisor to Bahrain's royal court. More information on her biography: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haya_Rashed_Al-Khalifa.

CEDAW – 12 of the 23 experts that serve on the Committee that monitors States' compliance with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) have been elected and will begin their four-year term on January 1, 2007. As of 5 June 2006, reports by 104 States parties were overdue. The Committee will hold three annual sessions in 2006 and 2007. The extended meeting time will enable the Committee to consider significantly more reports of States parties on an annual basis. During the last year, the Committee adopted several statements on various themes, including the gender aspects of the December 2004 tsunami disaster, the 10-year review and appraisal of the Beijing Declaration and Platform of Action, the situation of women in Iraq. In addition, the Committee also worked on two general recommendations: the first on women migrants and the second on article 2 of the Convention.

CEDAW will hold its thirty-seventh session at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 15 January to 2 February 2007. During this session country reports from the following European states will be examined: Austria, Greece, Netherlands, Poland. The reports can be accessed at <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/37sess.htm>

Opening inaugural session of the UN Peace Building Commission - This new Commission will aim to provide more sustained, more coordinated and more focused support to countries emerging from conflict." UN General Secretary Kofi Annan said during the inaugural act on June 23 in New York. A core task will be to support the building of effective public institutions, within constitutional frameworks and the rule of law. During the session, the Organisational Committee also adopted its draft rules of procedure and its provisional agenda, and elected its chairs. For more information: <http://www.un.org/peace/peacebuilding/>.

Worsening sexual and reproductive health worldwide – There are an estimated 340 million new annual cases of bacterial STIs, and millions of cases of viral infection, including HIV. Around 8 million pregnant women suffer life-threatening complications: Annually, an estimated 529,000 women die during pregnancy and childbirth from largely preventable causes. Around 200

million women lack access to family planning, and 3 million girls and young women are subjected each year to genital mutilation/cutting, which, in recent World Health Organisation(WHO) studies has been shown to significantly increase the risk of death and serious injury for newborn babies and their mothers. In response to this, WHO has identified a number of priority areas for joint action, including global STI prevention, support to increase skilled health attendants in target countries, improvement of reproductive, maternal, newborn and adolescent health.

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=18945&Cr=infect&Cr1=>

Common position on REACH is adopted - On 27 June the European Council in Luxembourg formally adopted its common position on the **REACH regulation relating to registration, assessment and limited authorisation of chemical products in the EU**. The Council decided to authorise the extended use of the most hazardous substances as long as they are subject to "adequate controls" and that replacing these most worrying substances is encouraged through the use of less harmful solutions. For this reason, environmental NGOs, consumer and health groups (EEB, EEN, Eurocoop, Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace, WECF and the WWF) underlined in a joint press release that REACH, as it stands, does not protect citizens and the environment against toxic chemical products. Friends of the Earth Europe launched "Toxic Inheritance", a report revealing that traces of 300 man-made chemicals are found in breast milk. Without a strong REACH, the impact of a toxic inheritance in Europe will have serious consequences for future human health. Health and environment groups are determined to work together to both protect breastfeeding and promote REACH to reduce the threat of a toxic inheritance." Full report: http://www.foeeurope.org/publications/2005/toxic_inheritance.pdf

The **Informal Meeting of the Social Council** was held in Helsinki on 6-7 July preceded by a Social" Troika meeting, with representatives from the Platform of European Social NGOs (EWL included in the delegation) and representatives of the European social partners. Following on from this meeting, Social Affairs and Healthcare Ministers of the EU discussed the challenges of globalisation and the ageing population. "Demographic change will be the main driving force behind our social, employment and healthcare policies", announced Commissioner Vladimir Spidla (Social Affairs/Employment/Equality), emphasising that it is essential to make it easier to reconcile private life with a career and to apply a policy of active ageing, as called for by the Lisbon Strategy.

