

# SOUTH AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN GRADUATES

## NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

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### NEWSLETTER : SEPTEMBER 2013

#### Dear Members

Well, the IFUW Conference held in Istanbul, Turkey, has come and gone. Six SAAWG members were present – two attending the Leadership training programme (watch out for future workshops on this topic), two had duties for IFUW (and SAAWG), one presented a Paper and one was available as an alternate SAAWG delegate. It was good that we have such a reasonable representation as **the very big news is that Catherine Bell from Johannesburg – and latterly the IFUW Treasurer – was voted in as IFUW PRESIDENT!!**

(See letter from Catherine)  
We congratulate Catherine on her achieving this position and pledge our support and assistance when and where necessary.

**This also provides SAAWG with an impetus to showcase the association and attract new members.**

If you remember, two proposals were submitted internationally to members regarding the future style of operation within IFUW. Proposal 1 was voted for, which means that our own

office in Geneva will be retained (and not completely outsourced). Other changes will be advised in due course.

Because of the need to first decide on the operation of IFUW, the outgoing Board did not make a decision on where the next (2016) conference would be held. I, as National President of SAAWG, encouraged the incoming board to seriously still consider holding it in Cape Town! We await that decision.

#### NATIONAL CONFERENCE – May 2013

The final report on this conference is currently being completed. We will need to work on initiating/promoting a united response to the continuing patriarchal mindset which affects all aspects of life in South Africa.

#### 90<sup>th</sup> PUBLICATION

This is currently also being completed and will make an invaluable contribution to the history of women in South Africa.

#### BRANCH SCHOOL MENTORSHIP PROGRAMMES

Please remember that Johannesburg and Cape Town have a mentorship

programme for school girls. Assistance is always welcome and planning needs to be done for 2014! Very little commitment and time need be offered.

#### MARKETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

Please ensure that the poster provided in March is printed out and placed at tertiary institutions, public libraries and other suitable noticeboards. The National Office (and branch executives) do have back copies of the Journal which could also be offered to Libraries.

#### ANNUAL JOURNAL and MAGNET CALENDAR

Now that the IFUW Conference has taken place work will begin on the 2013 Journal.



*The new IFUW Board*

With best wishes,  
*Hazel Bowen and the National Executive*