



30th IFUW Triennial Conference
Education, Empowerment and Development
5-9 August 2010 - Mexico City



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Welcome message from the IFUW President

With excitement and pleasure I invite you to join in our 30th Triennial Conference in Mexico City from the 5th to 9th of August 2010. What an opportunity to experience the depth of history, culture and colour of Mexico. It is a time to celebrate the achievements of our national affiliates, independent members and international work. Our theme “Education, Empowerment, Development” challenges us to explore the intertwined issues that will lead to fulfilment of the Beijing Platform for Action global and local objectives for women and girls. Join us for IFUW 90th birthday celebrations and experience the commemoration of Mexico's 200th year of independence.

Louise Croot, IFUW President

Welcome message from the FEMU President

The Mexican Federation is pleased that the 30th Triennial IFUW Conference will be celebrated in our country in 2010. This is a very significant year for us, during which we will commemorate our 200th year of independence, as well as the 100th anniversary of Mexico's social revolution, the first of the 20th century. Two hundred years ago we fought for the liberty of a nation and one hundred years ago for its social rights. Mexico was the first country to include social rights in its constitution, the Constitution of 1917, which is in effect today.

Patricia Galeana, FEMU President

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Organizers

The IFUW Board of Officers and the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) of the Mexican Federation of University Women (FEMU) are planning the Conference jointly.

Dates and location

The Conference will be held from 5-9 August 2010 in the Meliá México Reforma Hotel in Mexico City. This five-star hotel, located near the financial, cultural and historic district, offers modern facilities, first-class service and excellent meeting facilities. All business and plenary sessions, workshops, seminars, etc. will be on-site. The 90th IFUW Council will meet on 4 August. The 91st Council will meet on 10 August. The special training programme will have a full-day session on 3 August, parallel sessions during the Conference and a half-day session on 10 August.

Conference information

Full programme details will be posted on the IFUW website: <http://www.ifuw.org/ifuw2010/> A special bulletin board will open in February if you wish to meet other conference participants in advance and share ideas for personal travel destinations. If you are living outside Mexico, please address all questions to IFUW Headquarters. Those living in Mexico should contact FEMU Headquarters. Contact information for both is provided on page one.

Travelling to Mexico City

The Mexico City International Airport (also called Benito Juárez International Airport) has direct flights from many countries. The airport, just 12 miles from the conference hotel, is easily accessible by shuttle, bus and taxi. Official taxis from the airport to the hotel cost approximately 12.00 USD. Taxi tickets should be bought at the taxi stands within the airport premises.

Visa Requirements

A list of countries requiring visas can be found at <http://www.inm.gob.mx/EN/index.php?page/need visa>. Those needing visas are strongly advised to make an application as early as possible, at least three months in advance. Details are available on the conference website <http://ifuw.org/ifuw2010/info/visas.shtml>. Participants with connecting flights in other countries may require a separate transit visa. Please refer to visa requirements of the transit country. Early application is especially advisable if transiting via the USA.

Travel and Cancellation Insurance

It is your responsibility to arrange your own travel and cancellation insurance. Please ensure that you have adequate insurance cover for your trip, including medical coverage and repatriation in case of illness or accident, as well as theft and cancellation. The organisers cannot accept responsibility for any injury, loss or damage suffered by members or their guests due to accident, illness or theft.

Weather and Altitude

Located on Mexico's high central plateau at 2250 metres (7200 ft), Mexico City enjoys a relatively mild climate all year. The average August temperature is around 25°C (77°F). Although August is in the rainy seasons, any rains tend to fall in the afternoons, leaving the evenings dry and cool. A light jacket is advisable. Because of the high altitude, participants are encouraged to give themselves time to acclimatise.

ACCOMMODATION

Participants are responsible for booking their own accommodation directly with the providers. Special accessibility needs should be indicated when booking.

Conference hotel

150 hotel rooms for participants have been reserved in the Meliá Mexico Reforma Hotel, where the conference meetings will take place. The hotel was chosen for its convenience, location and security - it has high standards of comfort and service and is equipped with modern surveillance and security systems in all public areas. Special conference rates have been negotiated for IFUW. Participants reserving by 5 May 2010 are guaranteed the rates below; reservations after that date are subject to availability.

Single	142 USD per room
Double room	142 USD per room (71 USD per person)
Extra Person	59 USD

Special prices are also available for deluxe rooms and suites.

All prices include the 3% lodging tax, porter and maid tips. Mexican residents must pay an additional 16% VAT. Foreign residents are exempt from the VAT provided they present their passport and the immigration form (received upon arrival in the country) at check in and pay using a foreign credit card or bank transfer.

