I. MWIA

1. PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

As we complete the second year of our three-year term, I think MWIA can be proud of its accomplishments. I would like to thank all of you for your dedicated work on behalf of MWIA.

I must give a special word of thanks to Dr. Waltraud Diekhaus and her staff of Ute and Marita in the Secretariat, who keep up with all our requests and questions.

The Training Manual for Gender Mainstreaming in Health has been timely and has given physicians a new look at how being gender sensitive leads to more efficient delivery of health care. The workshops have been well received and new ideas for expanding the manual are being considered. Look for a workshop in your area and please plan to attend.

MWIA’s project to Decrease Maternal to Child Transmission in HIV/AIDS is in place. Partnerships are being formed to ensure that the projects are sustainable. MWIA’s strength is front line delivery of health care. Please let us know if you wish to see your country involved in this project, which does not stop with mother to child transmission, but continues with looking after the woman and child living with HIV/AIDS.

There have been excellent regional meetings to date. Taiwan put on a great meeting for the Western Pacific Region, as did the US for the Latin American Region, the UK for the Northern European Region and Switzerland for Central Europe Region. You need to attend these meetings to see the work being done by women in medicine and to be proud that they are part of MWIA.
Despite the Iraqi war, Uganda is holding the regional meeting for the Near East and Africa Region. The theme is dear to the heart of MWIA, entitled Engendering Health.

Southern Europe is having their regional meeting as a first time European Network Committee meeting of MWIA in Naples in April, so that they can discuss problems common to Europe.

In the summer, please come and see the part of the world in which I live and join the doctors of the North American Region as they sail from Vancouver to Alaska for their regional meeting. The American Medical Women are using the cruise as the venue for the AMWA President’s annual tour.

The end of November will find the Association of Medical Women in India (AMWI) holding the Central Asia Regional meeting in Calcutta. This will be an opportunity to visit the Mission Hospital run by the West Bengal Branch of the AMWI.

MWIA was able to present a workshop on gender mainstreaming during the Commission for the Status of Women in New York March 6th. We were fortunate to be given space right in UN Headquarters in the Dag Hammarskjold Auditorium.

The International Congress in Tokyo is just over a year away, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Please remember that although we live on different continents and are miles apart geographically, we are all united by common experiences and concerns as women in medicine. We need to work together to fulfill our mandate which is to use our knowledge and power to improve the health of all in the communities in which we work.

Thank you all for what you do for MWIA!

Shelley Ross, M.D.
President, MWIA

2. LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Dear all,

Warmest greetings from the secretariat. There are some important events lying ahead of us. The next one is the 1st congress of MWIAEN (Medical Women’s International Association European Network) in Naples, Italy, April 10 – 13, 2003 in which I will be taking part and will hopefully be able to represent those who are unable to attend.

An important date for you to note is the 15th June, which is the deadline for the submission of candidates for the election at the General Assembly in Tokyo, 28 July – 1 August, 2004. If you have any questions about the elections or otherwise please be aware that I will always be happy to deal with them.

In this Update we have left some space for details of our Manual on Gender Mainstreaming in the hope that you will print them out, not only informing your members of them, but also forwarding them to organisations in your country who might be willing to buy the Manual. Furthermore I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible on the Cruise in Canada, August 9 – 16, 2003.

Also, our thoughts are already with Tokyo, for which the preparations are already well underway. Our organisation thrives on communication between medical women from all over the world. Please remember this whenever you have something to report or if you have a query.
In this context I would like to draw your attention to the report of Dr. Esperanza de la Paz, President of the Philippine Medical Women’s Association. She gives an excellent summary of the local activities. Of course, not every summary has to be so detailed, but wouldn’t you also like to read about your country’s activities?

We in the secretariat are always there for you. Please get in touch!

Best wishes,

Dr. Waltraud Diekhaus
Secretary-General, MWIA

We would like to remind you that since 1 January 2003 the secretariat has a new e-mail address: secretariat@mwia.net

and we wish to inform you that the secretariat will be closed for holidays from 14 – 25 April, 2003.

