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Dr. Chonchanok Viravan  
International President  
2005-2008



## HAPPY NEW YEAR 2008

The year 2007 was eventful. My focus was on organization review and reform and on organizing the XXVI BPW International Congress in Mexico. I visited and gave talks in 16 countries. I met leaders of four countries: President of Korea, President of Croatia, President of Latvia and Vice President of Taiwan, and officially visited the Parliament in Mexico. I won Outstanding Alumni award from Purdue University. I worked on forming BPW clubs in Taiwan, Myanmar, Malaysia, Vietnam and Saudi Arabia and formed two partnerships with UNIFEM (Say No to Violence Against Women) and with Global Summit of Women (Global Consortium to End Cervical Cancer for Women).

BPW celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of consultative status with the United Nations and organized a workshop in the United Nations in New York. The President’s office in Bangkok also offered Member Services in 2007-2008. A newly designed website was launched. By the end of 2007, BPW web content tripled. The Bangkok office worked on developing digital archives of proceedings of past congresses, board of directors meetings, newsletters as well as digital archives for BPW office to provide continuity in the next triennium. The Executive Board met twice face-to-face and all year long over the internet. Best of all, BPW International operated with a surplus and the Battersea Fund had been restored.

For 2008, my wish for BPW members are as follows:

For the year that passed  
Count your blessings.  
Count things that went right.  
Count your wins and thanks  
those who stood by your side.

For the new year  
Let’s begin  
With hope, determination  
And a will to win.

Visualize your success  
And start to pursue.  
Dream an impossible dream  
And make it comes true!

Dr. Chonchanok Viravan  
International President

(Poem written by Dr. Chonchanok Viravan, 20 Dec 2007)

## **2003-2006 Quadrennial Report of International Federation of Business and Professional Women, an NGO in General Consultative Status with ECOSOC since 1947**

*International Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW International)* was founded in 1930 to bring together women in the paid workforce in business and the professions world-wide to work for equal opportunity in economic, civil and political life. It aims to develop professional and leadership potential for women at all levels. BPW International has over 100 affiliates in 80 countries on all five continents.

### **I. Participation in the work of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and its subsidiary bodies and major UN conferences**

**I.1 UN ECOSOC:** BPW International attended substantive Sessions of the Economic and Social Council in Geneva on 28 July – 15 August 2003 and 7-25 August 2006.

**I.2 United Nations Office – New York:** BPW International has attended the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York annually. BPW International, International Council of Women, International Federation of University Women, Soroptimist International and Zonta International (Project 5-O) typically work together.

For CSW 47<sup>th</sup> Session, 3-14 March 2003, Project 5-O submitted a statement on Violence Against Women and oral statement on Women and Media / Information and Communication Technology (ICT); co-organized workshops: *Good Practices to Handle High Priority in Violence against Women*, 4 March 2003; and *Equal Access to Knowledge for Women through Information and Communication Technologies and Media*, 6 March 2003. BPW International Vice President was a keynote speaker at NGO Consultation on 1 March 2003 on *Women and ICT*.

For CSW 48<sup>th</sup> Session, 1-12 March 2004, Project 5-O submitted statement on Women and Armed Conflicts and oral statement on the role of men and boys in achieving gender equality and co-organized *Women Enabling Peace Process: Opportunities and Partnerships to implement UN Security Council Resolution 1325* workshop, 1 March 2004. BPW International organized *Women for Peace* workshop, 2 March 2004.

For CSW 49<sup>th</sup> Session, 28 February-11 March 2005, Project 5-O submitted statement on Implementation Review of Beijing Platform for Action and presented oral

statement on Strategies for the advancement of women and girls. BPW International organized *Beijing+10 Review: Two Steps Forward and One Step Back* workshop, 1 March 2005.

For CSW 50<sup>th</sup> Session on 27 February-10 March 2006, BPW International organized *Return on Investment When More Women Become Executives* workshop, 28 February 2006. During 2003-2006, BPW representatives both co-chaired and participated in NGO Planning Committee for NGO/CSW Consultation Day and other CSW events; served on executive committee of NGO Committee on Status of Women and NGO Committee on UNIFEM, and were involved in consultation activities during 2 weeks review of the Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

**I.3 United Nations Office - Vienna:** BPW Representatives were members of NGO Committees on Peace, on Narcotic Drugs, on Development, on UNIFEM, on Human Rights, on Family and on Status of Women; attended meetings monthly; and helped develop Joint Statements to United Nations meetings. BPW International co-signed joint statements on Women Trafficking and Women and Poverty for CSW 49<sup>th</sup> Session, March 2005; Joint Statement for the 11th ministerial meeting of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in Sao Paolo, 13-18 June 2004, and many more.