The Advisory Committee on Equality between Women and Men adopted two opinions during its meeting on 7 July - the first *Gender dimension of the new programming period of the Structural Funds 2007-2013* and the second *Men in Gender Equality* are available:

http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/gender_equality/gender_mainstreaming/gender/advcom_en.html

The European Platform of Women Scientists (EPWS) is a new European wide association set up to facilitate a structural link between women scientists and research policy-makers. The aim is to ensure the active participation of women scientists and their achievement in science and related policy-making issues. As an umbrella organisation the Platform's mission is to represent the concerns, needs, aspirations and interests of women scientists at all stages of their career paths. More information on EPWS's work and how to become a member can be found on their website www.epws.org.

Finland: Partial ban on the purchase of sex services - In June, the Finnish Parliament approved a law partially banning the purchase of sex services. Under the new law, paying for sex services of an individual who is a victim of human trafficking or pimping carries a maximum

penalty of six months imprisonment. The Parliament rejected the draft law criminalizing all purchasing of sex services as well as the bill banning the sale of sexual services.

Ireland: The Alliance for Choice, a national grassroots organization, has called for abortion to be legalized in Ireland following statistics published by the British Department of Health, which reveal that each day, 15 Irish women travel to Britain to have an abortion. In 2005, 5,585 women from Ireland terminated their pregnancy in Great Britain.
<http://www.rte.ie/news/2006/0705/print/abortion.html>

Sweden: the feminist party Feminist Initiative F! is heading for parliament. In April last year a new feminist party - the Feminist Initiative - was founded and since then more than 2000 members has been working to reach the goal of at least 4% of the votes in the next general election, which takes place on 17 September. F! invites all international feminists to Sweden to observe the election. Plans are also being made for a feminist initiative in the EP election 2009. To learn more visit : www.feministsupport.com

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News from the European Parliament

Women's Rights Committee meeting, July 10-11 - the Finnish Minister of Social Affairs and Health, Ms Tuula Haatainen, presented the **Finish Presidency programme** covering issues on women in decision-making, trafficking and prostitution and follow up of Beijing Platform for action. MEPs discussed the report on Turkey's progress towards accession and adopt the report on improving the portability of supplementary pension rights. MEP Maria Carlshamre (ALDE) presented her **report on fighting trafficking in human beings – an integrated approach and proposals for an action plan**. An idea of an anti trafficking day or a “day against forced prostitution” either on November 25 or on March 1st was raised. Other themes discussed included the situation of disabled people in the enlarged EU and the directive “Television without frontiers”.

Discrimination against Roma Women - In a report adopted in June, the European Parliament called for measures to combat the extreme levels of multiple discrimination faced by Roma women. Roma women are among the most vulnerable people in Europe. The Parliament urges the Member States, among other issues of concern, to prevent and outlaw coercive sterilization, provide redress for such abuse, promote family planning and alternatives to early marriage. It also calls for eliminating racially segregated maternity wards, measures to help victims of domestic violence and vigilance regarding the trafficking of Roma women. According to the Parliament, the situation of Roma women should be a key criterion for evaluating states of readiness for accession to the EU.

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/expert/infopress_page/014-8637-152-06-22-902-20060531IPR08614-01-06-2006-2006-false/default_en.htm#

Women immigrants in EU - a draft report produced by the EU Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, addresses the issues of women's integration into the labour market, low employment rates and high rates of unemployment, employment in low-paid jobs or in sectors of the 'gray' economy, a low rate of participation in basic and tertiary education, limited participation in social, political, trade union and cultural life of the host country, poverty and social exclusion as well as the issue of discrimination. The report is available at:

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/meetdocs/2004_2009/documents/pr/616/616105/616105en.pdf

The European Parliament wants greater communication between States on asylum and immigration policies – On 6 July, the European Parliament approved a draft Council decision requiring Member States to inform the other EU countries of any asylum or immigration measure that could have an impact on the Union. MEPs suggested to implement a new communication system to make up a data bank on current legislation in all countries.