3. CALENDAR OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MWIA AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS - CONGRESSES AND MEETINGS

10 – 13 April 2003 Naples, Italy - Congress of the MWIAEN
1st Congress of the Medical Women’s International Association European Network (MWIAEN), Naples, Italy
Theme: Medical Women in Health Care and in the Academies
Venue: Royal Continental Hotel, Napoli
Information: Organizing Secretariat: ARISTEA

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Deadline for abstract: 31 January 2003

19 – 28 May, 2003 Geneva, Switzerland
26 – 28 June 2003 Marrakech, Morocco
The Global Summit of Women, Marrakech, Morocco
For further information please look at http://www.globewomen.com

30 June – 28 July and 28 July – 1 August, New York, USA
Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)
29th session, 30 June – 25 July, Optional Protocol, 28 July – 1 August, New York
Contact: Women’s Right Unit, Division for the Advancement of Women, DESA, UN, New York NY 10017, USA, e-mail: daw@un.org, website: www.un.org/womenwatch/daw

3 – 8 August 2003 Helsinki, Finland
12th World Conference on Tobacco or Health, Helsinki, Finland
Theme: Global Action for a Tobacco Free Future

9 – 16 August 2003 Vancouver to Alaska/ Canada - North American Regional Meeting
North American Regional Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Federation of Medical Women of Canada (FMWC) held on board of a cruise-ship going from Vancouver to Alaska
Theme: Women in Medicine: Meeting the Challenge

September Vienna, Austria
53rd WHO Regional Meeting for Europe, Vienna, Austria

21 – 26 September, Nairobi, Africa
13th International Conference on AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Africa (ICASA), Nairobi, Africa
Contact: Joint UN Programme on HIV/ AIDS, UNAIDS, 20 avenue Appia, CH- 1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland, e-mail: unaids@unaids.org, website: www.unaids.org

25 or 26 – 28 September 2003 Bad-Salzuflen, Germany
Congress of German Medical Association, Bad-Salzuflen, Germany
Theme: Women in the prime years of their lives: Hormones-Weight-Feelings

26 - 31 October, Kampala, Uganda
11th International Conference for People Living with HIV/ AIDS, Kampala, Uganda, Contact: Joint UN Programme on HIV/ AIDS, UNAIDS, 20 avenue Appia, CH- 1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland, e-mail: unaids@unaids.org, website: www.unaids.org

29 - 30 November 2003 Calcutta, India - Central Asia Regional Congress
3rd Central Asia Regional Congress of the Medical Women’s of India, Kolcata (Calcutta), India
Theme: Women’s Health Initiatives in the 21st century
Venue: Park Hotel
For further information contact Dr. Tulsi Basu at e-mail drtulisbasu@yahoo.com

5 – 8 February 2004 San Diego, California, USA - Annual Meeting of the AMWA
88th Annual Meeting of the American Medical Women's Association Inc (AMWA), San Diego, California, USA
Venue: Hilton San Diego Resort
For further information contact AMWA at e-mail info@amwa-doc.org

July 2004 Senegal, Africa
HIV/ AIDS Conference, Senegal, Africa
For further information please look at http://www.africa-first.com/eventindex.asp

28 July – 1 August 2004 Tokyo, Japan - International Congress of the Medical Women’s International Association (MWIA)
26th International Congress of the Medical Women’s International Association, Tokyo, Japan
Theme: Medicine in a New Life Style
- Education, Research and Practice -
Venue: Keio Plaza Hotel, Shinjuku Tokyo
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27 – 30 October 2004 Buenos Aires, Argentina - Pan American Regional Congress
27th Pan American Regional Congress, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Theme: Challenge of the XXI Century
Sub-themes: Medical Education
- Health according to Men and Women
- New challenges in Bioethic Allergology, Immunology and Biotechnology
- Women’s Health: menopause, osteoporosis, obesity, diabetes, tobacco and other additions.
- Mother and children: AIDS/HIV, violence, poverty and health
Abstracts must be received by July 15, 2004 and send to Blanca Ferretti; Tucumán 1845; (C1050AAK) Buenos Aires; Argentina

2005

Planned
Northern European Regional Congress of MWIA, Iceland

26 – 28 July 2005 USA
5th International Conference & Exhibition on Traditional Medicine at the Minneapolis Convention Center, USA
Theme: “Integrative Medicine in Women’s Health”
For further information please look at http://www.africa-first.com/5thICTM.asp

2006

Planned
Near East and Africa Regional Congress of MWIA, Zambia

4. NEWS FROM THE VP’S AND THEIR REGIONS
Dr. Corinne Bretscher-Dutoit, Vice President Central Europe - Report

Introduction

In the last few months, the correspondence with the national women doctors' associations of Central Europe slowed somewhat down. Still, there were news about the extremely various activities each of the associations keep alive. Please refer also to the reports of the NCs of each association.

