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## MEDICAL WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

### THEME OF THE 2010-2013 TRIENNium

**“MOVING BEYOND THE RHETORIC—IMPROVING THE HEALTH  
OF WOMEN AND GIRLS”**

## I. MEDICAL WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

### 1. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### **Professor Afua Hesse, Ghana**

The first quarter of the year sees Medical Women actively participating in the global action around women issues with the celebration of International Women's day as a global effort every 8<sup>th</sup> March. Congratulations on all colleagues who kept the flame alive through participation in their countries.

The month of March also sees International effort at the level of the United Nations with the Commission on the Status of Women meetings in New York. MWIA through its representatives at the UN, Dr Padmini Murthy and Dr Satty Gill Keswani always organize very interesting and challenging workshops. Thank you both for your efforts and hard work!

In addition, this year, a number of colleagues have also been actively participating in the proceedings through membership of their country delegations. Kudos to all. The fact that countries of the CSW were able to arrive at consensus and move forward the agenda of better protection for socially vulnerable women and children and further action towards eliminating violence perpetrated to these groups is a big cap in the feather of all of us!! As we move closer to the 29<sup>th</sup> Congress in Seoul, I encourage you all to ensure you do not miss out by ensuring you will be there!! See you all soon.

### 2. REQUESTS FROM THE SECRETARY- GENERAL

#### **Dr. Shelley Ross, Canada**

The **big news this edition** is the large presence of MWIA at the 57<sup>th</sup> Commission on the Status of Women in New York March 4-14, 2013. More details are found under the report from our UN Representatives, Dr. Satty Gill Keswani and Dr. Mini Murthy, who need a big round of applause for all the work they do in preparing for CSW and all year long for MWIA at the UN.

On behalf of MWIA I offer congratulations to the **French Medical Women** (AFFM) on their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary and to the **Japanese Medical Women** (JMWA) on their 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

It is almost time to pack your bags for the **29<sup>th</sup> MWIA International Meeting** in Seoul, Korea, from July 31 to August 3, 2013 ([www.mwiaseoul2013.org](http://www.mwiaseoul2013.org)) Registration is open and abstracts are being accepted under the congress theme of **Medical Women Advance Global Health**. As I have had numerous contacts about being unable to use the internet to register and book the hotel, **Dr. Bettina Pfeleiderer** has posted both the registration form and the hotel registration form **on the website** at [www.mwia.net](http://www.mwia.net) under 29<sup>th</sup> MWIA Congress. Contact the organizers if you wish to share a room and have no roommate. Early bird registration ends in April so register early. The hotels have a varied price

range to suit different needs. Please think of **hosting the 2016 International Congress** in your country. Applications are being accepted at the Secretariat.

In addition to the website, please remember that MWIA is also on twitter **@MedWIA** and that the **MWIA Journal** itself can be accessed at [www.mwiajournal.org](http://www.mwiajournal.org) with the user name mwiauser and password user1234.

The **World Health Assembly** of the World Health Organization is being held in Geneva from May 20-24, 2013. Please let the Secretariat know if you wish to attend, as you need to be registered.

Please keep the Secretariat informed of changes in your national officers and of upcoming meetings and activities in your organizations.

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### **3. NOTE FROM THE TREASURER**

**Dr. Gail Beck, Canada**

This is a reminder that, before your National Association's vote allotment can be counted for Triennial meeting in Seoul, dues must be paid. As you will likely recall, votes are based on the average dues paid for each of the last three years since the Munster meeting. The dues are set at 8 Swiss francs per member. Your organization can also pay in US dollars and, based on the current exchange rates, the fees in US dollars would be 8 US dollars per person. Individual member's dues are 25 Swiss francs or 25 US dollars. In the past triennium, one of the main tasks has been a complete update of the website, which you can see at [www.MWIA.net](http://www.MWIA.net). You can also now follow MWIA on twitter **@MEDWia**. Maintaining these two features for members is a necessity in this electronic age. It is likely that, in the next three years, even more innovations will be needed as the internet develops and more tools become available to strengthen your ability to access MWIA's online resources.

