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Editorial

EWL launches campaign for the election of a woman as the next United Nations Secretary General in 2006

1945-2006: 3 Europeans, 2 Africans, 1 Latin American, 1 Asian, 0 Women

Since 1945, three Europeans, two Africans and one Latin American, have held the post of United Nations Secretary General, not one of them was a woman. **The election of a new United Nations Secretary-General will take place in 2006.**

Following the initiative by Equality Now (http://www.equalitynow.org/english/actions/action_1102_en.html), the European Women's Lobby is launching a campaign for the **election of a qualified woman as the next Secretary General.**

Koffi Annan's second five-year term expires on 31 December 2006 but he may step down several months earlier. Talks have already started within diplomatic circles about his successor. Some countries insist that it is an Asian's turn to hold the job and several persons from this region have expressed their interest, but all of them are men. Some Eastern European countries say that it would be the turn of somebody from this region to hold the position.

The European Women's Lobby has written to all Foreign Affairs Ministers of EU Member States, as well as to Permanent missions of UN Security Council member countries, to ask them to seek qualified women candidates and support the election of a woman to the post of Secretary General. **The Security Council** (composed of 5 permanent members and 10 rotating members) **is responsible for recommending a candidate for Secretary General to the General Assembly.**

You can join the EWL campaign by using our model lobbying letter to write to your government and/or to countries member of the UN Security Council. For more information, see:
http://www.womenlobby.org/site/1abstract.asp?DocID=1557&v1ID=&RevID=&namePage=&pageParent=&DocID_sousmenu=

EWL News

The EWL Board of Administration met in Brussels on 27-29 January 2006 – During the first day, the 32 Board members discussed the Strategic Review for the future of EWL. Other issues on the agenda were a position paper on patriarchal religions, updates on the current EWL projects as well as information about recent European gender equality developments.

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EWL lobbying concerning the setting up of the future European Gender Institute – EWL submitted its position to the European Parliament Committee on Women’s Rights and Gender Equality as the Committee adopted its report on the Gender Institute on 24.01.2006. The EWL letter supported the amendments aiming at strengthening the role of the gender institute in relation to policy-making and gender mainstreaming. The letter also insisted on the need for EWL to be represented in the Management Board of the Institute. For more information see the European Parliament section or contact Cécile Gréboval: greboval@womenlobby.org

EWL work in relation to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women 2006 – EWL submitted a written statement concerning women in decision-making in view of the 50th CSW meeting. The statement focuses on the need for an integrated approach in order to achieve gender equality in decision-making and urges the UN and its Member States to adopt binding measures to ensure parity democracy. EWL will also be organising a side event on women in decision-making during the first week of the CSW. To read the statement, consult: http://www.womenlobby.org/site/1Template1.asp?DocID=22&v1ID=&RevID=&namePage=&pageParent=&DocID_sousmenu=&parentCat=22 - For more information, please contact Cécile Gréboval: greboval@womenlobby.org

New Policy Officer in the EWL Secretariat - Georgia Tsaklanganos has been appointed to work in the EWL Policy Action Centre on Violence against Women, with the aim of supporting and developing the **EWL Observatory on Violence against Women**. (More in the section below “Update on violence against women and women’s human rights”)

Marta Ortiz, EWL Board member representing CELEM (Spanish Coordination for EWL) has been nominated by the Spanish newspaper El Mundo among the “**Top 25 Spanish women of the year for 2005**”, for her work as the President of the EWL Spanish coordination.