Austria

The participation of speakers from Austria at the MWIA Regional Congress Nov. 21\textsuperscript{st} to 23\textsuperscript{rd} 2002 in Basel provided new contacts, but these need to be nourished.

Germany

The German Medical Women's Association (Deutscher Ärztinnenbund DÄB) presents a rich program of activities and numerous press releases, which are regularly listed on the DÄB's homepage www.aerztinnenbund.de. Main topics remain medical women's career possibilities, establishing gender mainstreaming in medical research, mentoring, academic medicine and health care.

NC Dr. Rapp-Engels was welcomed as one of the speakers of the MWIA Regional Congress Central Europe in Basel Nov. 21\textsuperscript{st} to 23\textsuperscript{rd} 2002.

The next - the 28\textsuperscript{th} scientific congress of DÄB (takes place every second year) is planned from 26th to 28\textsuperscript{th} September 2003 in Bad Salzuflen, Germany: "Frauen in den besten Jahren: Hormone - Gewicht - Gefühl" (i.e."Women in the prime years of their lives: Hormones – Weight – Feeling").

Switzerland

The Swiss Medical Women's Association (Vereinigung Schweizer Ärztinnen VSAe), held its General Assembly the evening before the MWIA Regional Congress in Basel. The elections of the Executive Committee provided a new, "bicephal" president, i.e. two colleagues are sharing the function: Barbara Bass Freiner (gynaecologist and obstetrician, Zurich) and Marianne Laifer (anaesthesiologist, Basel). The new NC is Marianne Bodenmann (specialist in internal medicine, Wetzikon).

Information and communication continue through postal mail sendings to the members and the internet homepage http://www.vsae.ch or http://www.asfm.ch.

VSAe organized and hosted the MWIA Regional Congress Central Europe of November 21\textsuperscript{st} to 23\textsuperscript{rd} 2002 in Basel, Switzerland. A special report will follow in the next MWIA Update.

Eastern Europe

The contacts are kept alive, though still difficult from the technical point of view. Some of our colleagues from Hungary, Poland and Romania did attend the MWIA Regional Congress Central Europe. It was a cordial pleasure to welcome them in Switzerland. More positive news will hopefully be reported in the next Update.
Finland:  Report from the National President Dr. Anna-Maija Seppäläinen

In the annual meeting March 14, 2003 the Finnish Medical Women’s Association invited Dr. Kati Myllymäki to its honorary member. Dr. Myllymäki is the immediate past president of the Finnish Medical Association. Presently, she is the president of the World Medical Association. She was elected to the president by a council consisting of mainly male doctors in their sixties, there was only one other woman member aside of her. The board suggested a man doctor for the president. However, her ideas and enthusiasm won the vote on her side. In her job in the WMA she is also promoting the very same ideas as MWIA, she wants to help women doctors in developing countries to gain acceptance and equal possibilities to work in their profession.

Recently, the Finnish MWA has got publicity in MediUutiset, which is a newspaper for professionals in medicine, appearing twice a month. The October 24, 2002 issue interviewed Anna-Maija Seppäläinen and her daughter Laura Rehn (NC of Finnish MWA) on equality of women and men in medicine. It was concluded that the main problems lie in the combination of work and family, it is especially difficult to combine scientific research, work and family. Very often in Finland the research has to be done in the evenings and on top of clinical duties, which impairs the possibilities of women with children.

The same journal interviewed Anna-Maija Seppäläinen in the February 7, 2003 issue concerning the MWIA Northern European Regional meeting held in London in November 2002. The workshop on Gender mainstreaming in Medicine was the main subject. The title says “A woman and a man experience disease in different ways”. Gender is prevalent in many aspects, political, statistical, financial etc. The special aspects of gender and sex often gain importance enough.

NORTH AMERICA
Canada, United States of America

Commemorative Medal
Dr. Gail Beck, has been chosen by Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson (Governor-General of Canada), as a recipient of the Commemorative Medal for the Queen's Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. This medal commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of Her Majesty's reign as Queen of Canada. It is awarded to an outstanding Canadian as an acknowledgement of exemplary community efforts and achievements that have contributed to Canada. The medal was presented to Dr. Beck on January 28, 2003, by Deputy Prime Minister John Manley.

