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**THE ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN'S CAREER DEVELOPMENT IN HUNGARY (AWCDH)
ORGANIZED ITS CONFERENCE UNDER TITLE**

“WOMEN FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT”

Main Patron of the conference: Dr. Sándor Fazekas Minister of Rural Development

Date and Time of the Conference: 24 November 2012, between 11:00 am. – 18.00 pm.

Venue of the Conference: Rubin Wellness & Conference Hotel, 1118 Budapest, Dayka Gábor utca 3.

Language of the conference: Hungarian and English

More than 150 participants were present at the “WOMEN FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT” conference of the AWCDH with the aim to raise awareness of the need for women to take an active role in cementing rural communities, in boosting local economies, in helping to sustain development and in the preservation and proliferation of culture and traditional family values.

We have designed this first event in Budapest in order to launch an initiative in the framework of which we can map out the experiences, interest and capacities that will enable us to prepare further events – local friendly, professional gatherings – in different regions around the country.

Key-note speaker of the Conference:

The opening speech, "Town and Country in Hungary", was delivered by Professor Tibor Frank, Head of the School of English and American Studies at Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest.

Honorary Guests of the Conference:

H.E. Ms. Darja Bavdaž Kuret, Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia, H.E. Mrs. Karin Olofsdotter, Ambassador of Sweden and H.E. Mr. Roman Kowalski, Ambassador of Poland.

We have invited distinguished speakers from Parliament, the government, local governments, the academic and corporate spheres, international and Hungarian organizations, the media, as well as diplomats, experts, and artists.

The AWCDH:

The AWCDH, founded in 2003, a Hungarian NGO in “Special consultative status with UN-ECOSOC” endeavors to adopt all positive foreign best practices within a Hungarian framework, while at the same time it hopes to present exemplary Hungarian practices abroad by utilizing its network within the European Union and the United Nations. The AWCDH organised its conference titled “Women’s Role in Regional Development and Public Life” in 2004, when they launched their Project to provide assistance to women in the countryside in form of information, awareness raising and education, with an eye to both local Hungarian as well as international aspects of the question.

Reason for the Conference:

In the interest of the achievement of the aims set in the National Rural Strategy we would like to call attention to the role of women and their contribution from the point of view of the sustainability, such as their role in the renewal of agriculture, the rural areas and farmers’ communities.

The active role of women is indispensable for the cohesion of rural communities and in the development of the local economy, in helping to sustain development and in the preservation and proliferation of culture and traditional family values.

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International background

In the UN the 56th session of the Commission on the Status of Women took place at United Nations Headquarters in New York between 27 February and 9 March 2012. The theme of the session was the empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges.

United Nations RIO + 20 Conference on Sustainable Development took place in Rio de Janeiro between 20–22 June 2012. Though the RIO+20 Conference did not offer a solution to the major challenges of the world, it was noteworthy for, among others, the marked participation of women's civil organisations that contributed their "women's viewpoints" in the interest of a just and sustainable world.

The European Economic and Social Committee, acting under Rule 29(2) of its Rules of Procedure, decided to draw up an own-initiative opinion on "The role of women as drivers of a development and innovation model in agriculture and rural areas" which was adopted at their meeting on 12 July 2012. The Section for Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment was responsible for preparing the Committee's work on the subject. The Rapporteur was Ms Daniela Rondinelli.

COPA-COGECA, the association of European farmers and their cooperatives declares in their document prepared for RIO+20 that the role of women, particularly in rural areas, is crucial for the sustainable development of society. At their congress held on 1-3 October 2012 in Budapest, Hungary was also represented at the special workshop focusing on rural women.

In the European Union 2012 has been dedicated to the European Year of Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations, so this is a good opportunity to present Hungary's traditional values as good practices and the crucial issues relevant to Hungary's future and sustainability – sustainable lifestyles, life values, family models, responsibility for future generations, and the role of women in all these spheres of life.

