

**BPW Federation Poland Annual Report
May 2003- September 2004**

1. The Polish BPW Federation is composed of 5 clubs:

BPW Poznan
BPW Poznan East-West
BPW Warsaw
BPW Lublin
and BPW Lodz.

2. 5 June, 2003

Preparation conference for the national referendum on joining the EU 7-8 June 2003: The European Union - a chance to develop women's entrepreneurship at the Atrium Hotel, Puszczykowo.

3. June 2003

Establishment of website promoting the BPW Poland initiative - www.kobietybiznesu.pl.

4. June 2003

Past BPW Federation Poland President Ewa Papla completes a EU Administration Course at the University of Adam Mickiewicz UAM focusing on Managing EU Projects sponsored by BPW.

5. 28-30 September 2003

XI European BPW Congress at the Jolly Midas Hotel in Rome: Women and Globalization - for Peace, an Improved Standard of Life, Equal Rights, and Progress. 17 BPW members from the 2 Poznan clubs attend.

6. 16 December 2003

Involvement in a communal Christmas Dinner at the Mercure Hotel in Poznan organised by BPW Poznan.

7. 12-14 March 2004

50th anniversary BPW conference in Gottingen, Germany: BPW - expanding borders in an enlarged Europe - risks and benefits for women. Presentations including:

- Ania Papla: "The Council of Europe and the EU enlargement: new possibilities for young women"
- Teresa Domżał: "Women's Position in East and West Europe"
- Ewa Papla: "Taboo topics in Poland - will there be changes in Poland after joining the EU?"
- Katarzyna Bekasiak: "Portraits of the new member states, BPW club activities in the East and West."

8. 6 April 2004

Involvement in a communal Candle Lighting Ceremony at the Atrium Hotel in Puszczykowo. Event organised by BPW East West.

9. 17 April 2004

In cooperation with the Suchy Las Association (initiated by Ewa Bard) co-organisation of a concert of the university choir of the University of Adam Mickiewicz under the direction of Mr. Sykulski accompanied by two BPW scholarship recipients: Marta Wryk (voice) and Marta Pawłowska (violin). The concert goal was to raise money for summer camps for young children from Suchy Las.

10. 21 April 2004

Federation Board Meeting at the legal practice of Mirka Stryjska in Poznan.

11. 13 May 2004

Involvement in Poznan Town Council Meeting with non-governmental organisations; The goal of the meeting was to establish rules for cooperation in light of the new Public Good Act.

12. 5 June 2004

Involvement in a meeting with Mrs. Vice-Premier Jaruga Nowacka titled: "Equal Status for Women and Men" organised at the Mercure Hotel from an initiative of BPW Poznan.

13. 9 June 2004

Women for the Europarlament Campaign. Activities included a press conference at the Mercure Hotel in Poznan followed by a tour with a London doubledecker bus through Poznan encouraging people to vote in the European Parlaiment elections and promoting two candidates: Sidonia Jedrzejewska and Katarzyna Trzeciak.

14. Work in Progress

BPW, represented by Ewa Papla, is involved in preparing an innovative project with the Poznan City Council, the Association of Women for Women, the Democratic Women's Union, and Amazons to submit to the European Social Fund, under Program 1.6 - Developing Human Resources - to create a Centre for Motivating Women Professionally in Poznan.

15. . New BPW goal: “1 + 1” - implemented by National President Katarzyna Bekasiak:
Each BPW Club has to set up a new BPW Club in different location.

16. October 2004

BPW POLAND starts the National Campaign for the Prevention of Carcinoma of the Cervix.

Poland is a country with a high risk level of contracting Carcinoma of the Cervix, mainly because of the lack of general prevention programs.

In our campaign we offer: free medical checkups with free cytological screenings.