Dr. Shelley Ross

Community Service Award
At a meeting of the American Medical Women's Association, Dr. Satty Gill Keswani was honoured with a Community Service Award for all the good work she does for both AMWA and MWIA.

Dr. Shelley Ross
Dr. Maria Arredondo Herrera, Vice President Latin America – Report

On 23 – 27 October 2002, Dr. Shelley Ross and Dr. Maria Arredondo attended the 3rd Latin American Regional Meeting and the XXVI Congress of Panamerican Medical Women’s Alliance (PAMWA), Fernandina Beach Florida. Theme "Emerging Diseases Old and New", with a presentation: "Workshop on Developing a Gender Perspective to Health Care".

Facilitators:
Dr. Shelley Ross, President, Medical Women’s International Association (MWIA)
Dra. Maria Arredondo, Vice President for Latin America, MWIA.

The intention of this interactive workshop was to give physicians skills to incorporate a gender perspective into their medical practice. At this important meeting medical women from twelve countries of America were present.

In January 2003 I wished all Latin American Presidents a Happy New Year. I also reminded them about the Alaska Glacier Cruise, 9 to 16 August, 2003.

Argentina Dr. Kumiko Eiguchi sent in December the First Announcement XXVII Congress of the Panamerican Medical Women’s Alliance (PAMWA) October 27 – 30, 2004. I gave her the names and addresses of the Latin American Presidents she had requested.

Brazil Dr. Solange Gildemeister, President of the Medical Women Brazilian Association pronounced Dr. Francis Reis da Silva Patricio as Vice President for Latin America. I asked her to send the Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Francis Reis.

Colombia I requested Dr. Rina Tapia de Guzman, President of the Colombian Medical Women Association to pay the dues for 2002 to MWIA, which are still pending.

Ecuador I sent MWIA entry requirements to Ecuadorian Medical Association.

México There will be a Gender Mainstreaming in Health meeting in April at the Universidad del Distrito Federal.
Dr. Maria Arredondo and Dr. Adriana Mallen attended the Fifth Mexican Women’s Parliament Meeting 13-14 March, 2003. It was organized by Senates and Deputies Chambers of the country. With the following themes: 1) Familiar Violence. 2) Work to Focus Gender. 3) Education with Gender Equity. 4) Gender on Health. 5) Politics –Equity. 6) Gender Perspective: Changes on Legislature, Public Administration and on Justice. 1400 women attended this meeting.

Panama Dr. Cecilia Lamela informed me about the change of President in the Panama Medical Association being now Dr. Maria Arauz. E-mail: dramary@hotmail.com Tel: 22 56 372, Secretary: Dr. Gloriela de Alba, Treasurer: Dr. Anayansi Correa.

Dr. Jyoti Trivedi, Vice President Central Asia - Report

Bombay
The Bombay branch Shrin Mehtaji Competition 2002. A total of 22 papers were presented. 6 competitions were held for young doctors to present their research thesis or a paper on their subject of their discipline.
The subjects were Medicine including 8 papers. There were 2 prices awarded to Dr. M.R. Krishnan for his paper on "Continuous Epidural infusion for labour analgesia". Second prize was awarded to Dr. Sumit S. Kane for "Evaluation of patients with clinical indicators for HIV". Obstetrics and Gynaecology First Prize was awarded Dr. Hetal Kothari for Falciparum malaria in pregnancy. Second prize to Dr. Ashirma Chabra for "Coagulation disorders in PIH". Surgery and Gastroenterology First prize to Dr. Ashish Dhadas for "Local versus intravenous antibiotic in Hernia surgery". Second prize to Dr. P. Mishra for Gastroenterology.

1. The Bombay Branch conducted mini camps both individually and also in collaboration with various organisation & hospitals.
2. Over the year more than 2 thousand vaginal smears were examined by the cytology clinic.

I have already informed you about the technician course a short one and a three months one conducted by the cytology clinic under expert guidance & supervision of Dr. Usha Saraya. Dr. Usha Saraya has been delivering lectures at various conferences and workshops at these venues. At these venues she has also detected cancer detection awareness programmes. The other members of the cytology committee have been actively promoting awareness for early cancer detection and breast palpation & examining vaginal smears.

