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Dear Soroptimist Friends,

10th-12th JULY 2009
19th SI of Europe Congress in Amsterdam

Support our Federation!!

As you know, SI/E organises a Congress once every four years. It is a forum to present the results of our work during the biennium of the 2 presidents: Monique and Mariet. It is also an opportunity to see old friends and meet other Soroptimists.

Deadline for early registration: 1st June 2009

Amsterdam: Central Station

SI News

Project Sierra:

Quadrennial Project 2007 – 2011

In letter VI – March 2009, sent to Unions and Single Clubs, Hafdis Karlsdottir, SI/E 1st Vice President and Lisbeth Hass, SI/E Co-project person, Project Ambassador Denmark wrote:

“We are sorry to say that no PFR’s have been sent concerning the project and we are still lacking Ambassadors from some of the unions. We would very much like to know the reason why.....Some of you already have activities for Project Sierra and we would be very pleased to hear more about them.

In previous letters you have been told about few activities, such as the Gift-Letters that are being sold in Norway and Denmark to support this project. Now Iceland has also had Gift-Letters made as they are really easy to sell. If you want to use this idea to receive money for our project please don’t hesitate to ask us for more information.

When you plan for the coming Soroptimist-year 2009-2010, try to include activities for Project Sierra. From the reports we get from the SI Project Liaison Alison Sutherland, we can see that

out of the four Federations SI/E has contributed least to this project”.

I only received one PFR about Project Sierra coming from the Club of Skagen (Denmark). Please, try to support this project and send PFRs.

- See also the TIS (The International Soroptimist) for the latest news. In the TIS, March 2009, Volume 40 number 1, you can see a photo of Lisbeth with a display of the Gift-Letters which can be used for many occasions (such as gifts for special birthdays, anniversaries, friendship link clubs, for promotion, and guest speakers in the clubs).

- See: www.projectsierra.org

SI Programme Blog

SI Programme Team has launched a SI Programme Blog. You are kindly requested to check it on <http://siprogrammeblog.blogspot.com/> to get the latest information from all SI Federations about what is happening within in the area of Programme.

Please distribute this information to your Unions/Clubs /Single clubs.

SI/E NEWS

ESD report for Governors' meeting in Amsterdam, 8th – 9th July 2009

97 PFRs were received during the Soroptimist year: 47 are within ESD area (Programme Focus Objectives 1 and 10), 26 are multi area projects, 10 are related to water SI/E project, 1 is a FIVE-O project, 1 is related to Project SIerra, and 12 are not within ESD area.

15 out of 26 Unions and 7 out of 83 Single Clubs sent PFRs. Most of projects are related to "Hands on service". Many PFRs describe "local charity actions". We observed also a slight increase in "advocacy".

Thank you for your work!

Peace Marathon

The 5th Marathon for Peace will take place on May, 24th 2009 in Kigali. For more information www.kigalimarathon.com

News from the SI/E representatives at International Organisations

- *Quarterly Newsletter of the Representative to the Council of Europe, No. 15 – March 2009*

I invite you to read the newsletter of Christine Cromwell-Ahrens. You will find all the news from the Council of Europe.

- *First Newsletter 2009 of the Representative to the European Women's Lobby*

You will find a message of Bea Rabe inviting you to sign the 5050 Campaign for better representation of women in decision-making in Europe. Use also the [paper petition for collecting signatures during a union / club meeting](#) (see on the SI/E website). Let sign the list in name of SOROPTIMIST and send it to the EWL.

- Do you know that the SI/E representatives to the organisations Council of Europe, European Women's Lobby and the OSCE have prepared a leaflet on their activities? This informative publication is available free of charge from SI/E HQ in Geneva and is useful in explaining our lobbying work.

www.soroptimisteurope.org

Seeding the WEB (SI/E Website)

Exciting things are happening in the SI/E's PR and communications, especially on the web.

SI/E has started by launching a few platforms and will consolidate them before starting up new ones. There is now a community space (Facebook), the video sites and a blog space.

You need to go back to Facebook and the Blog regularly in order to see what is new and post your comments.

For more details: see THE LINK, 1/2009 N°212, page 16.

Other News

For your information

European Union - Equality between women & men 2009

New report: 27/02/2009

Report from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – Equality Between Women and Men — 2009 {SEC(2009) 165}

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2009:0077:FIN:EN:PDF>

End Hunger-Walk the World on 7 June 2009

Will your Club participate?

Article by Else Larsen, SI Representative the UN in Rome-FAO (UN Agency -Food and Agriculture Organization).



Sunday 7th June 2009 the whole world will once again be on the move. Within 24 hours and in all 24 time zones, thousands of people will put on their walking shoes and join in a five kilometer walk to campaign against poverty and hunger.

"End Hunger: Walk the World": is an annual event to raise money and awareness for WFP's efforts to fight child hunger and malnutrition.

www.WFP.org

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In Friendship

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Days to commemorate

8 March: International « Women Day »

22 March: World Water Day

21 September: World Peace Day

25 November: International Day “Elimination of violence against Women”

10 December: Human Rights Day and Soroptimist member Day (SI President’s Appeal).