MEPs also issued several recommendations concerning the integration of immigrants. They welcomed the Commission proposal to establish a European Fund for Integration of third-country nationals for the period 2007-2013 and called on the Commission to create a permanent contact group of immigrant representatives, experts and NGOs to advise it on all integration policies. Also, the Commission should introduce a review of the existing provisions relating to EU citizenship and current practice in Member States in relation to the right of long-term immigrants to vote in local and municipal elections. Finally, Member States should put in place transparent, humane, rapid and reasonable measures to grant long-term residence status, to bring families together again, and to naturalise long-term immigrants and their children, particularly those born in a Member State. Texts adopted by the Parliament: [Integration of Immigrants in the European Union](#), [Development and Migration](#)

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Campaigns to prevent trafficking for sexual exploitation during the World Football Cup : a success - The campaigns and huge mobilisation before the World Cup to prevent the increase of trafficking for prostitution have met their goals. According to German NGOs and police sources, there was no increase in the number of trafficking victims and the special help lines didn't get many calls. The spotlight on possible trafficking certainly increased police surveillance, deterred traffickers and some potential clients. Moreover, it provided a real opportunity to begin a public debate on the issue of trafficking in women and prostitution. Germany legalised prostitution in 2002; the debate that started before and during the World Cup should now continue to examine links between women's employment, women' immigration, and the right to be free of exploitation.

Policy Recommendations for Successful Prevention and Treatment of Domestic Violence - The Results of a Pilot Programme on Integrated Client Service for Victims of Violence Against Women. Published by Nane Women's Rights Association and Habeas Corpus Working Group, Budapest, 2006 and written by Júlia Spronz & Judit Wirth, this publication summarises the lessons learned from this pilot programme (which received support of the Daphné programme). It presents cases studies of clients who participated in 'integrated client service', as well as conclusions drawn from the training events, workshops and seminars. It also includes general and specific policy recommendations for professionals, legislators and law enforcement authorities. See: http://www.nane.hu/english/integrated_english_nane_hcwg.pdf

New Strategy to help Victims of Sexual Exploitation Committed by UN Staff - As part of further efforts by the United Nations to enforce its "zero tolerance" policy for sexual exploitation and abuse, Secretary-General Kofi Annan has put forward a draft strategy on assistance and support to victims of such behaviour by UN staff and related personnel, including recommendations for medical care and child maintenance. The strategy offers seven main recommendations to the General Assembly on ways to deal with the issue of sexual exploitation and abuse. The full version can be found:

<http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/60/877>

Trafficking and forced marriages - the UN Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children will devote her next thematic report to the aspects of the issue of forced marriages that are relevant to her mandate. She has prepared a questionnaire to gather information on this subject and invites submissions by no later than 31 October. The questionnaire and responses as well as other information can be obtained from: Ms. Rachel Rico-Balzan (rrico@ohchr.org) and Geneviève Clottey (gclottey@ohchr.org) Fax: +41 22 9179006.

The Council of Europe has launched a **Campaign to Combat Violence against Women, including Domestic Violence.** The action aims to condemn domestic violence as a human rights violation and to elicit public debate. National Governments are asked to play a key role in promoting prevention, assistance to victims and/or survivors and providing information to the general public. Local and national NGOs are particularly encouraged to lend their expertise and hands-on experience to contribute to their national parliament's initiatives. http://assembly.coe.int//Main.asp?link=http://assembly.coe.int/Communication/Campaign/DomesticViolence/Brochure_EN.asp - background

Stolen Smiles: A summary report on the physical and psychological health consequences of women and adolescents trafficked in Europe. Zimmerman C and others (2006) with the support of the Daphné programme, IOM and Sigrid Rausing Trust. The report provides statistical evidence on health outcomes of women survivors of trafficking (for prostitution or domestic work). They suffer post-traumatic stress on a par with torture victims, due to the high level of violence and trauma they experienced. In one of the first studies 95 percent had been physically or sexually abused and nearly 40 % had suicidal thoughts. The report also gives a list of recommendations. Available on line at: <http://www.lshtm.ac.uk/hpu/staff/czimmerman.html>.