The Slum Clinic is conducted regularly and is a great help to the local community over the years they have examined & treated more than 2 thousand patients.

I have already informed you that Dr. Deepiti Dongaonkar has published a chapter on mother to foetus transmission of prevention in HIV Aids. I'm sure you would like to congratulate her on this.

With reference to the Aids HIV programme I have heard that from the Central Government Minister " Under the National Aids Control Programme" - Phase II, the Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV programme (PMTCT) is being scaled up to involve all the District Hospitals and Government Maternity Hospitals fall in the category and would be involved in the programme. The antiretroviral drug is already being provided free of cost by UNICEF and Mumbai District AIDS Control Society."

India: Report from the National co-ordinator Dr. Tulsi Basu

Friends it is a wonderful feeling to be writing about Kolkata's Association of Medical Women India and their contribution all for MWIA. First of all thanks to AMWA for their yearly donation to AMWI Mission Hospital, Dr. Lila Kroser being instrumental. Dr. Cajsa Rangnitt conquered our hearts with her visit- Dr. Michelle Harrison her constant help in everything -our President Dr. Shelley Ross, Secretary-General Waltraud Diekhaus, Secretaries Ute & Marita. From Dr. Gaye Casper we received medical equipments. AMWI, West Bengal branch is very active in all spheres. Scientific meetings, health camps Immunization programmes in full strength imparting & educating on health sanitation, HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, family planning & child welfare in under-privileged areas. Mobile health clinic is back on its feet. Two orphanages -one for girls (150) and one for boys (100) are attended once every month. Regular dental & eye check ups. Mission hospital caters to all disciplines of medicine. Homeopathy twice a week. Meditation also twice a week. Attendance is slowly increasing so also all expenses. All festivals are celebrated involving patients, staffs irrespective of caste, creed & religion & all this require time & doctors try to do their best at the same time they have to attend their regular chambers, Nursing homes & Teaching institutions.

Our Vice President for Central Asia Dr. Jyoti Trivedi is the main force behind us to organise 3rd Central Asia Regional Congress of MWIA on 29th & 30th November 2003 at Kolkata Venue-Park Hotel. Theme -Women's Health Initiative in 21st Century.
Workshop on Gender issue:
  a) Women's Education, Empowerment & Employment.
  b) Torture & Violence.
  c) Legal issues.
  d) Male involvement.

Sub-themes
  a) Adolescent Health.
  b) Fertility regulation.
  c) Perinatal outcome which covers hygiene, sanitation & Morbidity.
  d) Perimenopausal health.
  e) Critical care.
  f) What is new in health care?

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WESTERN PACIFIC
Australia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Philippines, Taiwan ROC.

Philippine: Report from the National President, Esperanza Q. de la Paz

I. Continuing Professional Education

1. Leadership & Management Seminar
   Envisioning a UNITED PMWA, changing our mind set from I to WE, from EGO to TEAMWORK, our leadership and management seminar this year was on TEAMBUILDING. For the first time we had a 1/2 day seminar/workshop that included both indoor & outdoor teambuilding activities. With us at Ridge Hotel in Tagaytay City were 4 past presidents, 7 elected members of the Council, 7 NCR officers, 15 representatives from the provincial chapters & other members with leadership potential for a total of 48 participants. Our resource speaker Mike Pratts emphasized to us the importance of leading by example. Being chosen as officers of our respective chapters means that we are above the rest of the flock, the very people upon whom the other members look up to as role models & leaders. Westmont and Ritemed were our sponsors.

2. We had 9 monthly scientific meetings and product launchings. These were hosted by the National Executive Council & different chapters in the National Capital Region with dinner sponsored by our friends in the pharmaceutical industry.

3. Spiritual Upliftment -a Lenten recollection was held at the Fe del Mundo Hall with Fr. Lawrence Lugo as Spiritual Director.