EWL representation

- Brigitte Triems, EWL alternate Board member for Germany, represented EWL and spoke at a conference of the GUE/NGL group in the European Parliament “**Social Justice for Europe, No to the Service Directive, No Bolkestein** “ on 12 January 2006
- Lydia la Rivière-Zijdel, EWL Board member, represented EWL at the **Seventh Session of the Ad Hoc Committee on the UN Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities** in New York from 16 January to 3 February 2006
- Sabine Oberhauser, EWL Austrian Board member attended the **Troika meeting preceding the Informal Council meeting of Employment and Social Policy Ministers** in Villach, Austria on 19 January 2006, organised by the Social Platform
- Cécile Gréboval, Policy Coordinator represented EWL and spoke at the **international seminar “European experience and challenges for Estonia: Gender and ethnic discrimination in the media”**, in Tallinn, Estonia on 20-21.01.2006
- Juliette Kamper, EWL policy coordinator, spoke on behalf of EWL at a Round Table for the project “**A European Charter for Equality of Women and Men in Local Life**” organised by the Council of European Municipalities and Regions in Brussels on 24 January 2006
- Audrey Vreugd, EWL Dutch Board member and Clarisse Delorme, attended a seminar on “**Immigration, Integration and Citizenship – the Nexus in the EU**” organised by the Centre for European Policy Studies in Brussels on 25 January 2006
- Colette De Troy and Georgia Tsaklanganos participated in the ECOSOC study group meeting concerning **Domestic Violence against women** on 25 January 2006
- Kirsti Kolthoff and Mary McPhail met with the new Director General of DG Employment and Social Affairs, Mr Van de Pas on 25 January 2006.

- Meeting of the EWL Executive Committee in Brussels on 26 January 2006
- EWL Strategic Review meeting in Brussels on 27 January 2006
- Meeting of the EWL Board in Brussels on 28 and 29 January 2006.
- Kirsti Kolthoff, EWL President, participated in and spoke at an International Women's Congress on **"Women's Role in the Alliance of Civilizations"** organised by the Turkish State Minister Nimet Cubukcu in Istanbul on 28-29 January 2006.

European & international news in brief

Informal Meeting of Employment and Social Affairs Ministers, 19-20 January 2006: This meeting was preceded by a meeting of the EU Troika with the Social Platform. Sabine Oberhauser, EWL Austrian EWL Board member took part in this meeting as a member of the Social Platform delegation. The Platform submitted a detailed written submission to the Council on the two themes of flexicurity and the social dimension of Lisbon, which included strong references to the importance of gender equality and gender mainstreaming in both debates. The Ministers' meeting was divided into two parts, an employment part as well as a social policy one. The discussion concerning employment policy was organised under the key topic "Flexicurity". Assuming that a corresponding social safety net represents an essential foundation for flexibility in the labour markets, there was a discussion on the compatibility of the European Social Model with the safeguarding of European competitiveness. The social policy part dealt with the social dimension of the revised Lisbon strategy, particularly with the streamlining approach in the area of social protection and social inclusion.

Commission's Policy Plan on Legal Migration - On the 21st of December 2005, the European Commission released its Policy Plan on Legal Migration, which is based on the outcome of the public consultation on the Commission's Green Paper on a EU approach to managing economic migration. The Policy Plan defines a roadmap for the next three years and lists the actions and legislative initiatives the Commission intends to undertake. As far as the development of EU common rules is concerned, the Commission chooses to present a General Framework Directive complemented by four specific directives targeting highly skilled workers, seasonal workers, remunerated trainees and intra-corporate transferees. The policy plan does not include specific measures for migrant women, nor does it develop an analysis of immigration policies from a gender perspective, despite the EWL recommendations put forward in its written contribution to the Green Paper on managing economic migration. The document will be available soon on the Commission's website 'Freedom, security and Justice': http://europa.eu.int/comm/justice_home/news/intro/news_intro_en.htm

Directive on the status of third-country nationals who are long-term residents in the EU: the deadline for the transposition has expired - On 23 January 2006, the deadline for the transposition of Directive 2003/109/EC of 25 November 2003 concerning the status of third-country nationals who are long-term residents has expired. More than 10 million third country nationals in the EU should benefit from this Directive. To acquire long-term resident status, third-country nationals have to prove that they have continuously and legally resided in a Member State for at least five years and that they dispose of adequate resources and sickness insurance. Member States may require third-country nationals to comply with integration conditions, in accordance with national law. Under this directive, long-term residents should enjoy reinforced protection against expulsion, be guaranteed equal treatment with nationals of the EU in a wide range of economic and social matters and have the right to reside in another Member State for employment, study or other purposes on the conditions set out in the directive. By mid-January only 5 Member States (Austria, Lithuania, Poland, Slovenia and the Slovak Republic) have

notified their implementing measures to the Commission – More information: http://europa.eu.int/comm/justice_home/news/intro/news_intro_en.htm

