

REPORT OF THE REGIONAL ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S PARIS MEETINGS

November - December 1979

The Regional Assistant Director for Africa, as one of the three Vice-Presidents of the International Federation for Home Economics, attended the one week meeting of the Executive Committee in Paris. The main purpose of this meeting was to finalize plans for the XIV Congress of the Federation to be held in Manila, Philippines in July, 1980. AHEA-IFPP had proposed holding a one week Pre-Congress Workshop in Los Banos, an exhibition of Project materials, and a research panel during the Congress. The RAD was appointed as liaison for IFHE with the AHEA-IFPP by the President of the Federation at the January 1979, Executive Committee Meeting, at which time the AHEA-IFPP proposals were accepted. It was therefore necessary to report to the Executive Committee on the plans of AHEA-IFPP as well as to get some feedback from the meeting for the AHEA projects.

The agenda for the meetings is attached with this report.

Prior to the Executive Committee meetings some time was spent with the Paris Liaison Officer of the AHEA-IPFF, Dr. Therese de Clercq, discussing several matters which had bearing on the AHEA/IFHE relationships. Matters discussed centered around the following points:

1. Mexico IFHE Workshop
2. Working relationship with the IFHE Secretariat
3. UNFPA Pre-Congress/IFHE Workshop and long term plan
- 4. Africa Regional Activities and Staff
5. IFHE Congress and Pre-Congress activities
6. General AHEA-IFPP concerns and issues

IFHE Matters

The Secretary-General, Mme Odette Goncet, was not present for the Executive Committee meeting as she was on sick leave. This meant most of the important matters of concern to the AHEA Project could not be fully discussed and feedback secured, as only the Secretary-General was most knowledgeable about the activities of concern. In particular there was no official opportunity to discuss with her the implications of the following (based on the discussions with Dr. De Clercq):

- a. UNFPA proposal for a Pre-Congress Workshop in Manila. This activity appeared to be in conflict with the AHEA approved activity. Also the RAD was listed as the person in charge of coordinating this activity with no previous approval or discussion with her.
- b. The Mexico Workshop - apparently was not moving forward as smoothly as the Asia and Africa Workshops in that the AHEA-IFPP's input had been misunderstood; there was some confusion over the names of participants suggested by the AHEA and those finally selected by IFHE.
- c. The role and responsibilities of the PLO in the IFHE Secretariat needed more clarification. It was necessary to talk to Mme Goncet about what was expected of AHEA's staff input in order to assist with the day-to-day work of the Federation.

It was a futile exercise trying to bring these matters up at the Executive Meeting and with the President, especially as the Agenda was quite full and with the Secretary-General being absent. Most of the time was used up for Congress plans and small group assignments. Members worked until the 2nd and 3rd of December in order to complete the Congress programme.

However, during a brief informal discussion with Mme Goncet when she attended a social activity (reception by the Mayor of Paris) some of the matters were brought up. She expressed regret for not being able to discuss them in detail.

She did first of all apologize for the UNFPA proposal, the text of which was in French, and that she had indicated the RAD Africa as coordinator of the Pre-Congress Workshop she had proposed. She mentioned that it would be worthwhile for the PLO to assist her in translating the proposal into English so that the contents could be studied further by the RAD and others on the Executive Committee. She recognized that it was not possible to organize the Pre-Congress Workshop as proposed but that UNFPA would consider a long term plan if the proposal is revised and amended.

She accepted the suggestion that it would be necessary to discuss the plan with AHEA since the AHEA-IFPP has had a longer experience in this area of integration of population and home economics. This would avoid duplication and encourage coordination and collaboration. She gave information that she would be stopping at AHEA office in Washington in February on her way to the Mexico Workshop in February and would discuss these matters further.

Regarding the Mexico Workshop, she briefly mentioned that the plans were not completely organized as she had hoped they would be and explained the circumstances of the leadership in Mexico as well as the events that led to the fact that a man was the coordinator rather than a home economist (similar to Mr. Blake's role in the Malaysia Workshop). It was clear that many decisions were made and acted upon without a second opinion or consultation with the Executive officers.

Mme Benderitter of the IFHE Secretariat had explained to the committee during the absence of the Secretary-General and when delivering the report on her behalf, the reasons for the problems with the Mexico Workshop. The Executive Committee felt that it was necessary, for future activities, to ascertain that a home economist gives leadership to the local organizing committee as far as this is possible, that information should be sent to the Vice President of the region in which the activity is being held, and that the committee officers should be kept informed about all the arrangements concerning the activity, especially the treasurer, who should be kept informed on matters relating to financial transactions.