4. Travelling and Regional Seminars
   Biomedis sponsored the Regional Seminars in Naga (June 2) and San Pablo City (September 14) as well as Travelling Seminars in St. John Goa & Padrinos District Hospital on June 1 both in Camarines Sur & Majayjay District Hospital in Laguna (September 15).
   Westmont was with us at Dingras District Hospital (July 6) and Davao Medical Center (August 16) for the Travelling Seminars and Along City (July 7) and Davao City (August 15) for the Regional Seminars.
5. 53rd Annual Convention
DATE: November 16-17, 2002
VENUE: Pan Pacific Hotel
M. Adriatico Street, Malate, Manila
Overall Chair: Lourdes B. Belarmino, M.D.
Co-Chair: Corazon A. Aberin, M.D.
Keynote Speaker: Atty Nelly Favis- Villafuerte
Undersecretary
Department of Trade & Industry
Theme: "Nurturing the Totally Well Woman"

II. Administrative Affairs

A. Internal Affairs
1. Manpower operation of the janitorial staff was streamlined with duties & responsibilities
clearly delineated. This resulted in a very noticeable improvement in the interpersonal
relationship among the staff.

2. Physical Plant
2.1 Repainting of school facade
2.2 Repainting of administration facade
2.3 Putting of iron grills in the school windows
2.4 Changing of padlocks in the gym (roof deck)
2.5 Putting a padlock in the roof deck window for security reasons
2.6 Repair work on the leaking roofs of the old school building & administration building
2.7 Repair work on the gutter
2.8 Repiping of our water system- It is now connected to the Manila Water Line instead of the
water pump which finally conked out & buying a new pump would have entailed a P16,000.00
slice off our budget. This resulted in a decrease in both our electric & water bills. Our boarders
are doubly happy because they now have continuous supply of water.
2.9 Glaxo SmithKline has approved the donation of 2 aircons at 1 horsepower each instead of
the promised 2-horse power single unit.
3. A rotten branch of the tall Molave tree in front of the Administration building was struck by
lighting last July & has now been converted into a planter for bromeliads and decorates the east
side of the PMWA garden.

B. External Affairs
Dr. Herminia L. Cifra & I represented PMWA during the 7th Congress of the Medical Women's
International Association Western Pacific Region held in Taipei, Taiwan on May 10-13. 3 years
from now i.e. in 2005, the Philippines will be the next venue of the 8th Congress.

C. Membership & Chapter Attendance
1. Chapter presidents were reminded to send the updated list of their life members for
inclusion in the annual report.
2. A new chapter, Paranaque PMWA was added to our roster through the help of Dr. Magnolia
Punzalan.
3. San Pablo City Chapter was revived. Ditto the Lucena Chapter. In fact Dr. Fe Villanueva of
Lucena has offered the conference room of Lucena United Doctors Hospital as the venue of the
next Southern Tagalog Regional Seminar.
4. Dr. Puring Bueno pledged to help revive the Ilocos Norte chapter.
D. The 53rd Foundation Day was held on March 14 at the Dr. Fe del Mundo Hall, chaired by Dr. Corazon A. Aberin. Our gowns, give always and balloon decorations were all in shades of pink. 13 past presidents were present & were very pretty in pink. All our honourees were given a personalized engraved glass filled with potpourri. Instead of 1 big cake, each one was given a round butter cake in a box and Cecile, the daughter of Herminia la Cifra, baked this. To all our past presidents who continue to be our guiding light & inspiration -we salute you!

E. PMWA was finally registered in August, 2002 at the BIR. It was discovered by a cousin of Evelyn G. Laureta that we were never registered under the PMWA name and that the ID number we had been using all these past years was under “Reyes Enterprises”. Our TIN number is 219-447-545-000. The next step is to request for an exemption from paying taxes since we are a non-stock, non-profit organization. BIR will also be sent a copy of our updated 2002 “What is PMWA Now” pamphlet. Banaria & Banaria our accountants have been notified about our TIN number...

F. Revision of the Primer
Drs. Luz Burgos, Fe Canlas- Dizon, Lucy Aguilar, Hermie Cifra Lourdes Belarmino & yours truly have been fine-tuning our Primer for presentation & ratification during our National Assembly this November 17. We hope to have it printed by 2003.

III. Council on Communication & Publication

A. The 1st issue of our Newsletter this year was still sponsored by MILUPA. Mr. Jeny Esquivel's Rite Med will sponsor succeeding issues.

B. Civic Participation
1. I represented PMWA on February 27 at Hotel Rembrandt in the National Assembly of Women's Health Philippines & launching of the Women's Health Advocacy Campaign.
2. I represented the association at Le Pavilion in Rojas Boulevard in their meeting on Nutritional Immunology.
3. PMWA took a stand against the Malpractice Act. We have sent our position paper to the different senators and congressmen and to our officers in the provinces so they can make a copy & send the same to their respective congressmen.
4. PMWA joined the Info Congress of Allied Health Professionals at the ULTRA track & field oval on September 29 re- Malpractice Act.