The Symposium on Sexual Violence in Conflict and Beyond, organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) took place in Brussels on June 21-23. At the conclusion of this symposium, delegates issued a call for urgent and long-term action against sexual violence in all its forms, in conflict and beyond and can be accessed on the following web link: <http://www.unfpa.org/emergencies/symposium06>.

International conference in combating human trafficking – This conference to be held on 15-17 September 2006 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, has the objective of strengthening capacities of government bodies and civil society in fighting human trafficking in persons and giving support to trafficking victims. More information can be found: <http://www.cagateway.org>

Violence at Work - This report examines the full range of aggressive acts that occur in workplaces including homicides, assaults, sexual harassment, threats, bullying and verbal abuse. It offers new information and evidence about the incidence and severity of workplace violence in different countries identifies occupations and situations of particular risk, and evaluates various causal explanations. See: <http://www.ilo.org/public/english/support/publ/violence3ed.htm>

Researching Violence Against Women: A Practical Guide for Researchers and Activists - Co-produced by PATH and the World Health Organization, this manual presents experiences and insights on gender-based violence, outlines many of the methodological and ethical challenges of conducting research on violence against women and describes innovative techniques to address these challenges. <http://topics.developmentgateway.org/gender/rc/ItemDetail.do?itemId=1067796>

Human Trafficking - Our Response - This manual for peer education created by ASTRA in cooperation with Red Cross of Serbia analyses the problem of trafficking in human beings, gives

advice on peer education, provides examples for workshops. It can be found at the following address: <http://www.astra.org.yu/en/pdf/istrazivanje6.pdf>.

Sex Slavery in our Time – This report by the Swedish delegation to the European United Left Group in the European Parliament gives an overview of the struggle against prostitution and concludes that it is time to put a focus on the client. Download: <http://www.no-fortress-europe.eu/upload/EU-trafficking.pdf>

The **Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children** published a report called *Breaking the Code: Building Capacity to Investigate Sexual Abuse and Exploitation by Humanitarian Workers Evaluating ICVA's Building Safer Organizations Project* that can be accessed here <http://www.womenscommission.org/pdf/BSO.pdf>

Over a thousand women freed under change in law – Pakistan President General Pervez Musharraf amended the long-awaited Hudood Ordinance, on the statute book since 1979. The change means women convicted of adultery or sex outside marriage can be released on bail rather than having to serve a prison sentences. The amendment will affect thousands of women prisoners. More info:

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.asp?ReportID=54498&SelectRegion=Asia&SelectCountry=PAKISTAN>

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Events

Conference "EU-Enlargement and the New EU Policies for the Period 2007 - 2013: Opportunities to Strengthen Civil Society and Gender Equality?" – This conference organised by Womnet in cooperation with WIDE and KARAT will take place on 7 and 8 September 2006 in Bonn. To register: http://www.womnet.de/content/index_engl.html

Thinking Women: Education Culture and Society - This is the 15th Annual Conference of the Women's History Network, to be held 1-3 September, 2006, at Collingwood College, University of Durham, England. Individual papers, symposium and poster sessions will include themes of education, humanities and cultural representation, contribution to the social sciences, scientific endeavour of women. <http://www.womenshistorynetwork.org/conference2006.htm> - [Top](#)
For online registration, please visit: www.dur.ac.uk/conference.booking

The Fifth Eclectic Tech Carnival 2006, a carnival of exchanging computer-related skills, ideas and art, will take place in Timisoara, Romania, from September 4-8 2006. The aim is to provide women-open space to get together, to network and to learn new skills especially in the field of Free/Libre and Open Source Software. More information: <http://www.eclectictechcarnival.org>.