**I.4 UN Office on Drugs and Crime:** BPW International attended in Vienna: (a) Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, 12<sup>th</sup> session, 13-22 May 2003, 13<sup>th</sup> Session, 11-20 May 2004; (b) Commission on Narcotic Drugs 46<sup>th</sup> session, 16-17 April 2003, 47<sup>th</sup> Session, 16-25 March 2004; (c) Conference of Parties to the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime 1<sup>st</sup> session, 28 June-July 2004 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Session, 10-21 October 2005.

**I.5 International Labour Organization (ILO):** BPW International attended in Geneva (a) ILO Conferences 91<sup>st</sup> Session, 3-19 June 2003; 92<sup>nd</sup> Session, 1-17 June 2004; 93<sup>rd</sup> Session, 31 May-16 June 2005; and 94<sup>th</sup> Session, 7-23 February 2006; (b) *Meeting of Experts on Violence and Stress at Work*, 8-15 October 2003; (c) *Tripartite Meeting on Future of Work and Quality in the Information Society*, 18-22 October 2004.

**I.6 United Nations World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS):** BPW members attended WSIS Phase I in Geneva, 9-12 December 2003, and Phase II in Tunis, 16-18 November 2005, and lobbied for gender-sensitive ICT indicators.

**1.7 United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD):** BPW International attended in Geneva: *Preparatory committee for UNCTAD IX. Hearing with Civil Society and Private Sector*, 22 April 2004; *Trade and Development Board 35<sup>th</sup> Executive Session*, 21 September 2004 and *53<sup>rd</sup> session*, 27 September–10 October 2006; *Expert Meeting on Promoting Export Competitiveness of Small and Medium Enterprises*, 9-10 December 2004; *9th Session of Commission on Trade in Goods and Services and Commodities*, 15 March 2005; *Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues 10<sup>th</sup> Session*, 6-10 March 2006.

**1.8 World Health Organization (WHO):** BPW International submitted 2002-2004 report for WHO in 2004. During 2003-2006, BPW International attended WHO Executive Board meetings in Geneva each January (co-signed statements on Reproductive health and on Health Systems for the 113<sup>th</sup> session, 19-23 January 2004); *56<sup>th</sup>-59<sup>th</sup> World Health General Assembly* each May; *57<sup>th</sup> Regional WHO meeting in Western Pacific* in Auckland, New Zealand, 18-22 September 2006 (submitted statement on gender discrimination and disadvantages relating to HIV/AIDS).

**1.9 United Nations Economic and Social Commission on Asia-Pacific (UNESCAP):** BPW International attended in Bangkok *59<sup>th</sup> Commission Session of the UNESCAP Meetings in Bangkok*, 21-24 April 2003; *UNESCAP Beijing+10 Review*, 7-10 September 2004. BPW International, UNESCAP and Asia-Pacific Women's Information Network Center (APWINC) co-organized in Bangkok: *e-Business and Opportunities for Women in Asia-Pacific*, seminar, 28-30 March 2005, and *APEC Forum on Digital Economy for Women 2006: Innovation and Leadership in Asia-Pacific*, 15 December 2006.

**1.10 United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE):** BPW International attended in Geneva: *UNECE 59<sup>th</sup> Annual session*, 24-26 February 2004; *60<sup>th</sup> Session*, 22-25 February 2005; *61<sup>st</sup> Session*, 21-23 February 2006; *Good Governance for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises*, 1-2 April 2004; *Regional Preparatory Meeting for 10 year Review and Appraisal of Beijing Platform for Action*, 14-15 December 2004.

**1.11 United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean:** BPW International attended in Santiago, Chile: *Commerce, Development and Poverty Conference*, 4 May 2004; *The High-level Panel about Global and Regional Development*, 17 June 2004; *Economic Integration and Social Cohesion lessons learned and perspectives*, 11 November 2004; and *9<sup>th</sup>*

*Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean* in Mexico City, 10-12 June 2004.