New website launched “2006: European Year of Workers' Mobility”: 2006 has been proclaimed 'European Year of Workers' Mobility'. The Commission launched a new website dedicated to the issue. Two key objectives of the year are to raise awareness and exchange good practice on mobility and its benefits. See: http://europa.eu.int/comm/employment_social/workersmobility2006/index_en.htm

New framework for the open method of coordination (OMC) on social protection and social inclusion: On 22 December 2005, the European Commission adopted a Communication entitled "*Working together, Working better: A new framework for the open coordination of social protection and inclusion policies in the European Union*", which sets out the Commission's proposals to create - from the Autumn 2006 - a streamlined framework for further development of the OMC on Social Protection and Social Inclusion. Today, there are three separate processes on social inclusion, pensions and health and long-term care. Streamlining will bring together the three strands of work, but allow the specific features, which are important to each policy area to develop further.

United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) Fiftieth Session - 27 February -10 March 2006 - The themes of the CSW in 2006 will be the following:

- **Enhanced participation of women in development:** an enabling environment for achieving gender equality and the advancement of women, taking into account, inter alia, the fields of **education, health and work**.
- Equal participation of women and men in **decision-making** processes at all levels.

More information: <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/csw50/sideevents/ngo.htm>

34th Session of CEDAW: the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women is holding its 34th session at United Nations Headquarters on 16 January – 3 February 2006 to examine the reports of the following States parties to CEDAW: Australia, Cambodia, Eritrea, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Mali, Thailand, Togo and Venezuela. For a list of country report to be examined during this session, please visit: <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/34sess.htm>

New UN Peace Building Commission – On 20.12.2005, the UN General Assembly and Security Council passed resolutions founding a Peace Building Commission to help stabilize and rebuild societies emerging from war. The commission is intended to pick up the international effort in such countries when peacekeeping missions are completing their tasks of bringing fighting to an end and monitoring cease-fires.

The new commission will have 31 members. Seven, including the 5 permanent members, will come from the 15-member Security Council; 7 from the Economic and Social Council; 5 from the 10 top contributors to the United Nations; 5 from the 10 nations that supply the most troops for peacekeeping missions; and 7 chosen to assure geographical balance. Representatives of the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and other institutional donors will be expected to attend meetings.

News from the European Parliament

Report on the creation of the European Gender Institute adopted by the EP Women's Rights Committee - The committee wants the institute to be operational "as soon as possible"

and no later than 12 months after the regulation establishing it enters into force. EU governments have not yet decided where the institute is to be located.

The Women's Rights Committee wants to make the institute more proactive by shifting the focus of its work away from the mere collection and recording of data on gender equality and towards the analysis of such data. Regarding the institute's Management Board, whose members are to be appointed by the Commission, Council and Parliament, while EWL hard lobbied for a strong representation of women, MEPs decided for an equal representation between women and men and that there should at least be a "guarantee that the representation of both sexes is not below 40%".

MEPs urge Member States to ensure respect for same-sex partnerships – In a resolution adopted on 18/01/2006, MEPs strongly condemned discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and urged the Commission to start infringement proceedings against those Member States that fail to implement the directive on equal treatment in employment and occupation. Member States need to ensure that "same-sex partners enjoy the same respect, dignity and protection as the rest of society" urged MEPs in a resolution condemning homophobia in Europe. The Commission is asked to put forward proposals guaranteeing the freedom of movement of "*EU citizens and their family members and registered partners of either gender*". For more information: http://www.europarl.eu.int/news/expert/infopress_page/016-4330-17-1-3-902-20060113IPR04270-17-01-2006-2006--false/default_en.htm

European Parliament calls for a Constitution for 2009 - On 19 January the European Parliament adopted a resolution on the "period of reflection" on the Constitutional Treaty. The report argues that no further enlargement, after Romania and Bulgaria, is possible on the basis of the Treaty of Nice and calls for a Constitution for 2009, to ensure a democratic and effective EU. It also stresses the need for broad public debate on the future of European integration guided by common topics and with clear political goals, including a series of Parliamentary Forums, starting in June 2006. Regarding the specific contribution of civil society, it calls on citizens' petition that contribute to shaping the debate, invites Member States to organise "Citizens' Forums" at national, regional, local level. It also urges civil society organisations to include the entry into force of the constitution as one of their priorities. See: <http://www.europarl.eu.int/omk/sipade3?TYPE-DOC=TA&REF=P6-TA-2006-0027&MODE=SIP&L=EN&LSTDOC=N>.