International symposium "Persecutions of women, social mobilisations and right to asylum" – A large part of the humanity faces persecutions specific to women. While the phenomenon is both demographically and geographically important, very little attention is paid on that issue in social contexts. The conference will be held in Paris, on 14-16 September 2006. The programme is available on: <http://terra.rezo.net/article415.html>

All Different – All United – This conference on diversity, human rights, racism and intercultural dialogue organized by UNITED will be held from November 14-19 in Neuchâtel (Switzerland). Information: www.unitedagainstracism.org

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Publications - Web Sites

The Millennium Development Goals Report 2006 - The United Nation Report on progress towards the MDGs presents the latest assessment on how far we have come, and how far we have to go in reaching the goals, in each of the world's regions. With less than a decade left to meet the MDG targets, the United Nations said that there were "staggering" obstacles to succeeding and conditions in many poor countries were actually worsening.

<http://mdgs.un.org/unsd/mdg/Resources/Static/Products/Progress2006/MDGReport2006.pdf>

Budgeting for Women's Rights - This report discusses the broad implications of the obligation on States to ensure that there is no de facto or de jure discrimination in government policies, including budget policies. The report aims to clarify how gender budget analysis can help in monitoring compliance with CEDAW and how CEDAW can help set criteria for what constitutes gender equality in budgetary matters. The report can be ordered here <https://unp.un.org/details.aspx?entry=E06121>

Women in Parliament: Beyond Numbers - The International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) has just released this updated edition which provides a three-step approach to strengthening the role of women in parliament by identifying obstacles women face entering parliament, giving possible solutions and presenting strategies women parliamentarians can implement to influence politics once they are elected to parliament.

To order copies of this handbook visit <http://www.idea.int/publications/wip2/index.cfm>

Toward a democracy based on gender equality – The project "Ethics and politics –The view of women involved in citizenship" brought together thirty women from four European countries who were involved in politics or grass-root organisations or both. Delegates identified the major hurdles preventing the political participation of women and their fair proportion in representative democracy. They also suggested effective strategies to obtain equal opportunity.

<http://www.centroeuropeo.info/DépliantEN.pdf>

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) gender project “Women in Politics” was launched on May 30th, 2006 at the policy advisory workshop “Local Policies on the Way to Gender Equality”. The workshop built on the policy recommendations prepared by civil society partners of the UNDP to further the participation of women in politics in Turkey. For more information on UNDP's relevant international projects, presentations, discussions visit:

<http://www.undp.org.tr/Gozlem2.aspx?WebSayfaNo=233>

Documenting Women's Rights Violations by Non-state Actors - Rights & Democracy (International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development) published a manual that provides tools to human rights activists and defenders, offering guidance with regard to the legal definitions and human rights protection mechanisms that may help them compel States to fulfil their obligation to protect. See: <http://www.dd-rd.ca/site/PDF/publications/women/Non-State.pdf>

Food Security in Practice: Using Gender Research in Development - This new practitioners' guide from the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) bridges the gap between research and practice by providing up-to-date, relevant information on why and how gender issues, when taken into account, can improve the design, implementation, and effectiveness of development projects and policies. <http://www.ifpri.org/pubs/fspractice/sp2.asp>

Incorporating Gender into your NGO - This manual explains the basic concepts and definitions on gender, followed by 'what to do and how to do it' in order to scan all aspects with a gender sensitive eye. <http://www.networklearning.org/books/gender.html>

INSTRAW - United Nations International Research & Training Institute for the Advancement of Women offers a new **Gender, Peace and Security Directory** encompassing more than 100 organisations and the following topics: armed conflict, peace processes, security forces, violence against women, refugees and internally displaced persons, disarmament, international security, peacekeeping, human rights, and political participation. The directory addresses media practitioners, NGO activists, UN staff, researchers, policymakers, and students who are looking for up-to-date information and interview partners. <http://www.un-instraw.org/en/index.php?option=content&task=blogcategory&id=182&Itemid=243>

