



11 July 2018

Dear Distinguished Members of the Extended Board,

INVITATION TO THE 2018 IAW BERLIN BOARD MEETING

Once again, we are delighted to invite you to the 2018 Board Meeting of the International Alliance of Women which is scheduled to hold in the city of **Berlin, Germany from the 23rd to 29th October 2018.**

The Board Meeting will, as usual, be preceded by a 2-day Seminar -organized by our hostesses, Deutscher Frauenring (DFR), otherwise known as the German Women's Council.

This Seminar will hold on the 24th and 25th, on the theme: ***“Squaring the Circle for Women, Peace and Security”***, with participants from such renowned organizations as *German CSO 1325 Alliance, German NGO Alliance for CEDAW, Women's Network for Peace*, the hostesses, *National German Women's Council* together with experts and representatives of relevant German Fed. Ministries who belong to the Inter-ministerial Working group (IMAG) responsible for the National Action Plan 1325 II.

The seminar will bring to fore the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325 which was promulgated to address the pivotal role women should play in conflict solution, peace negotiations and sustainable world peace. It will discuss the National Action Plans, guiding principles, standards and policies instituted in its implementation in Germany and various other parts of the globe -under such subthemes as: *‘Extending Space for Women Peacemakers’; ‘The Human Rights of Peace’, ‘The Culture of Peace’* etc.

On the eve of Friday, the 26th, the President and Members of the Berlin Parliament will hold a reception in commemoration of **“100 Years of Women's Vote”** for IAW, DFR and other guests, at the Berlin House of Parliament. Delegates are enjoined to come prepared to speak for precisely three minutes each on the date of attainment of women's suffrage in their own countries, challenges encountered thereby and current endeavors in overcoming these obstacles -towards an equitable *de facto* women's representative participation. These short speeches will be delivered after the keynote address, during the dinner, in the traditional Georgian Toast style.

DFR will genially assist in scheduling meetings for delegates with local NGOs and other organizations in Berlin from Monday 29th October. If this is of interest to you, please feel free to contact the DFR, in advance, via Jasmina Reichert, Manager in charge of the DFR-Headquarters at mail@d-fr.de and in copy, Marion Boeker, DFR Board of Presidents at marion.boeker@gmx.de.

Kindly take cognizance of the following **DEADLINES:**

- **1st September 2018 -Submission of Registration Forms**
- **1st September 2018 -Contributions to the Booklet of Annual Reports**
- **11th September 2018 -Reservation Closure at Baxpax Downtown Hostel**
- **12th September 2018 -Reservation Closure at Hotel-Dietrich-Bonhoeffer-Haus**
- **21st September 2018 - Reservation Closure at Humboldt University Guesthouse**

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Moreover, to facilitate your preparations, please find herewith attached, the following:

- A Provisional Programme of Events
- Conference Registration Form (*Pls. print and complete this in full*)
- Travel Information -Hotel/Accommodation *et al*
- The DFR Int'l Seminar Programme
- Draft Agenda for the Board Meeting
- Resolutions adopted at the 2017 Congress in Cyprus
- Action Programme 2018-2020
- Political Declaration adopted by IAW Congress in Nicosia, Cyprus, October 2017
- A Reminder Re: 2018 IAW Booklet of Reports

Kindly note also that elected Board Members and Commission Conveners, if unable to attend, are expected to appoint informed proxies from their country or from their Commission.

Honorary Presidents and Vice-Presidents, our Representatives to International Organizations and Agencies, Regional Coordinators and other office holders, as well as editors of the International Women's News and the E-Newsletter are entitled to attend in an advisory capacity.

Observers, individual members or non-members, who are interested in the IAW- are also cordially invited.

We look forward to welcoming you specially to the IAW 2018 Berlin Board Meeting and our meticulously planned seminar and exciting social and networking events!

With many thanks and kind regards,



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