Themes of the Conference:

- Rural development and employment
- Sustainability - sustainable lifestyles, life values, family models
- Role of women in taking care of their families' health
- Safe plants, safe food
- Women for preserving the landscape
- National heritage preservation from a woman's point of view
- Cooperation between generations
- Reconciling work, private and family life, rural women
- Presentation of our traditional values as best practices
- UN, EU, Hungarian and foreign best practices

Our guests came from the following sectors: Government, Parliament, local governments, NGOs, media, universities and colleges, agricultural chambers, rural and regional organizations, professional and tourist organizations, corporations, researchers, experts, farmers, producers, diplomats, doctors, artists, social workers and institutions, employment experts, EU and UN experts, as well as other interested in these topics from Hungary, and abroad.

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PROGRAM

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10:00-11:00 Registration and reception of the guests

11:00-13:20 Greetings and speeches

11:00-11:10 Ms. Andrea Ferenczi, President, Association for Women's Career Development in Hungary (Chair)
Opening

11:10-11:25 Ms. Ágnes Kiss, Head of Unit, Hungarian National Rural Network Permanent Secretariat
The Hungarian Rural Development Network

11:25-11:45 Professor Tibor Frank, Head of the School of English and American Studies at Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest
Keynote speech: Town and Country in Hungary

11:45-12:00 H.E. Mrs. Karin Olofsdotter, Ambassador of Sweden
Greeting

12:00-12:20 Ms. Klára Kósa, Ceramic Artist
Colors and Symbols: In Praise of the Countryside

12:20-12:40 H.E. Mr. Roman Kowalski, Ambassador of Poland
The Role of Women in Poland's Development - The Situation of Rural Women in Poland

12:40-12:55 H.E. Ms. Darja Bavdaž Kuret, Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia
Greeting

12:55-13:10 Ms. Gyöngyi Fazekas, Representative of AWCDH, Southern Transdanubian Region
Greeting

13:10-13:20 Ms. Márta Marczis, Regional Adviser, UNDP (Central Europe and the CIS)
Greeting

13:15-14:30 Break, Exhibition of Products by the Women of Baranya County

14:30-14:50 Program by the Choir of the Babits Mihály Vocational Secondary School and High School of Pécs, Conductor: Szabolcs Balásy

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14:50-16:45 Greetings, speeches

14:50-15:15 Dr. Márta Torda Deputy Head of Parliamentary and Public Relations Department, Ministry of Rural Development
Greeting

15:15-15:40 Dr. Flóra Szakácsi Tápai, Iron Diploma Agricultural Engineer
The Role of Wives and Mothers in the Rural Development

15:40-16:10 Dr. Gabriella Baracs Phd., Historian
Women for Preserving the Landscape

16:10-16:25 Ms. Krisztina M. Petra Tornay, Provincial Councilor of Schoolsisters of Notre-Dame, Head of Blessed Theresia Catholic Feminine Studies University Hostel
Women as „mediator” – the mission of women and women’s community

16:25-16:45 Ms. Eszter Buchert, Vice-director of the Duna-Dráva National Park
National Heritage Preservation from a Woman’s Point of View

16:10-16:50 Ms. Ildikó Modláné Görgényi, Deputy Director General, Hungarian Labour Inspectorate
Education of Rural Women in the Interest of Fostering Employment

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Ms. Ildikó Modláné Görgényi could not participate but her presentation is available on our website

16:45-16:55 Technical break

16:55-17:40 Panel discussion

Mrs. Erika Farkas, MR1 Kossuth Radio - Moderator

Panelists:

Ms. Mónika Bartos, Member of Parliament

Ms. Ildikó M. Haraszti, Director of „Szépkorúak Idősek Otthona” Nursing Home, Süttő

Ms. Szilvia Kovács, Vice-Mayor of Karcag

Dr. Zsuzsanna Sebők Internist, Vice President of the Hungarian Scientific Association of Rural Health

Ms. Katalin Süle, Board Member of the Hungarian Chamber of Agriculture (in transition), Young Farmer, Beef Cattle Breeder

17:40-18:00 Comments, closing reflections, recommendations, discussion

18:00 The Conference ended

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