IAW Newsletter June 2022 no. 3

News from the Executive Committee

The minutes from the Board Meeting on April 10 2022 are now available on the IAW website under IAW Members Documents:

Members Area - International Alliance of Women (womenalliance.org)

Le procès-verbal de la réunion du conseil d'administration du 10 avril 2022 est désormais disponible sur le site Web de l'IAW sous Documents des membres de l'AIF

Members Area - International Alliance of Women (womenalliance.org)

International Meeting 2022

will take place

between September 25 - 27 2022

IAW Constitution ARTICLE XI

The International Meeting

The presidents of the member organizations and the (extended) Board constitute the International Meeting. They convene once in between Congresses on the occasion of a Board Meeting. A President who cannot come may send a proxy. The International Meeting
determines the theme and the outline of the next Triennial Congress.

Presidents of IAW member organisations: SAVE THE DATE!
The XXXIX Congress of IAW will be held as a virtual meeting. Pre-Congress Board Meeting will be held on November 20 and the Post-Congress Board Meeting on December 2022.

IAW Constitution ARTICLE VI CONGRESS
1. Congress is the governing body of IAW. In order for it to exercise its authority, at least one third of the member organizations must be represented at Congress.

2. IAW shall hold Triennial Congresses called by the Board. The Board shall have the power to change the length of time between Congresses for an urgent and serious reason. The interval between Congresses shall not be more than four years nor less than two years. In the case of a longer or shorter period between two Congresses, this period shall be considered a Triennium.

4. Congress is comprised of delegations of member organizations, members of the Board of IAW, individual members and all individuals appointed by the Board under Article IX.

Among the most important issues that Congress deals with are
- election of President, Secretary General and Treasurer
- election of other Board Members

IAW Constitution link

Congrès de l'AIF 2022
26 - 27 novembre 2022

Le XXXIX Congrès de l'AIF se tiendra sous forme de réunion virtuelle. La réunion du conseil d'administration pré-congrès aura lieu le 20 novembre et la réunion du conseil d'administration post-congrès en décembre 2022.

ARTICLE VI LE CONGRÈS
1. Le Congrès est l'autorité décisionnelle de l'AIF. Pour qu'il exerce son autorité, au moins un tiers des organisations membres doivent être représentées au Congrès.

2. L'AIF réunit des Congrès triennaux convoqués par le Bureau. Le Bureau a le pouvoir de modifier la durée qui sépare deux Congrès pour une raison urgente et sérieuse. L'intervalle entre deux Congrès ne doit pas excéder quatre ans ni être inférieure à deux ans. Si la période entre deux Congrès s'avère être plus longue ou plus courte, cette période sera considérée un Triennat.
ACTION PLAN of IAW’s Human Rights Representatives at UN Geneva

In February 2022, the IAW team at UN Geneva started its second year in office. On this occasion, we have reconsidered our commitment for the IAW at the UN Geneva.

Against the background that we want to take our work on a new level, that we want to focus our work even more on the needs of the member organizations of the IAW, that we want to distribute the tasks in the team and that we want to strengthen our cooperation and team spirit, we have developed and adopted the following action plan:

Our main goal
«We monitor and report to IAW on human rights activities at UN Geneva. We provide advocacy.»

Read the whole action plan
Determining and Evaluating the Best Interests and Rights of Children in Parental Separation and Care Proceedings:

**Tuesday, 21 June 2022 - 9:30-12:30 (CET)**

There is much more information incl. details about joining [here](#).

This information was sent to us by

**Heleen Jansen**
IAW main representative at the Council of Europe.

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**Anje Wiersinga**

has made her last trip to Strasbourg as IAW's representative to the Council of Europe.

On April 5 2022 Anje attended her last meeting at the Council of Europe after having served both IAW and the Council of Europe for 20 years.

**Heleen Jansen**, main representative of IAW at CoE and **Renée Gérard** and **Monique Bouchet**, long term IAW representatives and friends of Anje's, all pay tribute to Anje and her extraordinary work at the Council of Europe.

[Read more >](#)

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Anje Wiersinga -
European and international feminist

Anje Wiersinga:  
Féministe européenne et internationale

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UNESCO
Deepening the debate on those still left behind

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Educate a girl, Educate a nation, Empower the world

Engagée pour l’autonomisation de la femme au Cameroun

Reports from Anne Pelagie Youchou

Reproductive rights - there is distress in the West, too

Water and Pads Project - 3 new projects

Gudrun Haupter, convener of the IAW Health Commission has sent, has sent these items.

Reproductive rights
Water and Pads

Gudrun adds this brief report from Nepal:
In Nepal girls are usually married at an age when they should still go to school. As a rule girls' education is not considered, and consequently they be married at an early age, have children, do household chores etc. However, this is only part of the story. In the monasteries, girls learn the basic skills: to read and write and calculate.
In May I participated in two actions with international impact

1. Support for American Women’s struggle for access to abortion

On May 7 there was a demonstration of hundreds of women and men in Amsterdam supporting women of all genders in the USA. To be able to have an abortion is a human right. In 1979 I became a conscious feminist by talking to other women in the herstory group ‘the fifties’ in Groningen. One important point for women was to have access to choose freely what to do in case of
for the right to abortion in Ireland and Poland. In May 2022 I had to support women in the USA.

You can see in this photo of me made by Anna “I am Dolle Mina” (left 1970) and “Be a Boss of Your Own Belly Then, Now and Always” (right) in words of today “My body, my choice”

2. Data union
On May 14 2022 I was elected treasurer of the Data union (Data Vakbond). This union was founded three years ago in the Netherlands. The Data union has 2,000 members and is not affiliated with any political party. The main goal is: ‘your data is yours’. The Data union has developed a proof of concept of ‘Your Digital Footstep’. In our new government - Rutte IV - we have a minister of digitalisation for the first time. The process of digitalisation and the consequences for women of different generations will be very important in the 21st century!

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Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

The first Meeting of States Parties to the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) will take place at the Austria Center in Vienna, Austria from 21 to 23 June 2022.

The President-designate of the meeting is Austria’s Alexander Kmentt.

Link: Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons - International Alliance of Women (womenalliance.org)

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Deadline for contributions to the August Newsletter is July 15.
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