



**63rd Zonta International Convention
Nice, France
2 - 6 July 2016**

Highlights from the 2014-2016 Biennium



The second day of the 63rd Zonta International Convention started with a report from International President Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard. Convention attendees were updated on ZI and ZIF finances, leadership development, advocacy, Zonta's work at the UN and Council of Europe and the achievements of the Zonta International Foundation Development team this biennium.

One of the highlights at each Convention is hearing from the recipients of Zonta's educational award programs. Camille Bilger, a 2015 Amelia Earhart Fellow and student at Cambridge University, shared about her research into the reduction of the environmental impact of aircraft gas turbines and rockets. Her enthusiasm to succeed and her gratitude to Zonta were very evident when she spoke.

2015 Young Women in Public Affairs Awardee Anna Rukko told her incredible story of survival and determination to make a difference after beating childhood cancer. "No

one is too young or too insignificant to start to create a change," Anna said. "As a young woman, I have been seen and I have been heard. That makes me want all the young women to be seen and to be heard. I believe that a person's life can be changed and that one person can change the world."

Election Results: 2016-2018 Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation Boards and International Nominating Committee

2016-2018 Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation Boards

President: Sonja Hönig Schough (elected at the 2014 Zonta International Convention)

President-Elect: Susanne von Bassewitz

Vice President: Sharon Langenbeck

Treasurer/Secretary: Bridget Masters

International Directors

- Sonia Albanese Carotti
- Judith Anderson
- Lydia Chaillou
- Judith Kautz
- Ute Scholz
- Ursula Werner
- Hsin-Hsin Yang

2016-2018 International Nominating Committee

- For North, Central and South America: Kerry Dixon
- For Europe: Gabriella Samara Paphitis
- For Africa: Hortense Chekete
- For Australia and New Zealand: Ann Horrocks
- For Asia: Winnie Teoh
- At Large:
 - Florence Fischer-Herber
 - Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard
 - Joy Orlich
 - Maria Stefanova

Congratulations to the newly elected Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation Boards and International Nominating Committee members!

Latest updates from International Service and ZISVAW projects

Partners from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the U.S. Fund for UNICEF shared the latest updates on the projects in Liberia, Niger and Rwanda. The Convention voted to continue supporting efforts to eliminate obstetric fistula in Liberia and delay early marriage in Niger in the next biennium. Watch for a video on the project in Niger and a video on Zonta's long-standing partnership with the U.S. Fund for UNICEF to be shared on the Zonta International website very soon.



WAGGGS members from Portugal engaged the entire auditorium in a demonstration of the design and impact of the Voices against Violence curriculum. After the demonstration, the girls shared what they have been working on nationally while a representative from WAGGGS gave an update on the global impact of the program.

Director of Programs and Advocacy Megan Radavich spoke to the Convention about the Gender Responsive Schools project in Vietnam, its successes and the government's plan to replicate it nationwide.

These presentations make it clear that Zonta's support is truly making a difference in the lives of women and girls.

Announced: Zonta Service Recognition Awards



Zonta International Service Committee Chairman Elba Pereyra de Gomensoro announced the recipients of the Zonta Service Recognition Awards for the 2014-2016 Biennium.

Congratulations to all the winners. We will share more information about the winning projects on the Zonta International website after Convention.

District Winners

1st Place: District 17

2nd Place: District 12

3rd Place: District 5

Club Winners

1st Place: Zonta Club of Quezon City (District 17)

2nd Place: Zonta Club of Madras (District 25)

3rd Place: Zonta Club of Makati & Environs Foundation, Inc. (District 17)

4th Place: Zonta Club of Adelaide (District 23)

5th Place: Zonta Foothills Club of Boulder County (District 12)

5th Place: Zonta Club of Sønderborg (District 13)

6th Place: Zonta Club of Damme (District 27)

CORRECTION: Official Photography

Please note that the website for the official Convention photographer is incorrect in the Convention Booklet.

The correct website is <http://www.gdphoto.fr/>.

Please note, however, that photos will not be available for download until two days after Convention.

Stay Social

Connect with even more Zontians on social media as you experience the 63rd Zonta International Convention in Nice, France!

Share your experiences by using the hashtag #ZontaNice2016 and share your favorite photos with new and old friends, using the hashtag #Zelfie!



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