Thank you to all those associations and individuals who send us their dues – it allows us to budget more easily for MWIA's initiatives.

#### 4. 2010-2013 EXECUTIVE

President	Professor Afua Hesse, Ghana
Past President	Dr. Atsuko Heshiki, Japan
President Elect	Dr. Kyung Ah Park, Korea
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Vice President Near East/Africa	Dr. Petronila Ngiloi, Tanzania
Vice President Central Asia	Dr. Pattariya Jarutat, Thailand
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New York	Dr. Satty Gill Keswani, USA
	Dr. Padmini Murthy, USA
Vienna	Dr. Iris Habitzel, Austria
WHO	Dr. Clarissa Fabre, United Kingdom
European Women's Lobby	Board Member Dr. Edith Schratzberger-Vécsei
CIOMS	Vice-President Dr. Waltraud Diekhaus

#### 5. NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGIONS

##### **Australia**

The Australian Federation of Medical Women is a proud partner of the Australian Human rights Commission's National Anti-Racism Strategy. Even though racism is not considered a health issue, racism is determinant of health outcomes for ethnic minority groups, refugees and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

##### **Brazil**

MWIA's Training Manual on Gender Mainstreaming in Health has been translated into Portuguese. Many thanks to both Dra. Anna Maria Martits, Director of International Relations, and Dra. Marilene Melo, President of the Brazilian Medical Women, who did the translation. It can be found on the website of the Brazilian Medical Women at [www.abmmnacional.com](http://www.abmmnacional.com). They are also considering organizing a Department of Gender Medicine in our association if the statutes and the directors allow.

The House of Representatives of the City of São Paulo paid tribute to the Brazilian Association of Medical Women on the occasion of International Women's Day.

Three new sections have formed in Goias, Santa Catarina and Minas Gerais.

Scientific sessions include obesity and women, cardiovascular disease in diabetic women, control and prevention of Tabagism (addiction to tobacco) in medical students, and another about the importance of breastfeeding.

### **Canada**

Dr. Pamela Liao has been working with NextGenU, a free on-line university through the University of British Columbia. The first project will soon be live and deals with Violence Against Women. The next project is producing a Global Obstetrics and Gynecology Residency. Visit [www.nextgenu.org](http://www.nextgenu.org)

### **Ecuador**

In December, Dr. Mercedes Viteri attended the International Seminar on "Gender Violence: An analysis from the administration of justice, public policy and access to justice", conducted by the Judicial Council through Axis Interagency Coordination in coordination with UN Women Andean Region and the Inter-Institutional Women and justice, in an effort to promote policies and actions that cause Ecuador become a country free of violence and that access to justice is available to all citizens and citizens, emphasizing the government's commitment through the judiciary to enforce justice.

Dr. Viteri also attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Health Congress in Santiago, Chile, in January, 2013.

### **France**

The general Assembly of AFFM took place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> of February. No election was on the agenda so there is no change in the board of directory: The President is Cecile Renson, Vice President Francine Violette, Secretary General Anastasie Lymperopoulou, Treasurer Marie-Claire Brusset, MWIA Coordinator Françoise Nico (with the help of Marie-Dominique Ghnassia Past President) National Coordinator Françoise Pantaleon, Public relations Marie-Therese Nourissier Sobesky.

The great cause AFFM 2013/2015 was chosen: "Medical Ethics."

The annual seminar of the afternoon was very successful with many speeches on "Women's Cancer" and personalized medicine.

For AFFM MD Ghnassia has posed the medical problems of medically assisted procreation and pregnancy to others during a meeting of CNFF (National French Women Council) on 5<sup>th</sup> March.

For the International Day of Women's rights AFFM organized the 12<sup>th</sup> of March a seminar on "Conception and contraception."

In 2013 AFFM celebrated her 90th anniversary and Cecile Renson has written a special editorial in HYGIE. Congratulations have been sent from many MWIA's members. AFFM and French colleagues thank them very much.