Breakfast is available in the hotel: a full breakfast buffet for 14 USD and a continental breakfast for 10 USD per person. Participants may also order individual dishes from the menu for less.

To book a room, please use the special
form available at:

<http://www.ifuw.org/ifuw2010/hotel/hotel.pdf>

Other accommodation

The Local Arrangements Committee has identified hotels in other price ranges near the city centre. A list of these is posted on the conference website. Participants will need to book these hotels direct. Due to heavy Mexican traffic, those staying in other hotels will need to allow extra time for travelling back and forth.

MEALS

Lunches are included in the full registration fee from 5 to 9 August inclusive. Special dietary needs should be indicated on the registration form when booking. Accompanying non-members may buy their lunches on a daily basis. For other meals there are two restaurants on-site, which serve Mexican and international cuisine (15 to 25 USD for full meals). There are also numerous restaurants in the city centre.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The theme of the 30th IFUW Conference is “Education, Empowerment, Development”. The five-day programme is filled with international and regional keynote speakers, interdisciplinary sessions, interactive workshops, training sessions and special presentations.

The main work of the Conference is to guide the policy decisions of IFUW for the coming triennium and to set the agenda for work under the new President and Board elected at the Conference. Resolutions about future policy will be discussed, dues set, new members introduced. Those less interested in business will find a choice of parallel activities.

All sessions will be conducted in English. **Simultaneous interpretation in Spanish and/or French** may be offered for the opening ceremony, business and plenary sessions, and a limited number of seminars and workshops provided forty participants requiring interpretation in that language enrol by 30 April 2010.

Thematic days

Two special thematic days, planned for Friday 6 August and Saturday 7 August, will explore four sub-themes:

- * Advancing Women through Lifelong Learning
- * Challenges to Women’s Empowerment in the 21st Century
- * New Challenges for Sustainable Development
- * Towards A Just Society

Participants will have a choice of two tracks on each of the days. The tracks will open in the morning with a keynote speaker, followed by a choice of three to four related interdisciplinary seminars. In the afternoon, a series of interactive workshops will address other aspects of the same theme. At the end of the day participants following a track will return to a plenary session to draw together the findings and conclusions from the different sessions.

Members unable to stay for the full conference may enrol just for the two theme days.

Social and other non-business events

Special events are planned throughout the week: young members’ activities, parallel presentations opposite business sessions, information events for the IFUW Bina Roy Partners in Development Projects and the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund

One of the highlights will be the Mexican Evening on Saturday 7 August, a colourful party Mexican-style with music. Participants will also not want to miss the gala dinner on Monday 9 August, which will be held at the Colegio Viscainas, an exclusive 18th century setting in the “City of Palaces”.

Young members

IFUW and FEMU are again organizing a special Young Leaders’ Programme, which will include participation in the 3 August pre-Conference training. Also included will be special lunches and evening events, as well as an opportunity to participate in some of the official conference roles.

MEXICAN HIGHLIGHTS – HALF DAY & ONE DAY TOURS

Whether you have a single day or several days available, FEMU's selection of inexpensive tours will let you experience first-hand some of Mexico's rich culture and history. Each tour can be booked separately, so you can select the mix that best suits your individual interests. Morning and evening tours will explore Mexico City and other destinations.