C. PMWA gave a donation of P 10,000.00 as promised when one of our members from Caloocan, Dr. Nodado was kidnapped last February 2002. Thank God she was released safe and sound although she was emotionally shaken initially. We offered prayers for her safety every 5:00 AM in unison from Mindanao, Visayas & Luzon & again offered thanksgiving prayers at the same time when her captors let her go.

D. Socio Cultural Affairs
1. December 17, 2001 - during our Christmas Socials, Chairs and Co-chairs of the various committees for 2002 were inducted.
2. February 13, 2002 - Pre-Valentine socials.
3. March 14, 2002 - Fellowship to pay tribute to our past presidents during the Foundation Day Celebration.
4. July 11 - Tea Musicale and Cell Phone Bonanza Fund Raiser chaired by Dr. Tita C. Guerrero. P 143,340.00 was raised.
5. November 17 - Fellowship Socials with chapter presentations.
E. Special Projects

STEP - Systematic Training for Effective Parenting Seminar/workshop was held on June 7 & 8 at Dr. Fe del Mundo Hall with 24 participants from various chapters. Our concerns are not just the right to quality basic health services but also mental & emotional health hence we advocated STEP for our officers with the hope that what they learn during these 2 days will be echoed to their respective chapters & subsequently trickle down to other members of their community.

As part of our project on care giving a Post Graduate Course on "Living Longer, Living Better" was held at the Veterans Federation of the Philippines Hospital in Taguig during the 4 Fridays of September 2002, an initial step as per suggestion of Dr. Jaime Galvez Tan, part of our plan to put up a course on care giving. Upon approval by TESDA, PMWA, UP- PGH Department of Family Medicine & Veterans Federation of the Philippines will hopefully start the regular course on this flagship project by 2003.

Council on Women, Children & Family Welfare & Services

Lunduyan ng Kabataan, in cooperation with the Philippine Mental Health Association conducted a 2-day live-in Youth Day Summit on May 2-3 at Central Colleges of the Philippine, Sta. Mesa, and Manila. There were 69 adolescent participants from the Division of City Schools in Metro-Manila, 23 of who were sponsored by PMWA.

B. Nutrition - milk feeding of our preschoolers was done on July 11 sponsored by Mead Johnson. The different chapters held their own programs to celebrate Nutrition month every July.

C. Polio immunization was given to our preschoolers last July 2.

D. Lay For a thru the initiative of Drs. Aberin & Tolentino were held in Caloocan City on various days.

V. Other Services to PMWA Members:

1. Drs. Inn - there are 4 rooms in our PMWA building with a total capacity of 13 occupants. Doctors from out of town can stay at minimal cost. Some doctors who work in nearby hospitals or who are preparing for their board exams also stay in the Inn.

2. Our friend Bernie Domantay is now with another company & is working on a free Website for PMWA through PhilamLife.

3. Every weekend Mr. Nanding Sena holds Art Classes in our building so those who have artistic talents can contact him.

4. The first thing I did upon my assumption into office was to have the PMWA Hymn scaled down 4 notes lower than the original musical arrangement. This was recorded on tape, in print & on acetate & we have been distributing them to the different chapters we have visited this year, i.e. Dagupan, Naga, Laoag, Davao, Batangas, San Pablo City & of course we have been using them during our monthly scientific meetings. The original piece was quite high pitched for us so singing it before had been a source of amusement everytime we could not reach the high notes.
5. CHANGES OF NATIONAL OFFICERS / ADDRESSES, NEW MEMBERS ETC.

Changes of National Officers and/ or Addresses

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II. ORGANISATIONS

1. UNITED NATIONS (UN)

Reports and Extracts from Publications

Elimination of Violence against Women Day
UN Secretary-General, Mr. Kofi Annan pointed to recent commitments made by Member States, including the Millennium Declaration, the UN Security Council resolution 1325 on women, peace and security, and the signature of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its protocol to eliminate trafficking in persons, especially women and children. "These commitments must be our lodestar in our mission to free women from violence, wherever they may live," the Secretary-General said. "Violence against women is not a 'women's' issue, but one that concerns us all- especially men. Men must work to confront what should be described as men's violence against women, and recognize and respect the equal role and rights of women. When it comes to violence against women, there are no grounds for tolerance, no tolerable excuses". Go Between no.89
2. WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO)


Attending this very intensive conference was being part of a movement – the Framework Convention Alliance of NGOs (FCA) - which tried with some success to strengthen the FCTC against the attempts of the tobacco producing and tobacco products manufacturing countries to water down the FCTC. As the results of the Conference have to be adopted by the coming World Health Assembly in Geneva, 19th to 29th May 2003, a more detailed report is planned.