## **Georgia**

The Georgian Medical Women's Association published the second volume of International Scientific Practical Journal "Actual Topics on Women's Health."

The first volume was published during the Central European Regional Congress of MWIA, which was held in Batumi, June 2012. It was published in the Georgian Language with some articles in English and Russia. The second volume was published and all following Journals will be published in English and Russian Languages.

Plans are to create an international journal on the web:

[www.Actualtopicswomenshealth.org](http://www.Actualtopicswomenshealth.org). The editorial board will consist of Dr. Cisca Griffioen, Vice President for Northern Europe, Dr. Bettina Pfeleiderer, Chair of Scientific Committee of MWIA and Dr. Larissa Skuratovskaia from Russia. We are interested in receiving articles concerning women's health issues in different field of medicine. Please contact Editor in Chief, Dr. Nino Zhvania, President of the Georgian Medical Women's Association, at [nina.zhvania27@gmail.com](mailto:nina.zhvania27@gmail.com) or Dr. Khatuna Kaladze, Deputy Editor in chief, National Coordinator of GMWA, at [khatunakaladze@gmail.com](mailto:khatunakaladze@gmail.com).

## **India**

Dr. Usha Saraiya, President of the Association of Medical Women in India and Vice President elect for Central Asia, write that AMWI had a successful conference in Kolkata on 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> December 2012. It was well organized by Dr. Arati Basu Sengupta & all the Members of our West Bengal Branch. Health Minister of West Bengal graced our Inauguration. There were several orations & guest lecturers delivered by National & International guests. Dr. Mini Murthy from New York gave a prestigious oration.

We are looking forwards to MWIA International Conference on July – August 2013 in Seoul, Korea. A delegation of approximately 10 members from India is planning to attend.

The AMWI Journal had 2 issues in 2012, one in July and another to coincide with the Kolkata Conference. This year it will be published in June and I hope to take some copies to Seoul. It offers our members an opportunity to see their paper published.

All the three Branches reported very good activities at the time of Council Meeting. I hope they keep up the same tempo this year also.

In India, currently we are going through an era of emphasis on Women's Rights, Security and Well Being. All of us have strong feelings about these topics and perhaps each of us doing our bit will make a difference. are doing our bit for the same.

## **Japan**

The Japanese Medical Women held a meeting in March to celebrate their 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Secretariat sent them a video bringing greetings and congratulations.

## **United Kingdom**

The Medical Women's Federation is establishing a policy directory and is asking their members to participate in reviewing external documents.

## **United States**

The American Medical Women's Association held their annual meeting March 15-17<sup>th</sup> in New York to sold-out crowds, discussing *Strategic Success for Women in Medicine*.

The United States is now short approximately 9,000 primary care doctors. These are the general internists, family doctors, geriatricians and general pediatricians, the doctors responsible for diagnosing new illnesses, managing chronic ones, advocating preventive care and protecting wellness. And healthcare leaders predict that that deficit will worsen dramatically in the next 15 years. Specialties like general surgery, neurosurgery and emergency medicine will also become critically understaffed; but primary care will be hardest hit, with a shortfall of more than 65,000 doctors.

Drs. Laura Helfman and Neelum Aggarwal write to remind us of the American Women's Hospital Service. This was started by MWIA's founder, Dr. Esther Pohl Lovejoy, when she opened two hospitals I war torn France, staffed by American physicians. To read more, visit <http://www.amwa-doc.org/awhs/supported-clinics>

An extensive **mentoring task force** is being spearheaded by Preethi Raghu (Program Chair), Ryan Smith, and Dr. Neelum Aggarwal to create a cohesive individualized mentoring program involving all AMWA divisions.

## **6. REPORT FROM NEW YORK UN REPRESENTATIVES**

### **Dr. Satty Gill Keswani and Dr. Padmini Murthy MWIA NGO Reps to the UN**

**Dr. Satty Gill Keswani and Dr. Mini Murthy**, our representatives to the UN in New York, state that they are pleased to work all year on MWIA's behalf at the UN and to put in the extra time and effort each year for planning the parallel event for the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

**Dr. Shelley Ross** was a member of the Canadian government delegation to CSW this year and was able to get medical women mentioned in the agreed proceedings. **Dr. Mini Murthy** was on the executive of the NGO CSW.