From the discussions with Mme Goncet and Mme Benderitter it was noted that UNFPA was prepared to allocate a half million dollars towards the long term project. The draft had been sent to UNESCO but returned to be amended and revised.

There was not enough time to clarify the issue of working relationships of the PLO and the IFHE Secretariat. Mme Goncet did mention that they were grateful for the input of AHEA staff towards their work and would need the PLO's contribution to continue. She however, did not spell out what her exact role and responsibilities should be. It is therefore necessary that this be properly spelt out on request of the Director, AHEA-IFPP.

Other Discussions

Opportunity was taken to talk with Dr. Aurora Corpuz of the Philippines and Mrs. M. Fitch (USA) during the week. Mrs. Fitch as Vice President of the America Region was made aware of some of the concerns and issues through a meeting with the PLO, the RAD, and herself.

During the Executive meeting the RAD brought up the concern of observers to attend the Pre-Congress Workshop. Information was given that only five observers would be permitted and they would be expected to make their own arrangements and cover their expenses for the period. Interested persons should contact the office in Washington to that effect. It was made clear that if FAO or IPPF wished to observe they should also state their intention

There was discussion on the exhibit space for AHEA. It was clear at that meeting that AHEA will be the only organization staging an exhibition. IFHE might set up a small one in the Secretariat office. The exact location and space required still had to be settled by Dr. Corpuz. The RAD assured the committee that the contents of the exhibition would be in line with IFHE's objectives. The RAD and Dr. Corpuz gave information on the Research Panel. The programme was settled as for the time table and the room location. IFHE would not provide for simultaneous translation of this activity. If AHEA needed one it would have to make special arrangements.

On the programme in general, it was learnt that FAO would be making some contribution by funding a special session at the Council on Rural Development. Someone from the FAO Office will address the Council and there will be group discussion and reports. Also, during the Congress a panel of home economists will speak on Rural Development and these speakers will be funded by FAO.

The RAD nominated Dr. Thelma Stuart to be a reactor on one of the Congress Panels, as she may be in the Philippines attending the AHEA Workshop. The Congress programme was completed and speakers were suggested for almost all the sessions. The RAD was unanimously selected to be the chairperson and moderator for the first working session of the Congress as shown on the attached draft programme.

Members present at the IFHE meeting were:

Mme M. Tupay - President
Miss I. Horne - Past President
Mrs. M. Fitch - Vice President
Miss M. Jarventaus - Vice President
Mrs. P. Greene - Vice President
Mme Therien Viau - Treasurer
Mlle Croquison - France
Mlle Darbre - Switzerland
Mme Benderitter - Secretariat
Mrs. Dalloway - United Kingdom
Mme Dia - Senegal
Dr. A Corpuz - Philippines
Mme Jansson - Denmark
Mme Theile Wittig - Germany

AGENDA

Wednesday, 28th November - Officers Meeting

Thursday, 29th November - Approval of Minutes

Appointment of daily reporters

Reports: President, Secretary General, Treasurer

Reception by Deputy Lord Mayor of Paris

Reports: Dr. Ruth Norman - ECOSOC

Regions

Permanent Committees

Report of the XIV Congress Organizing

Committee - Corpuz

Friday, 30th November - Final decision concerning the programme of Congress

- Programme: content, guidelines for speakers

- Definition of development

- Speakers: chairpersons

- Projects Selection, research papers selection

- Programme of action - discussion groups

- Resolutions

- Regional Meetings

- Pre-Congress Activities

Reception by French Section

Saturday, 1st December - Statues

Council Organization

Sunday, 2nd December - Committee Meetings continue

CONGRESS PROGRAMME (DRAFT)

July 21 - 25, 1980

Monday 21st of July

THEME: HOME ECONOMICS - A RESPONSIBLE PARTNER IN DEVELOPMENT

MORNING	AFTERNOON
<p>10:00 to 11:30 a.m. <u>OPENING SESSION</u></p>	<p>Moderator - <u>Mrs. Pamela Greene</u></p> <p>1.00 - 1:50 p.m. Keynote Speaker: Major Development Issues of the 1980's that will affect urban and rural family living</p> <p>1:50 - 2:30 p.m. <u>Statements</u></p> <p>Sociologist - Prof. Kotter (Germany) Economist - Drs. Adullah (Bangladesh) Technologist - Mr. Petit (France) Home Economist - Dr. Thelma Stuart (Jamaica)</p> <p>2:30 - 3:15 p.m. <u>Expert Panel</u></p> <p>3:15 - 4:00 p.m. Break</p> <p>4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Open Forum with Expert Panel</p>