## II. Cooperation with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies

### II.1 Ten Year Review Beijing Platform for Actions: (Beijing+10) Preparation:

A BPW Representative co-authored NGO/CSW Committee in New York's *TenYears After Beijing: Still More Promises than Progress: 1999-2005 Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action* as input for NGO Consultation on 27 February 2005 and CSW 49<sup>th</sup> Session in March 2005. BPW International's own review "*Beijing+10 Review: Two Steps Forward and One Step Back*," was archived at [www.bpw-international.org](http://www.bpw-international.org). BPW members attended NGO Beijing+10 Review for Latin America and the Caribbean Forum in Mexico City, 7-8 June 2004, and Asia-Pacific NGO Forum on Beijing+10 Review in Bangkok, 30 June–3 July 2004, and published *Financial Crisis that Breaks the Glass Ceiling: Advancement of Thai Women Executives in the Private Sector* in the Asia-Pacific NGO Forum Beijing+10 Review booklet.

### II.2 NGO/Department of Public Information

**(NGO/DPI):** A BPW Representative was a member of Planning Committee for NGO/DPI Annual Conferences in New York, 2003-2006. BPW International co-organized workshops/panels: *Acting on Human Dignity and Security: From Participatory Theatre to Reality on the World Stage*, 56<sup>th</sup> NGO/DPI conference, 8 September 2003; *MDG 1: Poverty, International Migration and Development*, 57<sup>th</sup> NGO/DPI Conference, 8 September 2004; *Reducing Fear of Strangers/Reducing Strangers' Fears: The Challenges of Providing Services to Migrants and Refugees in a Hostile Environment*, 58<sup>th</sup> NGO/DPI conference, 9 September 2005.

**II.3 Migration:** A BPW representative was a member of Migration taskforce which helped prepare High-Level Discussion on Migration in New York, 14-15 September 2006. As a member of Subcommittee on Immigrants and Refugees in 2004-2006, she organized *International Migration and Migrants: Critical Issues in Social Development and Human Well-Being*, workshop in parallel to Commission for Social Development 42<sup>nd</sup> Session, 13 February 2004; co-convoked Migration Caucus at CSW 50<sup>th</sup> session, 27 February-10 March 2006; and co-founded NGO Committee on Migration, October 2006.

**II.4 UNESCO:** In 2004, BPW International nominated members for UNESCO's Talent Bank of Women with International Societal Expertise and wrote a report *Monuments on Messengers of Culture of Peace for UNESCO*. UNESCO published BPW activities in its Culture of Peace Newsletter, issue 2, on "Gender and Culture of Peace", December 2004.

**II.5 Human Rights:** BPW International attended in Geneva: 59<sup>th</sup>-62<sup>nd</sup> sessions of Commission for Human Rights; 55<sup>th</sup>-58<sup>th</sup> sessions of Sub-Commission on Promotion and Protection of Human Rights; and 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> sessions of Human Rights Council in 2006.

### **III. Actions to support Millennium Development Goals**

Supports for **Goal 1: Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger** include literacy training for over 3,000 women; skills training for over 4,000 people; and building 30 houses for displaced people.

Supports for **Goal 3: Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women** include micro-credit for over 6,500 women to start up businesses; career guidance for over 6,000 students; 360 scholarships for nursing students; and helping 540 refugee women to integrate into society.

Support for **Goal 8: Develop a Global Partnership for Development** includes educating 299 people on e-Business in partnership with UNESCAP and/or APWINC.

**Quadrennial Report to the United Nations** is a report that NGO with consultative status to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) must submit to the United Nations DESA every four years in order to renew consultative status.

Since Consultative Status was granted to International Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW International) in 1947, the quadrennial reports must be submitted in 1995, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2011, 2015, etc.

The 2003-2006 Quadrennial report to the UN was prepared by Chonchanok Viravan, Annarosa Colangelo and Eva Richter. For more details about BPW International contribution to the UN, including past Quadrennial reports can be downloaded from [www.bpw-international.org/un-connections/bpw-un-connections-contribution-to-un.htm](http://www.bpw-international.org/un-connections/bpw-un-connections-contribution-to-un.htm).