MWIA had **three parallel events** around the theme of Women Doctors and the Health Care System in Eliminating and Preventing all Forms of Violence Against Women and Girls. The first was March 5 in the Church Centre, featuring Drs. Petronilla Ngiloi, Raie Goodwach, Pamela Liao, Claudia Morrissey, Mercedes Viteri, Lily Prystowsky, Dabota Buowari, Igeny Ugu, with keynote speaker, Ms. Lopa Banerjee from UN Women. The second was in the North Lawn Building and featured Drs. Gail Beck, Raie Goodwach, Eleanor Nwadinobi and Pamela Liao as well as Drs. Keswani, Murthy and Ross. The third was March 11<sup>th</sup> in the North Lawn Building and was organized by the Federation of Medical Women of Australia, featuring Drs. Gabrielle Casper, Raie Goodwach,



Magdalena Simonis as well as four students, Carly Brazel, Victoria Harris, Caitlin Dallas and Yolanda Fogerty.

Ten years ago when the topic was also violence against women, no agreed conclusions were made but the 57<sup>th</sup> CSW is proud to say that they did meet agreed conclusions. Now putting the statements into action is the challenge.

In addition to our written statement, MWIA had their name selected to deliver an oral statement.

During Consultation Day, a performance by **Girl Be Heard**, a dance group depicting violence against women and girls. They can be found at

[http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001P158X9mPH7-zltr5S0ga4U-4f5v2uCljD4Gcvd-Pr5vwiKa2WjVwM0Fm\\_LVobFzHyVyfTfusecrvp5HnRBAXHw-S5gOuspJ8yGIRvOk-myU66yhOFm22prA1UycpJdhvFtCR\\_umnY2RtxQm71bC-K4mw==](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001P158X9mPH7-zltr5S0ga4U-4f5v2uCljD4Gcvd-Pr5vwiKa2WjVwM0Fm_LVobFzHyVyfTfusecrvp5HnRBAXHw-S5gOuspJ8yGIRvOk-myU66yhOFm22prA1UycpJdhvFtCR_umnY2RtxQm71bC-K4mw==)]

## **7. REPORT FROM WHO REPRESENTATIVE**

### **Dr. Clarissa Fabre**

Dr. Fabre attended the Inception Workshop for FIGO (International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics), ICM (International Confederation of Midwives (ICM), and IPA (International Paediatric Association) to discuss essential interventions for the PMNCH (Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health). There was an excellent review of what projects were successful and what should go forward. It was decided that 17 interventions would make up the new workplan:

#### **Childbirth**

1. Induction of labour for prolonged pregnancy
2. Prophylactic uterotonics to prevent postpartum haemorrhage (PPH)
3. Active management of third stage of labour to prevent PPH
4. Management of PPH (eg uterotonics, uterine massage)
5. Caesarean sections for maternal/ fetal indication
6. Prophylactic antibiotics for caesarean section

#### **Newborn**

7. Immediate thermal care
8. Initiation of exclusive breastfeeding (within first hour)
9. Hygienic cord and skin care
10. Neonatal resuscitation with bag and mask (professional health worker)
11. Case management of neonatal sepsis, meningitis and pneumonia

12. Kangaroo mother care for preterm and for less than 2000g babies
13. Management of newborns with jaundice
14. Surfactant to prevent respiratory distress syndrome (RDS) in pre-term babies
15. Continuous positive airways pressure (CPAP) to manage babies with RDS
16. Extra support for feeding small and preterm babies
17. Presumptive antibiotic therapy for newborns at risk of bacterial infections

## **8. CALENDAR OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS MWIA AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS - CONGRESSES AND MEETINGS**

