

BPW GERMANY

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN – GERMANY- e.V.

Member of International Federation of Business and Professional Women



REPORT BPW GERMANY 2003-2004

The **activities** of BPW Germany in the period 2003-2004 have been the continuation of the successful engagement of the previous period. Membership has been increased to more than 1.550 members and new clubs are in the process of foundation. Many clubs have started a **Young BPW section** and integrated a **Young BPW in the board**.

Due to the installation of the new **homepage**, there has been a possibility for new contacts, offering the members the service of business contacts, advertising, mentoring program, Young BPW networking, offering and looking for jobs, exchange ideas between clubs and direct information from president to the members.

The **Mentoring-Program** has been very successful and will be promoted for the future. This program attracts many women surfing by internet.

The **spring convention in Göttingen** was dedicated to the **EU-Enlargement**. Participants from the new and future member countries of the European Union – such as Poland, Estonia, Czechia, Slovenia, Romania, Bulgaria joined the conference and contributed to the pannel session and workshops. Prof. Rita Süßmuth, former president of the German Parliament exposed in her speech the chances of cooperation in the European Union and the necessity of women contributing in the creation of a new and larger Europe.

Regional network programs of clubs were focused on business and social matters, strengthening the position of women. Cooperation with Chambers of Commerce High Schools, and Business Companies enabled the clubs to make BPW and its aims visible.

Employment of new **press officer** for improvement of PR matters of BPW Germany.

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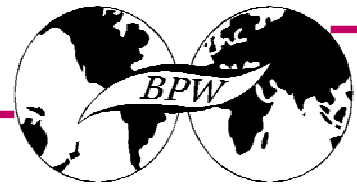
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Continuation of programs:

Afghanistan Schools (support of schools for girls, women and boys through fundraising)

(contribution to BPWI theme “A world of peace”)

Water (cooperation with the BPW International Program)

(contribution to BPWI theme “A world of peace”)

Hanse (Euregio Network Program with BPW clubs of the former hanseatic towns in Northern Europe)

D-A-CH (Euregio Network Program with Austria and Switzerland)

ERFOLG 2000 – Network program initiated by Club Munich where women present their business and projects on a local fair.

Cooperation with **DEUTSCHER FRAUENRAT (National Women`s Council)**
EUROPEAN WOMEN`s LOBBY on matters of women`s rights nationally and internationally.

Annual Meeting of Standing Committees in Kassel:

Members of the standing committees (Public Relations – Internet – Young BPW – Women`s Politics – International – Club Foundation – Law and Finances) met and worked on their programs. Two new standing committees have been founded: Economics - Art and Culture. Work is done throughout the year and exchanges are made in various meetings and the annual meeting.

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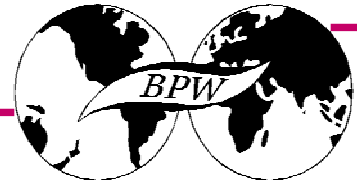
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International activities:

Participation at the European Congress in Rome October 2003

Participation at the Euregio-Meetings (as mentioned before)

Twinning Activities

Participation at the 3rd Mediterranean Congress of Business and Professional Women/Pan-Afro-Arab Congress in April 2004 in Cairo

Preparation of European Regional Meeting Berlin 30.09 – 04.10. 2004
(taken over after withdrawal of St. Petersburg)

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