

Flash report - EWL General Assembly-**From Amélie Leclercq BPW Europe Representative at European Women Lobby**

Steering Group / Executive of the EWL – elected 12-10-2014 for two years

Viviane Teteilbaum – president – reelected for second term – BE (Belgium)

2 representatives of European organisations

- Edith Schratzberger- Vecsei – Medical Women Europe – field of expertise: reproductive rights, gender mainstreaming in medical studies, accounting
- Annelies Pierrot-Bults – University Women of Europe – field of expertise: women in technical and scientific sectors, women in decision making positions

4 representatives of National coordination:

- Alice Mary Higgins – IE (Ireland)
- Borbala Juhasz – HU (Hungary)
- Laura Albu - RO (Romania)
- Elvy Svennerstal – SE (Sweden)

The respective roles within the Executive are still to be announced.

For information – the EWL rules state that there is a minimum of ONE representative of European Organisations in the Executive and a maximum of TWO.

In all EWL decision taking the respective weight of European organisations / national coordination is ONE to THREE

General Assembly: 3 votes per national coordination; 1 vote per European organisation

Board of Administration: 10 European organisations represented, 31 national coordination

Executive: 7 positions of which 1 to 2 for European organisations

Decisions of the Board of Administration:

I have been accepted as member of the Membership committee which is the one statutory committee of the EWL – maintaining contacts with existing organisations + evaluating whether applicant organisations fulfill the EWL rules and share the same values.

EWL has received a specific grant from a private donor to do research on Female Social Entrepreneurship. BPW Europe specifically asked for input. I am going to set up telephone meeting with EWL and will do a specific report when I know more.

Creation of a Taskforce for central and eastern European countries – in fact ex-communist countries where there is currently a strong anti-feminist backlash.

Next General Assembly and Board of Administration of EWL will be in May 2015 – 29 to 31 May 2015. PLEASE TAKE THIS INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN DECIDING UPON THE DATE OF BPW EC AISBL GENERAL ASSEMBLY to avoid conflict of dates.

Next steps:

- I am trying to organise a dinner of the representatives of European organisations who live in Belgium for next December. At the moment, the European organisations don't liaise together within the EWL.
- Will be using my twitter account @AmelieBPW to give snapshots of EWL activities.

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