### **2013**

1. **May 10, 2013**, Oxford, UK  
 Medical Women's Federation Spring Meeting  
 Aspects of Pain  
 Oxford Hotel, Godstow Road, Oxford, UK, OX 2 8AL  
[www.medicalwomensfederation.org.uk](http://www.medicalwomensfederation.org.uk)
2. **May 20-24, 2013**, Geneva, Switzerland  
 The World Health Assembly of WHO  
 Contact [secretariat@mwia.net](mailto:secretariat@mwia.net) if you wish to be registered to attend
3. **May 22-25, 2013**, Copenhagen, Denmark  
 First Global Conference on Contraception, Reproductive and Sexual Health  
[www.escrih.eu/events/esc-events/2013](http://www.escrih.eu/events/esc-events/2013)
4. **May 28-30, 2013**, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Conference of Women Deliver.  
<http://www.womendeliver.org>
5. **June 25-29, 2013**, Prague, Czech Republic  
 20<sup>th</sup> WONCA World Conference  
[www.wonca2013.org](http://www.wonca2013.org)
6. **July 31-August 3, 2013**, Seoul, Korea  
 29th International Congress of MWIA  
<http://www.mwiaseoul2013.org>
7. **September 27, 28, 29, 2013**, Ottawa, Canada  
 Federation of Medical Women of Canada Annual General Meeting  
[www.fmw.ca](http://www.fmw.ca)

8. **October 16-19, 2013**, Fortaleza, Brazil  
World Medical Association General Assembly  
[www.wma.net](http://www.wma.net)

9. **October 25-26, 2013**, Sao Paulo, Brazil  
The São Paulo MEDICAL WOMAN Congress  
Subject: “Quality of Life of the Woman Doctor”  
Venue: Uninove University

## 2014

1. **Northern European Regional meeting in Denmark**

## 2017

1. **Northern European Regional meeting in UK in conjunction with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MWF**

## 9. Names in the News

**Dra. Michelle Bachelet** was awarded the American Medical Women’s Association President’s Citation for her work as Director of UN Women, a position from which she is stepping down this year

**Prof Afua Hesse** was made CEO of Korle Bu Hospital in Accra, Ghana

**Dr. Satty Gill Keswani** received a Service Recognition Award from the American Medical Women’s Association

**Dr. Marilene Melo** was elected as a Director of WAPSALM (World Association of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine).

**Dr. Padmini Murthy** was awarded the American National Association of Professional Woman of the Year Award and a Service Recognition Award from the American Medical Women’s Association

**Dr. Eleanor Nwadinobi** was awarded A Humanitarian award from Nation to Nation Networking in conjunction with the 57<sup>th</sup> UN CSW. The award was presented by Abaynesh Asrat, Founder and President, Nation to Nation Networking Ltd for her service to women and widows in particular. <http://ntonnetworking.com/>

**Dr. Shelley Ross** received a Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal  
The 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Dr. Bertha Van Hoosen**, the first president of the American Medical Women’s Association was celebrated at Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm in Michigan on March 26th

## 10. Books and Articles and Websites

<http://cybersafegirl.ca> is an educational tool for girls, parents and educators developed by the Atlantic Canada government ministers that tackles the safety of girls using the internet

**Lessons Learned: Stories From Women in Medical Management**, [www.forbes.com](http://www.forbes.com)

The March 7<sup>th</sup> Issue of **Nature** is a special issue on Women in Science

[www.nature.com/women](http://www.nature.com/women) <<http://www.nature.com/women>

**Safety Siren** is a free app for your smart phone that works as a safety device. Visit [www.ywcacanada.ca](http://www.ywcacanada.ca)

