

ACWW Conference Resolutions

Children and the Internet – The internet is an educational and communication tool; however, children need guidance and protection when using this resource. Therefore, be it resolved that ACWW members work to educate parents how to oversee and limit their children's use of the internet and work for government internet policies to protect children from any exploitation.

Home Economics – Be it resolved that ACWW member societies urge the governments of their countries, and especially the ministries responsible for family affairs, to support home economics education, extension and research.

Trafficking of Women – Be it resolved that ACWW member societies urge their governments and the United Nations to work towards the elimination of the trafficking of women and girls for prostitution and other forms of commercialized sex, forced marriages and/or forced labour.

Children's Rights – Be it resolved that ACWW member societies urge their governments that have not yet implemented the "Convention on the Rights of the Child" in their legislation to do so. This should not be just a meaningless gesture, but a tool for giving all children in the world a decent life.

Regulation and Education on Enhanced Foods – Be it resolved that ACWW member societies will work for objective scientific research in the field of enhanced food products, will encourage establishment of a regulatory system that protects public health and is free to serve the public interest, and will support educational methods and programs, which provide unbiased information, to increase understanding of the enhanced foods technology.

Genetic Engineering – Be it resolved that ACWW member societies call for public accountability of genetic engineering based on a full investigation of genetic engineering, also referred to as genetic modification, by an international commission of the UN World Health Organization, to determine the risks, consequences and impacts of genetically engineered or modified seeds, plants, food, soil, animals and human beings, and to set forth public policy recommendations to address genetic engineering as a worldwide ethical, political, social and economic issue.

Urgency Resolutions

BSE & VCJD - Lobby FAO and WHO concerning BSE and VCJD - Be it resolved that ACWW and its member organizations urge their governments and worldwide bodies and the UN agencies, such as FAO and WHO, to act to protect the livestock population from BSE and to protect the human population from VCJD by banning the trade of potentially infected animals, contaminated feed and other products of bovine origin.

HIV/AIDS - Be it further resolved that ACWW and its member societies, within their respective programs, do their utmost to publicize and to secure full implementation by governments and by society as a whole of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and its accompanying targets; that they continue to promote HIV/AIDS awareness, prevention, treatment, care and support; that they emphasize the urgent need for adequate resources enabling local access to HIV/AIDS counselling, health and welfare facilities and services, including in rural areas; and that they stress the value of a human rights based approach to the AIDS pandemic bearing in mind existing factors of gender discrimination and exploitation which make women, female adolescents and the girl child the most vulnerable victims of this cruel disease.

Recommendations

Pension Plan for Care Givers - Be it recommended that all ACWW member organizations should do their utmost to convince their governments of the financial value of full-time work done at home. This should guarantee equality between the work done outside the home and the work of caring at home for the young, disabled and the old, to be recognized by the provision of pension rights.

Malaria - Be it recommended that ACWW member societies encourage their governments and scientists to intensify their research into the prevention and treatment of malaria.

Parenthood and Family Life – Be it recommended that ACWW through its member societies and their individual members work for preparation for partnership, parenthood and family life as an ongoing process, starting in the family and continuing at all levels of education throughout life.

Elections

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Tasmania Invites You

The Country Women's Association of Tasmania invites members and friends to come together in March 2004 for the 24th World Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World.

Dear Arthena and Christine,

On behalf of the Board and members of the ACWW, I would like you to thank the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario for successfully hosting the 23rd ACWW Triennial Conference. The hard work and varied contributions of you and your members ensured that the event was a great success. The delegates have expressed great appreciation of enjoyable meetings in comfortable surroundings.

With renewed thanks and best wishes,

Hilda Stewart
World President, ACWW