Dr. Corinne Bretscher-Dutoit

WHO launches tobacco-free sports campaign
WHO points out that tobacco companies spend millions of dollars every year sponsoring sports events. "Many athletes, sports fans and spectators are young people," the WHO reports, adding that recent data suggest that one-third of young smokers start before the age of ten. At the same time, youth consumption of tobacco is up in many parts of the world. Although tobacco companies claim that they do not target youth, the WHO says they advertise on "team jerseys and caps, tote bags and T-shirts, fields and stadia, cars and sports equipment" in order to "create a positive association between tobacco and the strength, speed, grace, success, fun and excitement of sports." Tobacco kills more than four million people every year; according to WHO figures, and it is estimated that tobacco will kill 8.4 million people every year by 2020.

Contact: Tobacco Free Initiative, WHO, 20 Avenue Appia, CH-1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland, telephone +41-22/7912108, fax +41-22/7914832, e-mail: tfi@who.int, website: tobacco.who.int

3. INTERNATIONAL WEBSITES AND E-MAIL ADDRESSES

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
For more information look at: http://www.ncadv.org

Jenna Foundation for Non-Violence
For more information look at: http://www.jennafoundation.org

Gender and HIV/ AIDS
Health & Development Networks (HDN), the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and the International AIDS Society’s Women’s Caucus invite you to join a special e-mail discussion on the Gender-AIDS forum focusing on gender and HIV/ AIDS. For more information please look at the following address:

Calendar of forthcoming UN meetings
An updated calendar of UN meetings of interest to NGOs in consultative status, and other NGO-related information, is now available on the NGO Section’s Internet home page at the following address: http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo

United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (NGLS)
Interesting information for non-governmental organisations about different UN sections: www.unsystem.org/ngls

Chart of the principal organs of the UN System

Vacancies of the WHO
We would like to remind you of the vacancies of the WHO in Geneva and all over the world. You can find current employment opportunities under:
Website: http://www.who.int/per/vacancies

III ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Medical Women’s International Association is very pleased to welcome the following newly affiliated associations and individual members:

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I would like to ask all of you to print out the following 3 pages taken from the Training Manual for Gender Mainstreaming in Health. We hope that you will present them to various people and organizations in order to arouse their interest. We hope even more that as many people as possible will order the manual in the secretariat.

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TRAINING MANUAL
FOR GENDER MAINSTREAMING IN HEALTH

The Medical Women’s International Association is pleased to announce the availability of the Training Manual for Gender Mainstreaming in Health.

This manual has been produced by the Medical Women’s International Association and is aimed at training physicians in the concepts of how to add a gender perspective to health and health care.

Gender mainstreaming is not just another word for women’s health, but addresses gender relations and looks at how gender cross cuts all broad determinants of health, to positively or negatively influence the health of both women and men.

Following the 4th International Conference on Women held in Beijing in 1995, governments agreed to provide a gender perspective to health care policy. Despite the length of time that has passed since this conference, many practising physicians do not understand the term gender mainstreaming in health.

It is felt that once physicians understand the concepts of gender and health it will allow them to practise medicine in a more comprehensive, efficient manner, and will also allow them to influence policy development.

For more details on the Training Manual on Gender Mainstreaming we are including the table of contents.

The manual (consisting of a CD and a handbook) can be ordered directly from the Secretariat of the Medical Women’s International Association (MWIA) at the address stated above. The price for the manual including shipping and handling is 85 US dollar for organisations and any other persons not belonging to MWIA. Delivery will be effected on receipt of the remittance, which can be done either:

1. by cheque drawn on a Swiss Bank in US dollar:
Payable to: Medical Women's International Association and sent to the MWIA Secretariat in Dortmund, Germany.

   or

2. direct as a bank transfer in US dollar to:
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QUIZ ANSWERS
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