## **BPW International joins UNIFEM campaign "Say NO to Violence Against Women"**

UNIFEM has launched global Internet-based advocacy campaign, "Say NO to Violence against Women." BPW International, along with other Project Five-O organizations namely International Council of Women, International Federation of University Women, Soroptimist International and Zonta International have joined this campaign. This campaign calls to "raise your voice by lending your name" around the globe. As a partner, BPW's role is to help propel a message that ending violence against women must be a top priority for governments everywhere is gaining momentum and visibility. The campaign toolkit can be downloaded from [www.unifem.org/campaigns/vaw/toolkit.php#banners](http://www.unifem.org/campaigns/vaw/toolkit.php#banners)

UNIFEM also aims to collect up to 100,000 signatures online at [www.saynotoviolence.org](http://www.saynotoviolence.org) by 8 March 2008. If they can reach this target, UN Foundation promised to give UNIFEM 100,000 USD grant. By join this campaign, UNIFEM has regards that they received support from 20,000 BPW members already. . If BPW members can further encourage people to sign up at this web site, UNIFEM would get the fund to support initiatives to end violence against women. UNIFEM will also get a leverage to advocate with governments world-wide to give priority to deal with this problem

Annarosa Colangelo  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and UN Status of Women Chair

Marilyn Forsythe,  
UNIFEM Taskforce Chair

# MEMBERSHIP

At year end it is always a good time to take an account of growth, successes, failures and accomplishments and to look forward setting goals and what can be done for improvement in the new year. At corporate and organization levels this is done by management and executives, however, I would like to suggest that members should also participate by doing just (2) things to support the future of BPW International.

We are an international network of members in 82 countries with a long standing history of 77 years. But membership in our organization begs one very important question. Who are our members? What do they do? How can we really connect and network on this powerful platform that has been established?

Having traveled this year to 18 countries I have seen that our members are very diverse, accomplished, committed and caring. But the rest of the organization has no real access to this detailed knowledge. Outside of our local clubs the members are invisible unless you travel to meet them in their countries. So here is where you our members can participate by doing something for our organization which will benefit all in promoting BPW as the international network that we are and to identify the accomplishment and diversity of our members in their businesses and professions.

## **1. Get listed on the member pages**

We have this wonderful tool which is the Member and Business pages allowing you to connect or search for members in your same profession or business to network with or exchange ideas. How about women golfers? How many of our members like this hobby? Would you like to play a game with a BPW when you travel? Or to share with BPW - Musicians, Artists, Lawyers, Doctors, Teachers and Entrepreneurs. It would be so interesting and great to know about all these international BPWs! Therein lies a real value in membership and a good way to encourage new members to join.

But even though this powerful tool is free to members and very reasonable for businesses to be listed it is not utilized to its full potential because less than 2% of our members are registered on it. How about that wonderful lady that you connected with at Congress? You lost her card but you know where she is from. This tool can help you connect and stay in touch without the work and bother of a complicated filing system! It is user friendly and very easy to use.

As membership chair I would like to urge and encourage everyone to get listed with your profession and hobbies. This is a great membership benefit to truly network on an international level and strengthen our visibility so that we will not be a secret anymore! So please go to [www.bpw-business.org](http://www.bpw-business.org) today and register using any one of the 6 languages available. It would be one of the most valuable contributions that you can make for 2008 to BPW International!

## **2. Bring in a new member to your local club or federation**

Membership is everyone's responsibility when you believe and care about BPW International. Dues and new members are the foundation that sustains us so we all need to do our part.

The Triple Crown Membership Challenge deadline is July 15<sup>th</sup> 2008. If you have not yet taken the challenge there is still time to qualify for the Triple Crown pin by getting 3 new members (in total) by the deadline so don't be left behind.

The 2007 associate clubs and federation reports are due by the end of December. Reminders have been sent out to presidents and forms are available on request.

Many thanks go to the following affiliates - Australia, Belgium, Iceland, Singapore, Italy for the wonderful support and membership growth from this membership challenge. We are very proud and thankful!

May you and your families have a joyous Christmas season and a successful New Year!

Liz Benham,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Membership Chair.

## AFFILIATES NEWS

### BPW Africa Regional Conference in Benin

BPW Africa Regional Conference was held at Palais des Congrès, Cotonou, Benin 9-11 August 2007. This event was attended by more than 100 members from Benin and Africa and also from International Executive Board. Presentations from this regional conference can be viewed or downloaded from [www.bpw-international.org/conferences/conferences-africa-regional-conference-benin2007-eng.htm](http://www.bpw-international.org/conferences/conferences-africa-regional-conference-benin2007-eng.htm).