Women on Web - the on-line abortion help service for women living in countries where access to safe abortion services is restricted: www.womenonweb.org

Reproductive Health and Human Rights: Integrating Medicine, Ethics and Law - The book is designed to equip health care providers and administrators to integrate ethical, legal, and human rights principles in protection and promotion of reproductive health, and to inform lawyers and women's health advocates about aspects of medicine and health care systems that affect reproduction. See: <http://www.law.utoronto.ca/faculty/cook/ReproductiveHealth.html>

International Gender and Trade Network (IGTN) Bulletin June 2006 - The bulletin features negotiations updates, including expectations on the WTO's draft on modalities for Agriculture and NAMA; outcomes on IGTNs participation in several social movement events around the regions; and a number of new Gender and Trade resources such as a paper on "Women's Experience of Economic Liberalization" by the Centre of Concern. [http://www.igttn.org/pdfs//Bulletin june2006.pdf](http://www.igttn.org/pdfs//Bulletin%20june2006.pdf)

Gender Mainstreaming & Organisational Change: Experiences from the Field – This publication is an in-depth look at the experience of non-governmental organisations in the Middle East and South Asia. The book presents field experiences of managing the politically sensitive agenda of promoting gender equality in NGOs, and negotiating the contradictions between using organisational development tools and promoting gender equality. http://smartsite.kit.nl/net/KIT_Publicaties_output/showfile.aspx?a=tblFiles&b=FileID&c=FileName&d=TheFile&e=916

Gender, Health, and Cultures: Networking for a better Future for Women within an enlarged Europe - This book gives an overview about gender and health in the EU with a strong focus on the gender-specific health concerns in Eastern European Countries. Instruments for bringing gender aspects in health related research, prevention and health care are introduced. <http://www.uni-kassel.de/upress/publi/abstract.php?3-89958-164-4>

Promoting more gender-equitable norms and behaviors among young men as an HIV/AIDS prevention strategy - Few interventions to promote gender-equitable behavior among young men have been systematically implemented or evaluated, and relatively little is known about how best to measure changes in gender norms and their effect on HIV/STI protective and risk behaviours. To address these gaps, the Horizons Program and Instituto Promundo examined the effectiveness of interventions designed to improve young men's attitudes toward gender norms and to reduce HIV/STI risk.

<http://www.popcouncil.org/pdfs/horizons/brgendernorms.pdf>

Women Lead - Response to HIV/AIDS - This publication, from the Centre for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA) provides powerful stories of a range of women who are actively engaged in the response to HIV and AIDS. Each woman's story describes her experiences and the AIDS situation in her respective country. Country experiences include Zimbabwe, Uganda, Ukraine, Kenya, Swaziland, Bangladesh, Nepal, USA and Pakistan. More info:

http://www.cedpa.org/files/871_file_WomenLead_in_the_Fight_Against_AIDS_CEDPA.pdf

Handbook on Observations of Pride Marches - ILGA Europe launches this new publication that is designed to help lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) organisations and those supporting their rights to organize a monitoring of human rights abuse occurring during Pride Marches in an objective and structured way. It provides advice on how to organize an independent and objective monitoring, lists relevant human rights organizations which can be invoked when the Pride Marches are banned or violent, provides various observation tools, suggest how to compile a report and how to take a case before the court. More information: www.ilga-europe.org

Girls and Science: a training module on motivating girls to embark on science and technology careers - The overall aim of this module published by UNESCO is to help reduce gender disparities in the field of science and technology in Africa and to provide women with the possibility of embarking upon science careers in the quest of self-dependence and poverty reduction. See: <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0014/001453/145367e.pdf>

The International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights (IHF) has released its annual report on Human Rights Violations. Gender issues and linkages are included in the Country chapters that can be accessed here

http://www.ihf-hr.org/documents/doc_summary.php?sec_id=3&d_id=4255

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Funding, Training, Call for Papers

