

REPORT

June 2014 – June 2015

TASKFORCE: Leadership and Lifelong Learning

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MEMBERS: Sabine Amend, USA, Khadiga El-Tazi, Sudan, Ester Eomois, Estonia, Dr. Elizabetta Gregoric, Italy, Dr. Anne Hilty, Hong Kong, Leena Kivisild, Estonia, Dr. Sabine Küsters, CO – Chair Europe, Kukka Lehmus, Finland, Johanna Marius, Germany, Conny Montague, CO-Chair Europe, Germany, Fidelia Oyefeko, Nigeria, Nicole Pillinger, Switzerland, Maria Augusta Ribeiro, Brazil, Daniela Rigassi, Switzerland, Sabine Schmelzer, “BPW International Online Academy”, Switzerland, Isabel Silveira, Brazil, Ann Wood, Switzerland

Taskforce COOPERATES with Past President Liz Benham: “**UMBRELLA Concept**”, with Taskforce Chairs “**Peace & Intercultural Understanding**”, Elisa Campos, Brazil, and “**Mentoring**”, Marianne Plattner, Switzerland, and the UN Geneva BPW Main Representative, Dr. Catherine Bosshart

1 “BPW International Further Education Tools”:

Conny Montague developed the new BPW Leadership Tool “**BPW Leadership Training for Women**” together with the Taskforce members: Ester Eomois, Dr. Sabine Küsters, Johanna Marius, Nicole Pillinger, Sabine Schmelzer, Ann Wood and Catherine Schopfer (no member). The Training Program consists of 4 main topics “Me as a leader” (Modules 1-4), “Me and My Team” (Modules 5-9), “Organizational Leadership” (Modules 10-13) and “Global and International Leadership” (Modules 14-15).

The tool got successfully tested at the Tallinn “Young BPW Europe Symposium” 12-14 Dec. 2014.

Conny Montague and her team presented the tool at different events and started with first trainings.

2 List of the BPW International Further Education Tools”

- “PEP” (Personal Empowerment Program), 14 modules, PEP information video by Sabine Schmelzer
- “Career Skills Achievement Program”, 6 modules, BPW Canada
- “Success Teams”, BPW Frankfurt and BPW Switzerland
- “10 reasons for being a BPW board member”
- “BPW Leadership Training for Women”

3 Events or meetings supported or organized by the Taskforce

- 12-14 Dec. 2014 **Symposium International Theme: “Making a Difference through Leadership and Action”**

The Taskforce used the fact that the BPW International President, the two Vice-Presidents and the Regional Coordinator Europe attended the Young BPW Symposium to add and organize a “BPW International Theme Symposium”. As the Executive Board members didn’t show up or arrived an hour too late according to the program, the planned dialogue partly failed and provided an unsatisfying result.

- 6-7 March 2015 **BPW International Leadership Summit, New York**

Members of the Taskforce were responsible for the organization and the program and met for two preparation meetings. They were very flexible and did a good job. Different short-term decisions and organizational deficiencies provoked by Executive Board members who were responsible for the event made the organization unnecessarily demanding and stressing.

- 27 April 2015 **Pre Conference “Cross Cultural Understandig & Cooperation of Organizations to the “Cairo International Women’s Conference”, 28-30 April 2015, organized and headed by Amany Asfour, 1st Vice President of BPW International.**

Twelve speakers worked very successfully together with the participants. The event delivered a list of propositions of how BPW International could provide synergies by cooperating with other organizations.

- 22 June 2015 **Meeting with Executive Board Members in Milan**

Exchange about different issues like the Leader’s Summit 2016 in New York.

4 Trainings

Members of the Taskforce organized different Trainings in different countries, especially in Europe.

5 “BPW International Online Academy”

Sabine Schmelzer is developing this online learning platform.

A big thank you to all taskforce members and all BPW who cooperated with the taskforce and contributed to the successes during the year.

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Antoinette Rüegg