Update on violence against women and women's human rights

New Policy Officer in the EWL Secretariat: Georgia Tsaklanganos was appointed to work in the EWL Policy Action Centre on Violence against Women with the aim of supporting and developing the **EWL Observatory on Violence against Women**. The EWL Observatory, which started in 1997 with the support of the Daphné programme, is an advisory body to EWL and is composed of experts from all the Member States, working on different fields of violence against women. It is now enlarging and will meet in May 2006 to map out the situation concerning violence against women and to examine good models of national legislation and transfer of knowledge. Contact: tsaklanganos@womenlobby.org

Prevention of trafficking in women and children - The European Parliament adopted a **Resolution on strategies to prevent the trafficking of women and children who are vulnerable to sexual exploitation (P6 TA-PROV(2006)0005)** with 622 votes in favour, 12 against and 19 abstentions. The Resolution highlights the "triangle of trafficking": victim, trafficker and client and calls on the Commission and Council to create a clear legal basis for

combating all forms of violence against women, including trafficking. It suggests practical action, such as awareness raising campaigns to inform of the dangers and educate the vulnerable members of society in the countries of origin, to alert and sensitise the public about the problem and reduce the demand in the countries of destination. The Resolution also calls on the Member States, especially Germany, to take “*appropriate measures in the course of the World Cup football tournament in 2006 to prevent trafficking of women and forced prostitution*” (sic).

Hearing on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) in Europe: On 9 February 2006, the Polish Delegation in the Socialist Group of the European Parliament along with ASTRA - Central and Eastern European Women’s Network for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, will organise a hearing in the European Parliament on SRHR. The findings of the new ASTRA report on “*Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Europe – Report to the European Union*” will be presented, and the hearing will provide a forum for the debate between MEPs and NGOs on priority issues in the SRHR field in Europe, especially, in the context of the growing opposition. Time: 9.30 – 12.30. In room PHS 4B001 - European Parliament, Rue Wiertz 60, Brussels. More info from Elwira Chruściel: info@astra.org.pl

“Honour Related Violence: Prevention of Violence against Women and Girls in Patriarchal Families,” a new training manual by the Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies. The main aim of this project was to facilitate and speed-up the exchange and best practice in the work against HRV in Europe and to develop methods of co-operation regarding this issue at both national and international level that can be used within other areas for combating poverty and social exclusion.
<http://www.qweb.kvinnoforum.se/projects/heder/manualHRV2005.pdf>.

WHO Multi-country Study on Women's Health and Domestic Violence against Women, a practical guide for researchers and activists researching violence against women - This publication presents a model for research that yields information that can be directly applied to violence-prevention activities while also informing on policies and health interventions. See: <http://www.path.org/publications/pub.php?id=1141>.

Report: Cycles of violence: gender relations and armed conflict- This book describes ACORD's research "Gender-sensitive design and planning in conflict-affected situations", carried out during 2000 and 2001 in five communities living in the shadow of violent conflict in Juba (Sudan), Gulu (Uganda), Luanda (Angola), Timbukta (Mali) and the Lower Shabelle region (Somalia). It also includes analysis of data collected in Eritrea and Rwanda, and addresses the challenges met in the search of methodologies and tools for carrying out research in turbulent environments. See: http://www.acord.org.uk/cycles_of_violence.pdf

Events

'Who Makes the News? Three Weeks of Global Action on Gender and the Media - Endorsed by UNIFEM and UNESCO the Who Makes the News? Campaign aims to promote gender equality in the media by challenging the news media to take substantial and immediate action to ensure that they represent women and men in a fair and balanced way. The Who Makes the News? Campaign begins on 16th February 2006 and will end on 8th March 2006. During the Who Makes the News? Three Weeks of Global Action on Gender and the Media, hundreds of gender and media activists around the world will organise activities using the global, regional and national results of GMMP 2005 to establish a dialogue with news media on their representation of women and men and to explore ways to ensure that women are no longer marginalized in the news media. Further information or to receive an Action Pack in English, Spanish or French

please contact: Anna Turley - AT@wacc.org.uk More information:
<http://www.whomakesthenews.org/>

