

Graduate Women International Report

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Recent News from Graduate Women International

Connecting IFUW to the United Nations: Tribute to Esther Caukin Brunauer (1901-1959)

On the occasion of 2019 United Nations Day, Graduate Women International (GWI), previously the International Federation of University Women (IFUW), recalled contributions by founding mother, Virginia Gildersleeve, to the beginnings of the United Nations. In this respect, it is important to note that the members of the delegation to the San Francisco Conference (Conference) in 1945 worked on all the United Nations bodies, not just the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Furthermore, Virginia Gildersleeve was not the only extraordinary woman to leave her stamp on the United Nations. Kathy Horvat, member of Women Graduates-USA (WG-USA), rightly reminded us of her mother's, Esther Caukin Brunauer, important work towards establishing the United Nations (UN). Ms. Brunauer was employed within the United States (US) State Department unit responsible for developing the UN. To that effect, Ms. Brunauer prepared a list of women fit for assignment as delegates to the Conference by the US President. Among others, Virginia Gildersleeve and Aurelia Henry Reinhardt, President of Mills College, figured on that list. The US State Department also organised a group of representatives of 42 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to meet during the Conference to discuss and advise on the issues. Ms. Brunauer participated herself in the Conference as a technical advisor to the group discussing the part of the UN Charter dealing with the General Assembly. In 1946, Ms. Brunauer became the US Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Planning Commission with the rank of Minister. She was the third US woman to ever receive this title. Her many achievements are documented at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris and the IFUW files archived at Atria in Amsterdam. GWI recognises Ms. Brunauer's achievements in this first GWI Newsletter write-up of the year 2020. More information on this remarkable woman is available [HERE](#). GWI thanks Kathy Horvat for reminding us of her mother's accomplishments.

[Esther Caukin Brunauer \(source: www.aauw.org\)](http://www.aauw.org).

Introducing the 2019-2020 Bina Roy Partners in Development projects The Bina Roy Partners in Development (BRPID) programme supports locally developed and operated projects initiated by GWI National Federations and Associations (NFAs) that will galvanise and empower women and girls through education and leadership development. Through the 2018-2019 cycle of the BRPID projects, the lives of more than 2,000 women and school-aged children, a majority of them young women and girls, were positively impacted. GWI is now pleased to present the selected projects for the 2019-2020 round of funding, located in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), El Salvador, India, Ghana, Mexico and Turkey. All projects align with GWI's mission towards lifelong education, advancement and participation in leadership and decision-making for women and girls. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the 2019-2020 BRPID projects and read their application summaries. The application summaries, mid-term report summaries and final report summaries for the 2018-2019 BRPID cycle are also available [HERE](#). A long-running and successful GWI programme, BRPID began in 1978 and was later renamed in honour of Dr. Bina Roy, educator and former GWI President from India. GWI thanks its donors for their generous contribution to these lifechanging projects.

GWJ Member News

AGW member Prof. Cheryl Praeger wins Australian Prime Minister's Prize for Science

Mathematician Emeritus and member of Australian Graduate Women Inc. (AGW), Professor Cheryl Praeger of the University of Western Australia has received the 2019 Australian Prime Minister's Prize for Science of \$250,000 for her contributions to pure mathematics. She studied at Oxford University, for which she had won a scholarship, and in 1983, she became one of the first female professors of mathematics in Australia. This led her to partake in many different programmes and committees, such as the curriculum development council of the Australian government. According to Shirley Randell, fellow member of AGW and contributor to this write-up, Prof. Praeger was very touched by the award, because receiving it showed the importance of mathematics in general, but also of the achievements of her, her colleagues and her students. Prof. Praeger's work spans decades and more than 400 journal publications. GWJ wholeheartedly congratulates Prof. Praeger to this well-deserved recognition of her life's work. She sets a brilliant example of what women can achieve in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). To access the full write-up by Shirley Randell on behalf of Prof. Praeger, click [HERE](#).

GWJ passes on condolences to JAUW regarding the passing of Dr. Sadako Ogata

Respectfully, GWJ writes of the passing of Dr. Sadako Ogata, first female United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). "The news on October 22, 2019 of the death of Sadako Ogata at the age of 92, [...] has already been spread all over the world", says Chizuko Suzuki, Convenor of International Relations (CIR) of the Japanese Association of Graduate Women (JAUW). "She was a respected Japanese public administrator who worked as part of UNHCR to protect people displaced by conflicts. Her keynote speech at the 25th IFUW Conference held in Yokohama in 1995 remains in all of our memories as a precious legacy", she adds. Dr. Ogata left a unique imprint on the UNHCR and the

Sadako Ogata as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (1990-2000). Photo: UNHCR world, and her many achievements continue to live on through the people who enjoy better lives and opportunities thanks to her. May she rest in peace.