- A. *City Tour*** - explore the historic city centre beginning with the Zócalo, the main plaza. Admire the Metropolitan Cathedral, the oldest and largest cathedral on the American continent, and the National Palace, the seat of the federal executive, which houses historical murals by Diego Rivera. Continue to the Great Temple, an archaeological site in the heart of the city, and visit the National Museum of Anthropology (Aztec Hall only). (5-hr tour - August 2, 3, 4, 10, 11 and 12)
- B. *Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera*** - visit the Casa Azul (the Blue House), where the famous painters Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera lived on and off from 1929 until Frida Kahlo's death in 1954. Continue to the Dolores Olmedo Museum, which has the biggest private collection of Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera paintings. The museum, housed in a 17th century hacienda, also features nearly 6,000 pre-Hispanic figurines and sculptures. (5-hr tour - August 2, 3, 4, 10, 11 and 12)
- C. *Puebla & Cholula Colonial Tour*** – see the Popocatepetl and Iztaccihuatl volcanoes, together with the beautiful Tonanzintla Church which combines Indian and Spanish art. Afterwards, you will walk through the Cholula Pyramid tunnels. The tour will continue to Puebla, one of the most important cities in Mexico, where you will visit the Cathedral and the Rosary Chapel. (10 hr tour - August 3, 4, 10, 11)
- D. *Taxco & Cuernavaca*** - drive through magnificent mountains to Cuernavaca, the “City of the Eternal Spring”, famous for its 16th century Cathedral. Early evening, you will be taken to the wonderful silver town of Taxco with spectacular cobblestone streets. There you will visit Santa Prisca's Church, the Borda Plaza and a silver factory. (10-hr tour - August 2, 3, 4, 10, 11 and 12)
- E. *Teotihuacan & Guadalupe's Shrine*** - visit the Guadalupe Shrine, which houses the famous 16th century icon "Our Lady of Guadalupe and the archaeological site of Teotihuacan with its impressive Quetzalcoatl's Temple and the Sun and Moon pyramids. (8 hr tour - August 2, 3, 4, 10, 11 and 12)
- F. *Tula & Tepetzolan*** - visit an 18th century Jesuit seminary and a well preserved baroque mission church, the Church of San Francisco Javier. Next tour the Museo de Virreinato. Originally housing schools dedicated to training Jesuit missionaries in the indigenous languages of Mexico and to providing education to Indian boys, it's now a museum with three centuries of colonial religious art. Finish with the archaeological site of Tula, with its magnificent stone sculptures “The Atlantes” and palaces. (8 hr tour - August 4 and 11)
- G. *Xochimilco, University & Cuicuilco*** - explore the southern part of the city, beginning with the Olympic Stadium, site of the 1968 Summer Olympics. Next visit Cuicuilco, an ancient Olmeca city buried by lava in 200 BC, close to the National University of Mexico. There you'll see the remains of a circular temple. Afterwards, you'll enjoy an exciting ride on a trajinera boat along Xochimilco's Canals. (5 hr tour - August 2, 3, 4, 10, 11 and 12)

H. Ballet Folklórico de México - Attend a performance of the world-famous Mexican Folkloric Ballet at the Anthropology Museum. Founded in 1952 to save Mexico's dancing traditions, the company's repertoire today includes more than 70 ballets and folk dances from different regions. (3 hr activity - August 4, 8, 11)

I. Bellini & Garibaldi Show – Begin with a delicious dinner at the Restorante Bellini, the world's biggest revolving restaurant at the top of the World Trade Center, offering a terrific view. Continue to Garibaldi Plaza where you will enjoy a welcome drink and a folkloric Mariachi Show. (3 hr activity - August 3, 4, 8, 10 and 11)

J. Garibaldi Show - For those who do not wish to have dinner, you can visit Garibaldi Plaza at night and then enjoy a welcome drink and the folkloric mariachi performance described above. (3 hr activity - August 3, 4, 8, 10 and 11)

The above tours are organized in conjunction with the official conference operator, Metropolis Tours and Travel, which was selected by FEMU. They may be booked and paid for with your conference registration. You can book and pay for these tours with your conference registration See the conference site for details <http://www.ifuw.org/ifuw2010/tours.shtml>. You can also book individually through <http://www.monopolistourandtravel.com/>. Participants wishing to organize similar tours or to have more details may contact monopolis@hotmail.com.

LONGER TOURS

Three longer pre- and post-conference tours are planned for those who want to explore other regions of the country. Fuller details are available at <http://www.ifuw.org/ifuw2010/tours.shtml>.

K. Querétaro - Guanajuato - Morelia tour (31 July-3 August)

One pre-conference tour will travel northeast of Mexico City. Tour the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe; the archaeological site of Teotihuacan, the mysterious city of gods; Querétaro, known for its role in the struggles for independence; Dolores de Hidalgo, a beautiful colonial city; Guanajuato and Morelia, two World Heritage sites, the latter known for its splendid Hispano-American baroque architecture from the XVII and XVIII centuries; and Patzcuaro (City of Stones in Purepecha language) which is a magnificent sample of Hispanic colonial architecture. Organized by European members with Universal Tourisme, this tour is open to all IFUW members. Note: those participating will need to arrive in Mexico by 30 July. The cost of the tour: CHF 710 per person (single room CHF 941 per person). To reserve, write to Arielle Wagenknecht – wagenknecht@ifuw.org.

L. Oaxaca (11-14 August)

Fly to the southeast region of Oaxaca with its breath-taking landscapes, magnificent architecture, delectable cuisine, and colourful folklore. See Oaxaca's main attractions – the main cathedral, the Santa Catalina Convent; Santo Domingo Church; Santo Domingo Cultural Centre, including the Oaxacan Cultures Museum, the Burgoa Library and the Ethno Botanical Garden, Rufino Tamayo Museum of Pre-Hispanic Art, and the Zocalo. Visit the Monté Alban archaeological site, ancient capital of the Mesoamerican Zapotec civilization, two artisanal villages, a 1556 Dominican ex-convent, and a local market. Explore the Mitla archeological site, dating from 800 BC - famous for its intricate wall friezes, as well as the Tree of Tule, an artisanal village, and 16th century church. Approx. cost: USD560, per person, double occupancy, including the round-trip airfare from Mexico City, three nights' accommodation at a 4-star hotel, and transportation and entrance fees.