Global Summit of Women 2006 (Davos for Women) - This Summit is to be hosted by Egypt, on 10-12 June 2006. For fifteen years the Global Summit of Women has celebrated women's leadership by bringing together outstanding women business, professional, and governmental leaders from around all corners of the globe. See: http://www.globewomen.com/summit/2004/2004_About_GSW/About%20the%20Summit.html or: Globewomen@aol.com

“Women's Human Rights: Building a Peaceful World in an Era of Globalisation”: An International Human Rights Education Spring Institute, Toronto May 1 - June 9, 2006. The Institute brings feminist perspectives and an activist orientation to the inextricably related issues of peace, human rights and life-sustaining development. Participants should have an interest in and openness to feminist approaches and respect for their variety, a commitment to social change, and a desire for dialogue with others with different experiences and approaches. Applications by February 15, 2006. Further information: contact Pat Doherty (springinst@oise.utoronto.ca) or tel. +1(416) 923-6641x2204 or see: http://www1.oise.utoronto.ca/cwse/springinst_06.htm.

United Nations HIV/AIDS Hearings with Civil Society in May / June 2006 - The UN General Assembly in December 2005 approved a resolution calling for a high-level meeting on HIV/AIDS to take place on 2 June at the United Nations. In preparation for this meeting, there will be a series of plenary sessions, panel discussions, roundtables and a hearing with civil society from 31 May to 1 June. In addition to the hearing, civil society representatives will be invited to participate in the roundtable discussions and the resolution encourages member states to include in their delegations representatives of civil society from various sectors, including people living with HIV/AIDS. More information: <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2005/ga10442.doc.htm>

Publications - Web Sites

UN report asks governments to improve data collection to better women's lives – ON 18.01.2006, the United Nations released the report “The World's Women 2005: Progress in Statistics”. Statistics on women not only help to track their status but can also directly improve their circumstances. The report, prepared by the UN's Statistical Division, provides a blueprint for improving the availability of data in demographics, health, education, work, violence against women, poverty, human rights and decision-making. Download the report from: http://unstats.un.org/unsd/Demographic/products/indwm/ww2005_pub/WW2005_complete_report.pdf

New section in INSTRAW's website on “Gender, governance and women's political participation” - This opens up a space for the analysis of the interrelationship between gender, governance, and women's political participation. This section presents an introduction to the issue and up-to-date information in addition to providing a space for the exchange of experiences. The web section includes a wide range of current material. For more information, please contact the Gender, Governance and Women's Political Participation Unit at: mfratia@un-instraw.org or see: <http://www.un-instraw.org>

The European Commission has launched a new website dedicated to the Roma. It aims to provide information on the EU's activities in support of the Roma, Gypsy and Travellers

community across Europe. Users can access a range of information on the different policies, programmes and initiatives of the EU to promote social inclusion and combat discrimination against Roma: http://europa.eu.int/comm/employment_social/fundamental_rights/roma/index_en.htm

European report “Improving the measurement of discrimination” - "Common Measures for Discrimination" - a two-year project funded under the Community Action Programme to combat discrimination - has issued a new report on improving the measurement of discrimination by linking different sources of data together. The project aims to develop recommendations on how to measure ethnic discrimination in a way that is representative, comparable and allows for the description of trends. More information: http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/employment_social/fundamental_rights/policy/capac/prodet2/cced_en.htm

New website for Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice. The Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice is an international women's human rights organisation advocating for gender-inclusive justice and working towards an effective and independent International Criminal Court (ICC). On the website you will find information about different ICC related reports and activities. See: <http://www.iccwomen.org>

Male Involvement in Promoting Gender Equality - Resource Packet – This Resource Packet, published by the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children aims at providing a user-friendly tool to develop approaches and strategies for male inclusion in the gender equality process. See: http://www.womenscommission.org/pdf/masc_res.pdf

Book Quality Work in Gender Equality-a handbook for workplaces “ - The Swedish project *Know How-Gender Equality, Profitability an Health* shows that gender equality programs can be a development strategy for a healthy and profitable business culture. The book *Quality Work in Gender Equality-a handbook for workplaces* is written to provide help for employers and employees in implementing gender equality programs. Order a copy from: jamstalldhet@z.lst.se or visit the website http://www.z.lst.se/z/amnen/jamstalldhet/fakta_information/bestall_infomaterial/