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Tuesday 22nd of July

THEME: IMPLICATIONS OF DEVELOPMENT ISSUES FOR HOME ECONOMICS

MORNING	AFTERNOON
8:30 a.m. Report of 1st Day's Session - Linda Reisback (Canada)	Moderator: <u>Mme Dia</u>
8:45 a.m. Moderator: <u>Mrs. M. Dalloway</u>	1:30 a.m. Introduction
8:50 a.m. Speaker: Management of World Resources Dr. Lester Brown or Dr. Paola Fiere	1:50 - 2:20 Participation of Women Speaker: Dr. M. J. Hafkin (ECA)
9:15 - 10:15 <u>Reactor Panel</u> Non-Human Resources - Miss W. Mathews (UK) Mrs. Firebaugh (USA)	2:20 - 3:15 <u>Reactor Panel</u> (Home Economists) Education & Training - Mrs. Oni (Nigeria) Planning/Policymaking - Connie McKenna (USA)
Human Resources - Miss Yamamoto (Japan) Mrs. Malhan (India)	Supporting Services - Mrs. Fernando (Singapore) Research
10:15 - 10:45 Break	3:15 - 3:30 Break
10:45 a.m. Moderator: <u>Mlle Darbre</u>	3:30 - 5:00 <u>Project Reports</u> Mrs. Fitch in charge
10:50 - 11:20 Speaker: Improvement of Health (WHO) or Dr. Demaniere (former FAO Director)	4 projects (15 mins. each)
11:20 - 12:15 <u>Reactor Panel</u> Nutrition - Dr. Pekkarinen Housing - (French section to nominate) Sanitation: Child Care/Family Planning - Dr. Sumi Mo Time/Work/Budgeting - Dr. Walker (USA)	<u>OR</u> Informal discussion groups
	EVENING
	Meeting of Programme of Action Committee including 6 chairpersons of discussion groups
	Meeting of Resolutions Committee

Wednesday, 23rd of July

MORNING

8:30 a.m. Summary of 2nd Day's Session - Linda Reisback

8:45 a.m. Moderator - Dr. L. Enberg

8:45 - 9:45 Theme - Home Economists - Partners With
Policy Makers & Decision Makers

- in Rural Development - Dr. Heron
- in Urban Development - ?

9:45 - 10:30 Reactor Panel

- 2 home economists from developed countries
- Dr. Pothoff
- (Japan)

4 home economists from developing countries
(selected by FAO)

10:30 - 11:00 Break

11:00 - 11:30 Communications ?

11:30 - 12:00 Education & Training - Mr. Gagni (Unesco)

AFTERNOON

Moderator: Mrs. Ingrid Jansson

1:30 - 2:00 Cooperation with International
Agencies & Organizations (Ecosoc)

2:00 - 2:30 Conclusions - Dr. Kinsey Greene (AHEA)

2:30 - 3:00 Break

3:00 - 5:00 Programme of Action

(Discussion Groups)

EVENING

Meeting of Programme of Action Committee with
Chairpersons of discussion groups

Meeting of Resolution Committee

Thursday, 24th of July

MORNING	AFTERNOON
<p>8:30 - 10:00 Council Meetings (Elections)</p> <p>10:00 - 10:30 Break</p> <p>10:30 - 12:00 Regional Meetings</p>	<p><u>RESEARCH</u> 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Presentation of Research Papers - (AHEA)</p> <p>The Economics & Social Impact of Integrating Population Education into Home Economics Programmes in the Third World</p> <p>4:00 - 5:00 p.m.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. RESEARCH FORUM2. Informal Specialist and Group Meetings

Friday, 25th of July

<p>8:30 - 12:00 CONGRESS ASSEMBLY</p> <p>CLOSING</p>	<p>1:30 - 3:00 a.m. COUNCIL MEETINGS</p> <p>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</p> <p>PROFESSIONAL VISITS</p>
	<p>EVENING OFFICIAL BANQUET</p>

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