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Amany Asfour, African regional coordinator and President Chonchanok Viravan and members of BPW Cotonou, Benin

### BPW Brazil's XIX CONFAM

BPW Brazil held XIX CONFAM under the theme the "New Woman" in Brasília-DF, from 3-6 September 2007. This event also celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of BPW Brazil, the opening of the Gallery of photos of ex-presidents and the homage to Amália Borges Ruth Schmidt. Many trees were planted in front of the Library in Explanada of Ministries in the presence of Vice President of Brazil Mrs. José Alencar.

Maria Inez Garcia Bunning  
Latin America Regional Coordinator



### BPW Clubs in Russia

BPW Neva club celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 14-17 September 2007 in St. Petersburg, Russia with Gabriella Canonica, European regional coordinator, members from BPW Sweden, Club Helsingborg and BPW Switzerland, Club Chur. On 18-19 September 2007, Gabriella also visited BPW clubs in Moscow. There were 2 clubs: BPW Moscow 1, which was founded in 1997, and BPW Moscow 2, which was founded in 2004.

Gabriella Canonica  
European Regional Coordinator



BPW members in Russia celebrating 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of BPW Club Neva.

### BPW El Panama Club, Panama

The new executive Committee of BPW El Panama club was elected in September 2007. Clarissa P. de Aguirre is the new president. Judith Indira Rios is the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Alicia S. de Guinard is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Albertina B. de Brugiati is the secretary and Judith C. de Rios is the treasurer.

Maria Inez Garcia Bunning  
Latin America & SSCC Regional Coordinator



### BPW Affiliates in United States

BPW LaGrange-Chicago, BPW El Paso and BPW New York welcomed the visits of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Membership Chair and Monica McNeil Regional Coordinator of North America and NSSCC in October 2007. BPW New York is organizing its Annual General Meeting on 1 March 2008 (the first weekend of Commission on Status of Women). BPW California is organizing "Violence Against Women" conference on 12 March 2008.

Monica McNeil,  
North America and NSSCC Regional Coordinator



(Left to Right): Kathleen Ray International Liaison; Liz Benham 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Monica McNeil, North America Regional Coordinator; and Teddie Kinney, President of BPW LaGrange-Chicago

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BPW International Executive Board and BPW members at the hearing in Valencia

### BPW International Hearing on Organization Review and Reform

BPW International held a hearing on organization review and reform in Valencia, Spain during 18-19 October 2007. Reform on BPW value, BPW management, BPW financial sustainability were discussed. For more information, visit. [www.bpw-international.org/conferences/conferences-hearing-on-organization-review-reform-valencia-spain2007-eng.htm](http://www.bpw-international.org/conferences/conferences-hearing-on-organization-review-reform-valencia-spain2007-eng.htm)

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From left to right: Gabriella Canonica; Maria José Mainar, President BPW Valencia, Lourdes Ribes Garcia, Isabel Manas, Grego Rosenboom Martin, Mariela Collado.

### Inauguration of BPW Spain Federation

The Federation of BPW Spain was inaugurated on 19 October 2008, formed from BPW clubs in Alicante, Barcelona, Tarragona and Valencia. BPW Spain new executives are Isabel Manas, President (4<sup>th</sup> person from left); Grego Rosenboom Martin, Vice President; Mariela Collado, secretary; and Lourdes Ribes Garcia, Finance Director.

Gabriella Canonica  
European Regional Coordinator



(Left to Right) President of BPW Valencia, Maria José Mainar Puchol, International President Chonchanok Viravan, Mayor of Valencia Rita Barberá Nolla, President of BPW Spain Isabel Manas Rodríguez, Latin America Regional Coordinator Maria Ines Garcia Bunning, European Regional Coordinator Gabriella Canonica, and ECC member Enrichetta Bellini