'Communications Skills For Women In Politics', a new manual from the KETHI Research Centre For Gender Equality, written by Lesley Abdela. *Communication Skills For Women In Politics* is aimed at women in newly established or impending Democracies or women fresh to politics in existing Democracies. It has been designed as a practical tool-kit for trainers to use in workshops for future women politicians and for training activists campaigning for a rapid increase in women's participation in politics. Available in English, Greek, Hungarian and Bulgarian. Information: kethi@kethi.gr or lesley.abdela@shevolution.com

WTO Meeting in Hong Kong: What's in it for Women? The Women's Edge Coalition reports on the 13-18 December 2005 meeting of the countries of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) to revitalise and push forward the 'Doha round' of trade talks. To learn about the key issues agreed upon at this important meeting, please visit: <http://www.womensedge.org/pages/newsandevents/news.jsp?id=459> email: edge@womensedge.org

Synergising HIV/AIDS and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, a manual for NGO's. 28 short chapters of this manual illustrate how work on HIV/AIDS, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and other public health issues can be integrated. The manual is meant to be a practical tool for NGOs and therefore provides "entry points" for NGOs as well as

annotated resources. A link to this publication can be found at:
<http://www.aidsnet.dk/Default.asp?ID=2366>

Caught in the Storm: The Impact of Natural Disasters on Women, a report by the Global Fund for Women - The report provides information on dealing with humanitarian crises that result from natural disasters. The GFW shares what it has learned from direct grant making to women's rights groups during and after emergency situations.
<http://www.globalfundforwomen.org/downloads/disaster-report.pdf>

The Human Rights Watch World Report 2006 contains information on human rights developments in more than 60 countries in 2005. See: <http://hrw.org/wr2k6/index.htm>

UNICEF report - The State of the World's Children 2006: excluded and invisible - The children who are hardest to reach, the factors that exclude them and make them invisible, and the actions that those responsible for their well-being must take to safeguard and include them are the focus of The State of the World's Children 2006. Full report:
http://www.unicef.org/sowc06/pdfs/sowc06_fullreport.pdf

Funding, training, call for papers

European gender equality programme: Open call for proposals VP/2005/020 – The priority theme for 2006 is the promotion of gender equality in local development. Each proposal must be presented by a promoter. The promoter must have partners in at least three countries. The promoters can be:

- NGOs at European level with member organisations in at least three EU Member States, EEA countries or candidate countries (NGOs organised at national level cannot apply).
- Social partners
- Regional or local authorities
- Trans-national networks of organisations, which aim to promote gender equality (made up of organisations from at least three European countries).

The proposals must be sent to the Commission not later than **28 April 2006**. More information:
http://europa.eu.int/comm/employment_social/emplweb/tenders/tenders_en.cfm?id=105

Call for proposals: Support to NGOs in the 10 new Member States: Second year of the preparatory action to support civil society in the ten Member States which acceded to the European Union on 1st May 2004, in the areas of the rule of law, democracy, fundamental rights, media pluralism and the fight against corruption. **Deadline: 15 February 2006**. For more information in English, French and German on the type of activities concerned, the areas covered, the exclusion, eligibility, selection and award criteria, please see:
http://europa.eu.int/comm/justice_home/funding/support_ngo/funding_support_en.htm

Call for research projects on migration and security issues, published by the Directorate General for Research and Technological Development of the European Commission. **Deadline: 22 March 2006**. The topics of migration and crime as covered in the work programme: (1) Comparative research of factors underlying **migration and refugee flows, including illegal immigration and trafficking in human beings**. (2). **Improved means to anticipate crime trends and causes**, and to assess the effectiveness of crime prevention policies; assessment of new challenges related to illicit drug use. More information:
http://fp6.cordis.lu/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP6DetailsCallPage&call_id=268

Training workshops on litigation strategies linked to the Race Equality Directive - A new series of training sessions on using the provisions of the Race Equality Directive at national level is being organised by the EU-funded SOLID project. Aimed at NGOs, the sessions will train participants not only in legal standards and use of litigation, but also in the development of longer-term strategies - on litigation and support for victims of discrimination. More information and applications: <http://www.solid-eu.org/application.php>

