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## Invitation

Dear Colleagues and friends,

It is our pleasure to be able to invite you to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual European Conference on the Dignity of Women.

This conference will take place May 21<sup>st</sup> to May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010 in Dresden, one of the most beautiful cities in Germany.

The title of the conference will be:

### **Empowering women to create alliances for a culture of peace, fulfilling MDG # 3: Promoting gender equality and empowering women.**

The importance of living and promoting the dignity of women, and the alliances of both genders as a cornerstone for the culture of peace, seen through the input of previous conferences, sets the tone for this upcoming conference.

This year we are going to explore how through living our dignity, we can contribute to the process of creating a culture of peace.

Excellent speakers and representatives of NGOs will be contributing from all over Europe. The programme offers plenty of time for individual exchange and discussions in working groups and panels.

As important and challenging the content of this conference is; the history and culture of Dresden will not come too short.

Please have a look at the preliminary draft programme and the information about the city of Dresden.

You will also find a registration form, which we would like you to send back as soon as possible. Registration deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>. As the conference is taking place during the Pentecost holidays, we need to confirm the rooms by the end of March.

Looking forward to meet you at the conference,

Sincerely

*Martina Coombs*  
Vice-President WFWP International  
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*Ingrid Lindemann*  
Frauenföderation für Frieden  
President



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## Empowering women to form alliances to create a culture of peace

Fulfilling MDG # 3  
Promoting gender equality and empowerment of women



### WFWP Europe Conference

Dresden, May 21<sup>st</sup> to May 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Program

### Preliminary Draft

#### Friday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010

From 12:00 a.m.

Registration

5:00 p.m.

Opening session

- Welcome Dr. Elke Preußner-Franke  
City of Dresden (nn)  
Mrs. Martina Coombs
- Music
- „Dignity and Peace building“ M. Coombs  
Introduction to the conference

7:00 p.m.

Dinner

#### Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010

##### Preparing for leadership in the process of creating a culture of peace

- 9: 00 a.m. Session 1 Dignity, essential to find one's identity as a woman–
  - Finding one's identity, a first step towards inner peace,  
Basic thoughts on dignity and results of previous conferences

Ingrid Lindemann, Elisabeth Riedl



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- **10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Break**
- **10:30 a.m. Session 2 From inner peace to creating a culture of peace**
  - Ongoing education, necessity and basic aspects: Christine Sato
  - Setting priorities in our life / Experiences in ongoing education nn
- **11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Break**
- **11:45 a.m. Session 3 Women and leadership**
- Feminine qualities and styles of leadership I. Lindemann
- **1:00 p.m. Lunch**
- **2:00 p.m. Sightseeing tour**
- **4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Break**

## Saturday afternoon

### Women in the process of creating peace

- **4:30 p.m. Session 4 The importance of women in the process of peace**
  - Feminine leadership as cornerstone of a culture of peace C. Handschin
- **5:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Break**
- **5:30 p.m. Session 5 Short Panel with Working groups on the following Themes**
  - ❖ Educational conflict resolution, education towards peace)
  - ❖ Social projects as cornerstone for a culture of peace (Eradication of poverty/ elimination of trafficking, forced prostitution and forced labour)
  - ❖ Economy for peace ( Financial basis to empower women to participate in the process of creating peace/ Micro credits)
  - ❖ Peace activities ( MEPI, Women for Peace NGO's bridges of peace/ UN activities)

Carolyn Handschin: PanelModerator
- **7:00pm Results of working group discussions**
- **7:30 p.m. Dinner**



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**Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010**

## **Definition of focal points, setting priorities and closing session**

- **9:00 a.m. Session 6 Gender alliance as basic requirement and how to build Gender Alliances**  
Dr.Maria Riehl
  
- **10:00a.m. Session 7**
  - Resolution Carolyn Handschin
  
- 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 a .m. Break**
  
- **12:00 Session 8 Closing session**
  - **Final remarks** Dr. Elke Preußner-Franke, Mrs. Martina Coombs
  
- **1:00 p.m. Lunch**
  
- **2:30 p.m. Sightseeing** in groups with professional guides, to several of the most interesting parts of Dresden



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### Registration

Title.....

Name.....Surname.....

Organization.....Function.....

Country..... City.....

Phone.....Email.....

Arrival Date/Time.....

Departure Date .....

Special needs.....

(Vegetarian, allergies to be considered, medical needs).....