### “Women in the World Leading the Millennium Congress”, Valencia, Spain

BPW Valencia organized the First Congress for BPW Spain on “Women in the World Leading the Millennium”. Mayor of Valencia, Rita Barberá Nolla, gave a keynote speech at the opening ceremony. Over 700 women participated in this event. On 23 October 2007, International President Dr. Chonchanok Viravan gave a talk on “Return on Investment when women became top executives” in Women and Economic Panel session. Other speakers for the same session included Mr. Rodrigo Rato, Managing Director of International Monetary Fund and Ms Isabel Gimenez Zuriaga, Director of the Foundation for Financial and Stock Exchange Research. For more information, visit <http://www.bpw-international.org/activities/press-release-conference-valencia2007.htm>

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Certificate of Appreciation presentation to FIDAPA Foundation (Left to right): Pinella Bombaci, President of BPW Italy, Eugenia Bono, president of FIDAPA Foundation and President Chonchanok Viravan

### Donation for Projects from Italy / FIDAPA

When President Chonchanok Viravan visited Sicily during 23-25 October 2007, she was warmly welcome by BPW members in Palermo and Catania. During this visit, Eugenia Bono President of FIDAPA Foundation presented President Chonchanok with 500 Euro donation to support BPW Bangkok's Education Project. Dr. Livia Ricci, Past International President, also presented President Chonchanok with 540 Euro donation for Project Five-O. This is the fund raised by her club, BPW Verona EST. For more information, visit [www.bpw-international.org/activities/press-release-donation-italy2007.htm](http://www.bpw-international.org/activities/press-release-donation-italy2007.htm).

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### President Chonchanok visited BPW Paris, France

President Chonchanok met President of BPW France, Nicole Pelletier Perez and members of BPW Paris, many of which are young BPW at a lunch on 27 October 2007. resident Nicole has introduced many new activities that successfully attract young business and professional women, such as training on public speaking, writing resume, etc. Young BPW members now constitute about 1/3 of membership of BPW Paris.

Chonchanok Viravan  
BPW International President



(Left to right) Christien Robichon, Chonchanok Viravan, Nicole Pelletier Perez, President of BPW France.

### President Chonchanok Viravan visited and gave talk in Taipei

On Wednesday 31 October 2007, Dr. Chonchanok gave a talk on “How to Advance Women’s Economic Empowerment” at The International Conference on the Interdisciplinary Field of Gender Study, NTHU International Convention Center, Taipei, Taiwan. In the afternoon, Madame Lu Shiou-Lien, the first woman Vice President of Taiwan R.O.C. welcomed International President Dr. Chonchanok Viravan at a reception to inaugurate new BPW Clubs in Taiwan. This reception was held at Taipei Binguan, the official house which only the President, Vice presidents and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Taiwan can use to hold social functions. About 80 business and professional women attended this inauguration. VIP guests included Minister of Overseas Compatriot Affairs Commission Republic of China, Dr. Fu-Mei. Chang; Minister of State Mei-Yueh Ho; Deputy Secretary General of National Security Council, Dr. Jaw-Ling Joanne Chang, Deputy Secretary General Cheer-Jean Lee of Democratic Pacific Union and President of BPW Taipei Sue Lu. After this event 2 new clubs, BPW Tainan and BPW Taichung became new affiliates of BPW International.

Please visit [www.bpw-international.org/activities/press-release-VP-Taiwan-welcome2007.htm](http://www.bpw-international.org/activities/press-release-VP-Taiwan-welcome2007.htm) for more information and photo gallery. To download her presentation, please visit <http://www.bpw-international.org/activities/press-release-intl-conf-Taiwan2007.htm>

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Taiwan’s Vice President, Lu Shiou-Lien (right) and BPW International President Chonchanok Viravan (left) At the Official reception at Taipei Binguan, Taipei.



President Chonchanok had dinner with members of BPW Taipei, Taiwan

### President Chonchanok visited Vienna, Austria

President Chonchanok received a warm welcome during her 30 hours visit to Vienna, Austria. She met members from BPW Pannonia, BPW Vienna, BPW Cosmopolitan and BPW Wachau (see photograph of presidents from the four clubs) and BPW representatives to the UN Marlene Parenzan and Ilse Spritzendorfer over dinners. She met Chief of Protocol and NGO Liason Philipa Lawrence at UN Head Quarter in Vienna, visited Belvedere Palace, Kärntner Strasse, Swarovski flagship store, St Stephen’s Cathedral and the beautiful national library in the Imperial Palace. She was interviewed by Ms. Daniela Schuster, editor of “Wienerin” women magazine.