Gender and Peace building Advanced International Training Programme, April 10-14, 2006 in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Organised by TRANSCEND and the Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania, it is a five-day training programme for practitioners, policy-makers, international and national agency staff and NGOs working in peace-building, conflict transformation and post-war recovery. Applicants are requested to send in a copy of their CV and the completed Application Form no later than March 10th, 2006. Information: alexandra@transcend.org or <http://www.transcend.org/>

Research Grant: The Institute of Women's Studies at the University of Ottawa is inviting applications for its Bank of Montreal Visiting Scholar in Women's Studies for 2006-2007 to attract highly qualified researchers working on women's issues. The Visiting Scholar will be required to present her ongoing research project on women's issues in conferences and/or seminars and to interact with the community of students and colleagues. For more info, please email: mcharbo@uottawa.ca

Graduate education scholarships in human rights for women - The Native Leadership Scholarship (NLS) Program offers funds women pursuing non-doctoral level graduate education. The NLS Program creates educational opportunities for women around the world who are grassroots leaders, organizers and activists demonstrating financial need. For more information on NLS history, goals, courses of study, and details about scholarship requirements, see: <http://www.nativeleaders.org/> or info@nativeleaders.org.

International Women's Media Foundation Accepting Applications for Elizabeth Neuffer Fellowship Promoting Human Rights Journalism - One woman journalist will be selected to spend an academic year in a tailored program with access to Boston-area universities as well as *The Boston Globe* and *The New York Times*. The Elizabeth Neuffer Fellowship is open to women journalists whose focus is human rights and social justice. **Applications will be accepted until March 31, 2006.** Information: www.iwmf.org/programs/8605 or e-mail neuffer@iwmf.org

Call for nominations: Prize for Women's Creativity in Rural Life, 2006. The Women's World Summit Foundation WWSF cordially invites you to submit nominations for the annual award, honouring creative and courageous women and women's organisations working to improve the quality of life in rural communities around the world. The Prize aims to draw international attention to exceptional laureates' contributions to sustainable development, household food security, and peace. Nominations should arrive by mail by 1 March 2006. Information: <http://www.comminit.com/awards2005/awards2005/awards-1069.html>

International Summer School on Human Rights - The Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights based in Warsaw is organising the 17th International Summer School on Human Rights. It will be held in Warsaw between 24 June-1 July 2006. The School is intended for human rights activists, university teachers and representatives of the institutions from all levels of public administration dealing with human rights issues from **Central, Eastern European and CIS countries**. Closing date for applications is **15 February 2006**. More information: <http://www.hfhrpol.waw.pl/en/>

Call for papers on “Capitalism and/or Patriarchy?” a conference organized by the Centre for Gender Studies, European Humanities University International on June 22-24, 2006 in Vilnius, Lithuania. Conference organisers are hoping for an interdisciplinary academic debate of the interception of (post-Soviet) capitalism and patriarchy within the following topical areas: gender and post-Soviet social stratification; gender and post-Soviet nations; gender and social movements/collective actions; and capitalism, and lifestyles and cultural practices. Proposals can be sent to gender@ehu-international.org before **March 1, 2006**. Further information: Elena Gapova e.gapova@worldnet.att.net.

Call for papers: Know How Conference 2006 PUEG-UNAM-MEXICO: “Weaving the information society: a gender and multicultural perspective”, Mexico City, August 21st-26th 2006. The Know How Conference is hosted by Programa Universitario de Estudios de Genero and UNAM, in co-operation with the Know How Secretariat. The mission of the Know How Conference 2006 is to advance gender justice and respect for every nation's cultural diversity within the information society, and promote access to information and communication as a fundamental woman's and human right. The deadline for submission is March 1st 2006. All proposals should be sent to: knowhow_mex@generounix.pueg.unam.mx

Call for papers: Gender and Migration in Central and Eastern Europe: The Migration Online website, which is focusing in migration and refugee issues in Central and Eastern Europe, is looking for contributions (in English and Czech) to the theme: Gender and Migration. More info at: http://migrationonline.cz/news_f.shtml?x=755726.

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