For a full itinerary and information on how to book, visit <http://www.ifuw.org/ifuw2010/tours/oaxaca.pdf>.

M. Mérida & the Yucatán (11-14 August)

The second four-day post-conference tour offered by FEMU and Monopolis Tours will fly to the Yucatán Peninsula. Participants will stay in Mérida, a city of diverse culture and rich history, with ornate colonial architecture and abundant ancient Mayan ruins dotting the surrounding countryside. Among the city's attractions are a magnificent 16th century cathedral, the Governor's Palace and museums presenting the art and history of the peninsula. One day will be spent exploring the Mayan ruins of Chichen Itza, a UNESCO World Heritage site recently voted one of the new Seven Wonders of the World. Another day participants will visit the archaeological site of Uxmal, one of the finest examples of the ornate Puuc style of Mayan architecture. One evening the group will experience a typical Yucatan dinner. Expected cost: 690USD per person, double occupancy, including the round trip air fare, three nights in a 4-star hotel and the local visits.

For a full itinerary and information on how to book, visit <http://www.ifuw.org/ifuw2010/tours/merida.pdf>.

REGISTRATION FEES

- The Conference is open to both members and non-members.
- Registration fees for participants residing outside Mexico are payable in US dollars (USD) to IFUW Headquarters in Geneva.
- Participants residing in Mexico may pay in Mexican pesos (MXN) to FEMU Headquarters in Mexico City. Please contact femumexico@gmail.com for more information.

Full fee - for members and non-members attending the entire conference:

- 670 USD for those paying by 31 March 2010
- 870 USD for paying between 1 April 2010 and 30 June 2010
- 1000 USD for those paying after 30 June 2010

The full fee provides entry to the opening ceremony, business and plenary sessions, theme day presentations, interdisciplinary seminars and workshops, parallel sessions, lunches on 5-9 August inclusive, morning and afternoon refreshments, the Mexican Evening and Gala Dinner.

Theme days fee - for members and non-members attending only Friday 6 August and Saturday 7 August:

- 400 USD for those paying by 31 March 2010
- 500 USD for those paying between 1 April 2010 and 30 June 2010
- 600 USD for those paying after 30 June 2010

The theme days fee provides entry to the theme day presentations, interdisciplinary seminars and workshops on 6 August and 7 August, lunches on the two days, morning and afternoon refreshments on the two days, plus the Mexican Evening.

Student Fee - for students 25 and under enrolled in a full-time degree programme:

- 400 USD for those registering before 30 June 2010
- To qualify for the reduced fee a signed letter confirming enrolment must be emailed by the head of the student's programme or registrar in PDF format to registration@ifuw.org.

The student fee provides entry to the opening ceremony, all business and plenary sessions, the theme day presentations, interdisciplinary seminars and workshops, parallel sessions, lunches on 5-9 August inclusive, morning and afternoon refreshments, the Mexican Evening and the Gala Dinner.

Accompanying person fee - for non-members attending only the social events

- 120 USD

The accompanying person fee provides entry to the opening ceremony, the Mexican Evening and the Gala Dinner. Optional tours may be booked on site.

Cancellations and Refunds

Cancellations must be sent via email to registration@ifuw.org or by fax to +41 22 738 04 40. A non-refundable administration fee of 20% will be applied to all payments. The remaining 80% will be refunded for all cancellations received up to seven days before the Conference. No refunds will be given after that time.

How to book

You are requested to book on-line, if possible. Complete information is available on the Conference website: <http://www.ifuw.org/ifuw2010/registration.shtml>. If you cannot book on-line, please complete the attached registration form and send it with your bank transfer order by fax to +41 22 738 04 40 or by post to IFUW, 10 rue du Lac, 1207 Geneva, Switzerland.

You will receive confirmation of booking either by email or by post depending on your chosen method of registration. You will need to bring a copy of this confirmation, all receipts and proofs of payment and bookings with you to Mexico City.

If you change any of your contact details between registration and attendance at the Conference, please advise us immediately so we can amend our records.

How to pay

All payments by participants living outside Mexico must be made in US dollars (USD). Online payment by VISA and MasterCard is possible on the conference website. Those wishing to pay by bank transfer will be sent payment details upon receipt of their registration form. You should ensure that bank charges are paid by you as transferee. Any difference will need to be paid upon arrival in Mexico City.

PRIVACY POLICY

Any contact details you give us will only be made available to IFUW and other members participating in the Conference in the participant directory; they will not be shared with any third parties. Other personal details will be used only for processing your registration and administration of the Conference.