Chonchanok Viravan  
BPW International president



(Left to Right): Bea Szmoyan, President BPW Pannonia; Katharina, President BPW Wien; Chonchanok Viravan; Daniela Schwarz , President BPW Vienna Cosmopolitan; Sonja Fragner, President BPW Wachau.

## AFFILIATES NEWS



(Left to Right) Fran Donaldson, Sue Calhoun, Mayor of the City of Quinte, Melanie McDonald and Karin Gorgerat

### BPW Ontario Provincial Conference in Trenton, Canada

BPW Trenton hosted BPW Ontario Provincial Conference in June 2007 in Trenton, Canada. The opening evening guest speaker was Caroline Granger, CEO of Grange of Prince Edward Vineyards & Estate Winery. Ontario President. Karin Gorgerat, presided over the conference with grace and style. Carol Kollar, 1st Vice President and Resolutions Chair, chaired the resolutions segment. Six resolutions were proposed and passed, including reinstatement of original mandate for Status of Women; Human Rights Bill 107, structure, accessibility and support; recycling large plastic water containers; access to cervical cancer vaccine; specialized domestic violence courts. A commendation was also accepted for the Women's Court Watch Project.

Doris Hall,  
Sub-regional coordinator for North America Region



Chonchanok Viravan, Mayor of Parramatta, Australia and Kay Morrison.

### BPW Australia National Conference, Sydney, Australia

The 34<sup>th</sup> BPW Australia National Conference under the theme "A New Era in Leadership" was held in Parramatta, Sydney, Australia on 2-4 November 2007. International President Dr. Chonchanok Viravan gave a briefing on Organization Review and Reform and Executive Secretary Freda Miriklis presented Liz Benham's membership report. BPW Australia new constitution was adopted unanimously. Marilyn Forsythe was elected as new President, of BPW Australia succeeding Kay Morrison. Alycia Curtis was elected as Chair of Young BPW Board of Australia.

Chonchanok Viravan  
BPW International President



President Chonchanok Viravan received a book about Sabah, Malaysia from Chief Minister of Sabah - Datuk Musa Aman

### President Chonchanok gave a talk at International Women Executive Congress 2007 in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia

International Women Executive Congress 2007 (IWEC 2007) under the theme "The Way Forward" was held at Sutera Harbour Resort, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia on 11-13 November 2007. International President Chonchanok gave a talk on "Women make a world of difference: Partnership on Gender and Development". After the talk, several women groups in Malaysia expressed interest to join BPW. One immediately applied to become member at large. She is now working with President Chonchanok to form new BPW Club in Malaysia.

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(Left to right) Marion Volk, Coordinator of BPW Danube Net, Alida Perkov, President of BPW Pula, Stjepan Mesic, President of Croatia, Chonchanok Viravan and Gabriella Canonica

### The 2nd BPW Danube Net Business Women Forum in Pula, Croatia.

BPW Danube net is BPW network along the Danube river, which includes Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Moldova, Romania. The 2<sup>nd</sup> BPW Danube Net Business Women Forum was held in Pula, Croatia on 17-18 November 2007. This event was participated President of Croatia, Stjepan Mesic and Mayor of Pula, Boris Miletic. International President Dr. Chonchanok Viravan's talk on "BPW support for Women Entrepreneur" was well received. For more information, visit [www.bpw-danube-net.org](http://www.bpw-danube-net.org) and [www.bpw-international.org/gallery/visit-pula-croatia2007.htm](http://www.bpw-international.org/gallery/visit-pula-croatia2007.htm).

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## **Young BPW Europe Weekend in 2008**

Young BPW Ankara and Young BPW Istanbul , are celebrating the "Young BPW Europe Weekend" activity which will be held on 16-18th May 2008 in Istanbul . Ada Demel, Young BPW Poland and Burcu Gogus, Young BPW Representative for Turkey and her team invite Young BPW Europe and Young BPW friends to **Istanbul**.

