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Dear Presidents of Federations and Associate Clubs,

Please distribute this information to all your members.

Also please direct your members to our website www.bpw-international.org for more information and details.

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Dear BPW Presidents and Members,

We are pleased to inform you that pre-registration for the 54th session of the Commission on the Status of Women 2010 is now open.

The 15th Anniversary of the Beijing Conference is an important milestone in the history of the women's movement. UN Commission on the Status of Women will be held from 1st – 12th March in New York.

Given the significance of the CSW54 as well as 15th anniversary of the Beijing World Conference on Women, we are expecting up to 10,000 participants attending next year's CSW events!

Planning for the 54th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW54) is well under way and we are preparing many exciting BPW activities and events to mark our 80th birthday celebrations next year! Most of the details in terms of venue and programs are still being finalised. We will provide regular updates via the BPW International United Nations Status of Women Forum.

All accreditations for CSW54 will be handled by our UN Administrator Ann Swain, email address: administrator.un@bpw-international.org

To ensure that your request for accreditation is handled efficiently and to avoid disappointment, please ensure that Ann Swain is emailed directly and put the Presidents Office is cc on all email correspondence.

Members following this procedure will be handled with priority; failing to follow this procedure may experience delays, particularly in the event that we have an overwhelming number of applications to process. Late accreditations may also risk not meeting deadline cut off times.

This is a very exciting time in the history of the women's movement and I hope to see as many of you in my home town of New York City in what promises to be history in the making!

On behalf of the Executive, we look forward to building on our rich legacy and

welcoming you all to 54th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations in New York February 27-March 12, 2010.

With Kind Regards
Liz Benham
International President 2008-2011

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Commission on the Status of Women (New York)

CSW54 marks the 15th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and our UN Representatives have advised that we could expect up to 10,000 women taking part in next year's milestone. The key dates to mark in your diary for CSW 54 are as follows:

Monday 1st March, 2010 (arriving the Saturday before to register is well-advised)
[1st - 12th March]

Opening UN CSW

Tuesday 2nd March

BPWI Leadership and Lifelong Learning Program
Leadership and Emotional Intelligence (LEI)

Wednesday 3rd March

BPW UN Workshop

Thursday 4th March

BPW Leadership and Lifelong Learning
Personal Empowerment Programs (PEP)

Friday 5th March

BPW Annual Claire Fulcher Dinner & 80th Birthday Celebration
Saturday 6th March

BPW New York AGM

Accommodation

To avoid any disappointment with accommodation bookings, many members are already making their accommodation arrangements for next year. Members from Europe are organising groups of members to share apartments so that they can begin to book their accommodation.

The two places that are preferred by BPW members are: the Murray Hill East Suites and Helmsley Middletown Hotel:

Murray Hill East Suites
149 East 39th Street, New York (Between Lexington and 3rd Avenues)
Tel: (212) 661 2100 Fax: (212) 818 0724

Please note: there is no website - fax or call to book; for a possible upgrade based on availability, speak to: Reservation Manager, Ray; Booking Code: BPW

10-15 minutes walk to UN. One or two-bedroom apartments with kitchen, baths and pull-out couch for extra bed that can sleep 3-5 people. Please fax your request or call to book for better rates. The sister hotel is called the Shelburne Murray Hill on Lexington Avenue; rates at both start at around \$250/night.

OR

Helmsley Middletown Hotel

148 E 48th Street New York, New York 10017

Tel: (212) 755-3000 Fax: (212) 832-0261

Reservations: (212) 697-8300 Web site: <http://www.helmsleymiddletowne.com/>

E-mail: frontd...@helmsleyhotels.com

About 5 minutes walking distance from UN. Book a Standard comfortable room with two double beds. Rooms are approximately 350 sq. feet with large closets; rooms can accommodate up to 4 persons making it an ideal choice for sharing; Complimentary Continental breakfast included; approximate rate \$280/night.

We keep members abreast of all latest developments via our forum pages under the United Nations Status of Women Forum at:

http://www.bpw-international.org/index.php?option=com_kunena

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