Twin Room sharing:.....Yes.....No...../ Single room required.....

Additional night.....

**Presentation: *If you would like to give a presentation to one of the subjects of the conference, please add a short draft of the content.***

Please send this registration to [ingridlindemann@aol.com](mailto:ingridlindemann@aol.com)

To assist our treasurer, please transfer 80 Euros deposit with your registration to:

Bank Account: 1777009 BLZ: 673 90000 BIC: GENODE61WTH

IBAN: DE 37 6739 0000 000 1777 00 9 Address of account: Volksbank Main-Tauber, Wertheim, Germany Name of Account: Ingrid Lindemann Purpose: Registration Fee

*(70 Euros to be paid on arrival)*

**Registration deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Rooms for 120 conference guest have been booked.**

**Conference fee is Euro 150,-**

**This fee includes room and meals from Friday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 5 p.m. to Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1 p.m. lunch. Conference charge, coffee breaks and a city tour are included.**

**Twin Room sharing is included. Single room will be charged extra. Please let us know on this registration form which kind of accommodation you prefer.**

**If you would like to extend your stay please let us know as soon as possible to make sure rooms can be booked.**

**An additional night with breakfast will be 25, - Euro each person in a twin bedded room.**



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## Dresden



Dresden offers attractions in great variety. No book about the history of architecture can miss mentioning the Dresden Zwinger. The Frauenkirche Church, Semper Opera House and Royal Palace as well as many other historical monuments and ensembles determine the image of the city. The saucy angels from Raphael's "The Sistine Madonna" make publicity for Dresden's art collections in the whole world. Magnificent promenades on the bank of the Elbe, interesting museums and institutions, industrial monuments, charming details — Dresden has a lot for you to discover.



Even today the buildings from the Renaissance, baroque and 19th century determine the Elbe front and our city. Viewed from the opposite bank or from one of the Elbe bridges Dresden presents itself at first glance as a cultural city of European rank.

## The old city

The historical centre of Dresden is located on the left bank of the Elbe, at the peak of a graceful river bend. Protected for centuries by mighty fortifications, the Saxon capital developed splendour and activity

In spite of vast destruction during the Second World War, the Old City part of Dresden has preserved or regained fascinating ensembles. The

most famous symbol of reconstruction in the city centre is the Dresden Frauenkirche Church, the magnificent baroque dome, which already today dominates the city centre.

Many important cultural institutions are situated along the Old City-side of the Elbe banks: from the Old Masters Picture Gallery to the "Green Vault", the treasure chamber of the Saxon electors and



kings.

The Old City is likewise the centre of city life, for in the Saxon State Parliament the destiny of Saxony is determined and in the town hall that of the city. Around the Altmarkt square and Prager Strasse shopping centres, restaurants, culture and work are to be found.



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## The Neustadt Quarter

The quarter on the right banks of the Elbe is called Neustadt, even though the settlement across the Old City bore the name "Altendresden" (Olden



The baroque reconstruction produced attractive streets and sites which can still be experienced in the area around Königstrasse. Prelude to the "Inner Neustadt" is the Neustädter Markt with the equestrian statue of the Saxon elector and Polish king Frederick August I, the "Golden Horseman". Beyond the statue is the beginning of the Hauptstrasse, the main street of the historical quarter.

Upstream the **government quarter** on Königsufer bank borders on the Inner Neustadt and is dominated by the two monumental buildings of the Saxon Ministry of Finance (1890/96) and the Saxon State Government (former General Ministry, 1900/04) with their splendid historicist facades and roof constructions.

## The Elbe Meadows and Slopes

Dresden's geography and atmosphere are equally determined by the river. The Elbe formed the wide valley which imbeds the urban area of Dresden. The significant buildings of the old Saxon residence are oriented towards the river. Today the nature of the Elbe meadows and slopes substantially determines the high quality of life in the city.

Grazing flocks of sheep beside frequented bridges, a picnic out in the open with a view of Palace and Cathedral, historic paddle-steamers with Dixieland, castles and villas with vistas of the city, beer gardens amidst extensive meadows - the preserved river landscape offers room for nature and manifold utilization



Dresden) until the 18th century. Freedom of the city was granted already in 1403, but nevertheless it always remained in the shade of the residence on the other side of the Elbe. After a disastrous fire in 1685 the quarter - in the meanwhile incorporated into Dresden - was systematically rebuilt as the "New Town near Dresden", the Neustadt quarter.