**Women's Sports Injuries**, by Dr. Kimberly Templeton. [www.amwa-doc.org](http://www.amwa-doc.org)

## II. ORGANIZATIONS

### 1. **World Health Organization (WHO)**

a. **Dr. Sharon Phillips**, Medical Officer, Department of Reproductive Health and Research, writes to MWIA, stating that *as doctors from around the world who provide care to women, we consider you to be valuable allies in improving access for your patients to family planning options. The World Health Organization produces rigorous, evidence-based guidance on contraceptive provision and is currently planning for an update of two important documents. Specifically, the Medical eligibility criteria for contraceptive use speaks to “who” can use contraceptive methods safely. These recommendations provide a basis for rationalizing the provision of various contraceptives in view of the most up to date information available on the safety of the methods for people with certain health conditions. The Selected practice recommendations for contraceptive use aim to provide guidance on “how” to use contraceptive methods safely and effectively. Its goal is to assist national family planning/reproductive health programmes in the preparation of guidelines for contraceptive service delivery.*

She is asking you to take a few minutes to complete the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WHOMECMWIA> to help inform the revision process. The survey is **due by April 26<sup>th</sup>**.

b. To date, WHO has an active and engaging presence on the following social media:

Twitter

@WHO

Facebook Page

<http://www.facebook.com/worldhealthorganization>

Google+ Page

<http://gplus.to/WorldHealthOrganization>

YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/who>  
Instagr.am @worldhealthorganization

**2. United Nations UN Women** Dr. Michelle Bachelet is stepping down from her post as Director General of UN Women. She received the Bertha Van Hoosen Award from the American Medical Women's Association at their March meeting in New York. She is to be congratulated on a job well done as the first Director General of UN Women. Ms. Lakshmi Puri, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director of UN Women, is Acting Head.

[www.unwomen.org/.../Ms.-Puri-Biography-revised-March-2013.pdf](http://www.unwomen.org/.../Ms.-Puri-Biography-revised-March-2013.pdf)

b. **Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (UNODC)** will be meeting in Vienna April 22-26, 2013. There will be a thematic discussion on the challenge posed by emerging forms of crime that have a significant impact on the environment and ways to deal with it. <http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CCPCJ/session/22.html>

c. **The 2013 Human Development Report was launched March 14<sup>th</sup>.** The report examines the profound shift in global dynamics driven by the fast-rising powers of the developing world – and its implications for human development. The South is developing at a pace unprecedented in human history, with hundreds of millions of people being lifted out of poverty in developing nations and billions more poised to join a new global middle class. <http://hdr.undp.org>.

3. **World Medical Association**

The council meeting will be held April 4-6, 2013, at the Laguna Resort, Kawasan Pariwisata, Indonesia.

The general assembly will be held October 16-19, 2013 in Fortaleza, Brazil.

[www.wma.net](http://www.wma.net)

4. **White Ribbon Alliance** each month has an Action of the Month where you are welcome to write in with your views on differing topics. Visit <http://www.whiteribbonalliance.org>

5. **Women Deliver** The third Global Conference will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from May 28-30, 2013. For more information, visit [www.womendeliver.com](http://www.womendeliver.com).

6. **Family Planning Summit** MWIA has continued to be involved in the follow-up work to the planning summit.

7. **The European Women's Lobby**

Direct Link to Full 15-Page Council of the European Union Conclusions on Violence Against Women:

[http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms\\_data/docs/pressdata/en/lisa/134081.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/lisa/134081.pdf)

8. **PMNCH** has submitted a paper entitled, *Health discussion on World We Want*, to discuss the role of health in the post 2015 development agenda. Organizers hope that this consultation will draw a representative cross section of views and start to build consensus

in five key areas: What are the lessons learnt from the health related MDGs? What is the priority health agenda for the 15 years after 2015? How does health fit in the post 2015 development agenda? What are the best indicators and targets for health? And how can country ownership, commitment, capacity and accountability for the goals, targets and indicators be enhanced? The platform is co-convened by WHO and UNICEF, in collaboration with the Government of Sweden and the Government of Botswana.

### **III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please remember to register for the 29th Congress in Seoul, Korea, July 31 to August 3, 2013. Registration forms and hotel registration forms are on the MWIA website at [www.mwia.net](http://www.mwia.net)**

**The next Update will be published in June, 2013. Please send us your reports, comments or any other interesting information by May 31, 2013, at the latest. We are always interested to put your name and your accomplishments in the Update.**