## **Young BPW Switzerland Networking Day.**

Young BPW Switzerland is celebrating Young BPW Networking Day on 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2008. Details are available on their website [www.bpw.ch](http://www.bpw.ch)

## **2008 IDP Leadership Train the Facilitator Certification Session**

IDP Leadership Training is being offered by BPW USA right before CSW meeting in New York, USA 2008. This will be the 3rd time since 2006 that many of our members participated in this training program. One scholarship has been reserved for Young BPW. Should you need further information, kindly see attached file for more details. Or clicked on this URL: <http://www.bpw-international.org/activities/IDP-training-2008.htm>

## **Young BPW Club Istanbul established**

On October 1st 2007, BPW Istanbul and at the same time Young BPW Istanbul were established: these five Power-Ladies will surely enrich Young BPW within Europe!

## **Young BPW Interview Online**

Alicia Cirtis, Young BPW Australia compiled video of the interviews of Young BPW from all over the world who attended the 4<sup>th</sup> International Young BPW meeting in South Korea . You can view it at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0Sz-qtv4T4> on youtube. Another wonderful way of making our members and network more visible!!

## **New representative of Young BPW for Latin America Region**

Patricia Marzoratti has joined the Young BPW Committee as Young BPW Representative of South America & Spanish Speaking Countries of the Caribbean. She is a very energetic and committed and she has recently started networking in her region, launching her first newsletter which is available on the Young BPW section on BPW website. Since the BPW International meeting is in this region it is a good sign to have active and enthusiastic person like Patricia with us.

## **Young BPW on Facebook**

Young BPW is now on face book as well. There are about 50 members who are already using Facebook. The url is <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2428625713>. we would also encourage more members to join Facebook [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) as there is a Young BPW group under YBPW where Young BPW members are joining from around the world. It would be great tool to network and strengthen Young BPW community.

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Young BPW International Committee Chair

## CONGRATULATIONS



**Dr. Chonchanok Viravan**, International President, received Outstanding alumni award from Computer Science Department, Purdue University in September 2007.



**Susan Dill**, member of BPW London, received a "Life long Learners' Persistence" Award at University of Western Ontario, Canada. BPW London, Canada is the proud sponsor of this award.



**Patricia Flander** (right), founder of BPW St. Maarten and the only female Commissioner of Tourism of St. Maarten was recognized for her pioneering spirits on World Tourism Day 2007.

**Jacinth Bryan Labega** (Left) 2nd past president of BPW St. Maarten was honoured with "The Tourism Lifetime Achievement Award" for her success in lobbying to form the World Boxing Organization.



The XXVI BPW International Congress  
**POWER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**  
Mexico City, Mexico.  
24-28 October, 2008



The XXVI BPW International Congress web site will be officially launched at the end of February 2008. Watch out for a special Congress announcement! The new President of BPW Mexico, Fabiola Kun and the chair of Host Planning Committee, Josefina Peralta, would like to warmly welcome BPW members to attend the Congress. Their messages and other details will be post on [www.bpw-international.org](http://www.bpw-international.org). Registration will open on 8 March 2008.

**See you in Mexico!**

## Calendar of Events

### BPW EVENTS

DATES	CITY/COUNTRY	EVENTS
12 March 2008	California, USA	BPW California's "Violence Against Women" seminar
11-12 April 2008	Birmingham, UK	BPW UK 70 <sup>th</sup> National Conference
12-13 April 2008	Larnaca, Cyprus	Young BPW "Leadership Academy"
15-17 April 2008	Cairo, Egypt	BPW Egypt's Millennium Development Goals
25-27 April 2008	Hamilton, New Zealand	BPW New Zealand National Conference
14 June 2008	Tokyo, Japan	BPW Japan 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
24-27 July 2008	Winnipeg, Canada	BPW Canada National Conference

### OTHER EVENTS

DATES	CITY/COUNTRY	EVENTS
23 February 2008	New York, USA	Project Five-O Meeting
24 February 2008	New York, USA	NGO-CSW Consultation
25 February - 7 March 2008	New York, USA	UN CSW 52 <sup>nd</sup> Session
20-25 April 2008	Accra, Ghana	UNCTAD XII "Addressing the opportunities and challenges of globalization for development."
28 May - 13 June 2008	Geneva, Switzerland	97th Session of the International Labour Conference
3-5 June 2008	Rome, Italy	FAO High Level Conference on World Food Security and the Challenges of Climate Change and Bioenergy
5-7 June 2008	Hanoi, Vietnam	Global Summit of Women
10-11 May 2008	Peru	APEC Digital Economy Forum for Women
12-14 May 2008	Peru	The 13th APEC Women's Leaders Network Meeting

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