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*International Connections:
Advancing Women's Success*

**2008 TIAW Annual International
Conference**

November 9 - 11, 2008

One King West, Toronto, Canada

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Welcome New Members

Gloria S. Walker, Principal,
Eclipse Communications,
Southall, UK

Carol Moore, Director of
External Relations, Emory
Institute for Developing Nations,
Atlanta, USA

Priya Chetty-Rajagopal,
Stanton Chase International,
Bangalore, India

**FEW (Foreign Executive
Women)**, Tokyo, Japan,
<http://www.fewjapan.com>

**OWIT (Organization of Women
in International Trade)**
<http://www.owit.org>

**WEC (Women Entrepreneurs
of Canada)** <http://wec.ca/>

Congratulations!

Margaret Milan, previous
president of EuropeanPWN, and
ardent supporter of TIAW has
been awarded the prestigious
'Legion d'Honneur' in the
category chevalier.

President's Message

In our role as an organization
that connects individual women
and women's organizations,
there is no more important event
each year than our annual
conference.

This is an opportunity for us to
put into practice our motto
"connecting to make all the
difference in the world." At the
conference, we bring women
together from all around the
world to meet one another,
share ideas, discuss important
issues and, ultimately, to find
ways that together, we can
empower women economically
because we know that when
women have economic power,
the quality of life in society
improves.

This year's conference in
Toronto is shaping up to be an
extraordinary event. Co-hosted
by Canadian Women in
Communications, November 9 to
11, 2008 at the Suites at One
King West right in the heart of
the city.

We have already confirmed the
participation of several top
business leaders, including
Annette Verschuren, President
Home Depot Canada and Asia as
well as Maureen Kempston
Darkes, President, General



eConnections

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**Join us in Toronto for the TIAW Annual
International Conference**, which will attract
worldwide thought leadership to translate
insights on women's economic empowerment
into action over two intense days of building on
women's signature strengths: connection,
innovation and collaboration.

From November 9 to 11, women from around the
world will gather in Toronto, Canada to empower
women's economic success in four critical areas:
entrepreneurship, corporate careers, political
and personal influence and technology.

This year's TIAW International Conference is
being co-hosted by Canadian Women in
Communications. The theme is - *International
Connections: Advancing Women's Success*.

The conference takes place in the heart of
Toronto, a cosmopolitan city whose rich
cultural, entertainment, sports and nearby
outdoor activities make it a perennial top
contender for quality of life rankings.

[Click here for Program highlights](#)

[Special Early bird rates are available](#)



Gini & Evelyn with group in Ghana

Microcredit Trip to Ghana

By Virginia Robinson & Evelyn Brown

A few days ago we returned from a three week
visit to Ghana and Nigeria. As much as we
enjoyed our visit with the Nigerians in Ibadan
and neighboring villages—Isoton and Orile--
where much of our time was spent with nursery,
kindergarten, primary and secondary school
students, it pales in comparison with our
experience in Ghana. While we enjoyed
exceptional experiences with school children in
Ghana as well, one of the real highlights of our
trip to those parts of West Africa was the visit
with the Kraban Support Foundation (KSF), our
TIAW Microfinance Institution (MFI) partner, in
Accra.

[More](#)



L-R Holly Parsons, Dr. Yunus, Patricia Hinnen

**TIAW Leaders Meet with Nobel Peace Prize
Winner in Denver**

This spring in Denver, Colorado, the TIAW
Microenterprise Program Manager, Patricia Foley
Hinnen and TIAW Village Bank Program

Motors Latin America, Asia and the Middle East. We have gathered the support of numerous women's organizations who are working with us to ensure that our conference builds strong ongoing connections for the future. We have a large, capable and well-connected team working on the program. [<conference web site>](#)

Perhaps the most exciting part, though, will be the inauguration of our latest award, The TIAW World of Difference 100 Awards, which will tell the stories of 100 women, unsung heroines, who have made a difference in the economic empowerment of women. These are ordinary women achieving extraordinary things. You probably know one or two of them and perhaps you've quietly marvelled at what they are able to accomplish. Now, you have a chance to see that they are recognized through this exciting awards program. [<Click here for nomination form>](#) and nominate an "unsung heroine" today.

The International Alliance for Women is a global umbrella organization whose members encourage, develop, fund and implement programs that foster the economic empowerment and advancement of women.

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Tell A Friend

Coordinator, Holly Parsons spearheaded efforts to host the Colorado Friends of Microcredit Conference featuring the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize winner, Dr. Muhammad Yunus. Over 500 people travelled from around the US and abroad to attend the conference, the first in the world to introduce Dr. Yunus' landmark new book, "Creating a World Without Poverty: Social Business and the Future of Capitalism." [<More>](#)

Simply Success: How a Down to Earth Cook Rose to the Top *Rachael Ray's Story*

Proudly on display in the front of Rachael Ray's home is a sign that reads: "Martha Stewart doesn't live here." She may not be Martha Stewart, but Ray has found her own equally successful style of cooking and presenting herself on the road to success. How did this young woman who never stepped foot inside a culinary training institute become one of the industry's most popular and well-known cooks? [<More>](#)

The European Network of Women in Decision-making in Politics and the Economy

In June, female decision-makers from around Europe met for the launch of a new EU-level network of women in power. The group's aim is to promote women in decision-making positions in politics and the economy across Europe. The inaugural meeting was opened by Equal Opportunities Commissioner Vladimir Špidla and by Zita Gurmai, Vice-Chairwoman of the European Parliament's Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality.

CARE's Maternal Health Campaign - Take Action to Support Mothers Around the World!

Women and mothers are the backbone of poor communities throughout the developing world. Their efforts as farmers, wage-earners and care-givers assure the well-being of families and the success of future generations. Yet too many mothers in the developing world miss the opportunity to raise their families because they die in childbirth. More than 500,000 women die every year from complications related to pregnancy and childbirth — that's one death every minute of every day. [<More>](#)

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