Call for proposals - UNIFEM is pleased to announce the 2006 cycle of the **United Nations Trust Fund to Eliminate Violence against Women in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)**. The Fund's primary goal is to identify and support innovative projects aimed specifically at preventing and reducing violence against women in CEE/CIS countries. In 2006, the Trust Fund will provide funding for implementation of existing laws, policies and plans of action to address violence against women at regional, national or local levels. Proposals for the Central and Eastern Europe office (in English) should be sent to Raluca Popa, at bratislava.unifem@unifem.org; proposals for the CIS office (in English or Russian) should be sent to gulya.muratalieva@undp.org **by 1 September 2006**.

http://www.unifem.org/gender_issues/violence_against_women/trust_fund_grantees.php

Open call for the information and promotional campaign for the 2007 European Year of Equal Opportunities for All - The European Commission has launched an [open call for the information and promotion campaign](#) for the 2007 European Year of Equal Opportunities for All - Towards a Just Society. The information campaign will run across all EU Member States, Bulgaria and Romania and EFTA countries. The final date for requesting or accessing relevant documents is 25 August 2006. The deadline for receiving bids is 8 September 2006.

http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/emplweb/tenders/tenders_en.cfm?id=705

Call for Contributors: Comparative Perspectives Symposium on Feminist Art and Social Change**Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society** - Designed to present multiple viewpoints from different regions of the world, each Comparative Perspectives Symposium features at least four scholars, activists, and/or artists who address a specific concept or topic of import to feminist activism and scholarship. Completed essays must be submitted by November 1, 2006. Contact: KAlexander@signs.rutgers.edu

Call for paper: Reproductive Health Matters – Reproductive Health Matters 15(29) May 2007 invites submission about strategies in relation to defending the right to sexual and reproductive health and rights. The deadline for submission is 1 September 2006. More information on the guidelines of submission at: www.rhmjournal.org.uk

Call for contributions to a comparative study by Odysseus and UNHCR on the implementation of the EU directive on reception conditions for asylum seekers - This study, which will focus on the legal and practical aspects of reception conditions, will cover the 23 Member States bound by the directive. Practitioners who are interested can contribute to this study by completing a practical questionnaire. The final conference will take place in Brussels on Tuesday 26 September. Information: odysseus@ulb.ac.be or www.ulb.ac.be/assoc/odysseus

Call for speakers at the Gender and Transition Workshop of the NYU Center for European and Mediterranean Studies to submit proposals for talks for the academic year 2006-2007. The topic should cover some specific area of research, activism or expertise related to East and Central Europe and the Former Soviet Union, including the Baltic countries and Central Asia, relevant to gender and NGOs, gender policy, feminist political theory, current political and economic developments, etc.
E-mail: sjr5@nyu.edu (Sonia Jaffe Robbins), web: <http://www.nyu.edu/classes/copyXediting/>

Call for contributions for the Essay Collection “Women and the Everyday Realities of War”- Essays should address the ways in which women confront the everyday realities of war in various mediums and from a range of historical and cultural perspectives. For more information contact Dr. Emily Smith, Research Associate in Gender Studies, Lawrence University, email: c17women@earthlink.net.

Call for submissions for the “Forced Migration Review: Sexual Violence in Conflict and Beyond” - This issue to be published in November 2006, will include a feature section on Sexual Violence in Conflict and Beyond. Practice-oriented submissions highlighting key issues and challenges, best practices, innovative programmes and recommendations are welcome, as well as national case studies on responding to sexual violence. For more information and guidelines to contributors, please visit: <http://www.fmreview.org/writing.htm>

Call for tenders – **“Exploring the synergy between promoting active participation in work and in society, health and long-term strategies”**; Deadline for receipt of bids : 25/08/2006
http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/emplweb/tenders/tenders_en.cfm?id=685

Call for Proposals – **“Analysis of thematic issues related to social situation, demography and family”**; Deadline for submission: 15/09/2006
http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/emplweb/tenders/tenders_en.cfm?id=665

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