Advocacy

GWJ to host parallel event on women and corruption at CSW64 session As a follow-up to the 9 December press release for Anti-Corruption Day, GWJ announces to hold a parallel event during the 64th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW64). The event will take place on 11 March at 2.30 pm at the Church Center (10th Floor) across from the UN in New York. The parallel event is co-sponsored by the Women's UN Report Network (WUNRN) and NGO Committee on the Status of Women, Geneva. Seizing the CSW64 theme, this Women and Corruption parallel event is unique in that it will address corruption through a GENDER LENS. Women are targeted disproportionately as victims of corruption, and yet rarely in the discourse of corruption are women considered. Women experience corruption in specific ways, which greatly impact gender inequality. Panellists will assess the impact of gendered corruption, root causes and plausible recommendations. The parallel event will also examine how corruption impedes the implementation of the 12 Critical Areas of Concern formulated within the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995). Further information about the parallel event will be published in future Updates and on the GWJ website.

2019 highlight: GWJ celebrates its 100th anniversary in Geneva

This major milestone event held in Geneva, Switzerland, represented a new beginning for GWJ within a changing global landscape - one of strategic relationships with the United Nations, knowledge competencies in global policies that widen the social and economic divide, and advocacy for global and national governance

that protect women's and girls' rights. The conference theme "Peace through Education" reflected GWI's deep-seated recognition of education, particularly education for women and girls as the cornerstone of peaceful, just and sustainable societies. The Centenary Celebration itself delighted with a runway presentation of "GWI Through the Decades", musical performances, the presentation of three awards as well as competition winners, and of course, the buffet dinner and cake celebration. More than 400 people participated, and 63 workshops and seminars were held. According to the satisfaction survey, 85% of these participants were overall satisfied with the conference. Furthermore, the General Assembly adopted eight policy resolutions, three constitutional resolutions as well as five internal resolutions. In anticipation of this event, more than 30 NFAs submitted reports. A particular highlight of the conference was keynote speaker, Zamaswazi Dlamini Mandela, who spoke about the achievements of her grandfather and grandmother, Nelson and Winnie Mandela, and her own projects to promote education in South Africa. This unforgettable event propelled GWI into this new 2020 decade and the next 100 years with commitment and solidarity. — GWI at the United Nations —

The 75th session of CEDAW reviews Bulgaria, Pakistan and Zimbabwe

From 10-28 February 2020, the 75th session of the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) will be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. CEDAW is the body of independent experts that monitors implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The CEDAW Committee consists of 23 experts on women's rights from around the world. During this session, the Committee will review and address concerns and recommendations, among others, regarding the submission of the CEDAW reports by GWI affiliates in Bulgaria, Pakistan and Zimbabwe. Please come back in March for a summary of the CEDAW reports from GWI affiliates. For further information about CEDAW and the upcoming session, click [HERE](#).

Kenya, Spain and Turkey under review at the 35th session of the Universal Periodic Review The Human Rights Council's (HRC) Universal Periodic Review (UPR) will hold its 35th session from 20-31 January 2020. During the session, three GWI NFA countries are under review: Kenya, Spain and Turkey. The UPR is a unique process which involves a periodic review of the human rights records of all 193 United Nations Member States. The UPR, based on equal treatment for all countries, is a significant innovation of the HRC. The UPR provides an opportunity for all States to declare what actions they have taken to improve the human rights situations in their countries and to overcome challenges to the enjoyment of human rights. The UPR also includes a sharing of best human rights practices around the globe. Currently, no other mechanism of this kind exists. Please come back in February for a summary of the UPR reports from GWI affiliates. To learn more about the UPR process and the upcoming UPR session, click [HERE](#).

Calls for applications

AfricaLics Short-Term Fellowship for Mentorship in Innovation Studies With support from the Swedish International Development Agency (Sida), the African Network of Learning, Innovation and Competence Building Systems (AfricaLics)'s research capacity building programme includes activities that provide a holistic guidance to post-graduate students and early-career researchers towards the acquisition of skills that enable the analysis of innovation activities related to their research irrespective of the field. Consequently, this would enhance research outputs that are socially and economically relevant as well as transformative. The proposed short-term mentorship activity is part of a long-term mentorship endeavour to build a critical mass of innovation scholars to enhance inclusive and innovation-driven transformation of the African continent. To this end, AfricaLics will be offering six competitive fellowships to qualified post-graduate students and early-career scholars (mainly women from low-income countries (LICs) and low middle-income countries (LMICs); and applicants from LICs only). Applications close on 15 January 2020.

Australian Graduate Women Inc. Barbara Hale Fellowships 2020 Every year in January, applications open for the Australian Graduate Women Inc. Barbara Hale Fellowships. These fellowships, amounting to \$7.500 and \$6000, are awarded to Australian women graduates enrolled for a research PhD at an Australian University in their second or third year of PhD research. For more information, visit AGW's website.

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