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### **GENDER COMMISSION HAS THREE MEETINGS IN THE PLANNING STAGES**

Plans are being finalized for the meeting of the Commission at the International Geographical Union Conference in Portugal at the end of August. Two days of sessions are expected, August 28-29, at the University of Lisbon, with papers centered around themes of gender, human rights, citizenship, and migrant women. We plan a Commission Business meeting on the afternoon of August 27<sup>th</sup>. At this point, the most likely location for the business meeting will be either the Hotel Parque Real (ask for Janice Monk or Maria Dolores Garcia Ramon) or the Hotel Edward VII (ask for Eleonore Kofman). **Eleonore Kofman** is handling details of the program for the Commission. Her e-mail is <eleonore.kofman@ntu.ac.uk>. It has been somewhat difficult to contact the local organizers of the conference, including travel agents. We suggest you try the following: travel agents: carlson wagon-lits fax 351-1-848-8807; conference email <cegal@mail.telepac.pt>; fax 351-1-793-8690; local organizer, **Isabel Andre**, fax 351-1-395-8234. Please also contact Eleonore promptly if you are interested in participating or have difficulty with hotel accommodation. She has a list from the Portuguese tourist office.

In 1999, New Zealand feminist geographers will host a Commission meeting in Dunedin, February 9-11 at the University of Otago.

Dunedin is renowned for its historic landscapes, student culture, green hills and unspoiled beaches. (Remember, February is summer in the southern hemisphere.) Theme for the conference is "Gendered Sites, Human Rights: Gendered Sights, Human Rites." It aims to explore the contested nature of 'human' rights and rites, investigating the gendered spaces and perspectives which enable a critical reading of these rights, responsibilities, and practices. The conference will provide a range of session formats and invites abstracts for academic papers, poster presentations, discussion panels, facilitated practical workshops, and team presentations. Activists and artists are welcome as well as academics.

This promises to be an exciting event. The organizers have already outlined an array of possible themes within each of the four sub-themes: Gendered Sites - including where we experience boundaries, performances, and negotiations of human rights; Human Rights - signifying the rights, responsibilities, and practices that shape the quality of our lives and choices; Gendered Sights - included the situated knowledges, strategic approaches, and purposeful accounts we can mobilize (e.g, regimes of representation, constructions of masculinity/femininity; landscapes of access or protest over rights); and Human Rites --

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#### NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Congratulations to Alba Caballe who recently completed her Ph.D. at the Autonomous University of Barcelona. her dissertation is on "Women, Farm Tourism, and Gender: A Regional Comparison."

Halldis Vallestrand, University of Trómsø, Norway, visited recently in Cuba and Guatemala where she participated in a Norwegian government project to set up a new cooperative program with San Carlos University designed to rebuild Mayan competence post-war. Halldis sends the reminder that the international, interdisciplinary women's studies conference (Women's Worlds 1999) will take place in Trómsø June 20-26, 1999. At least 2000 feminist scholars are expected. Several topics of interest to geographers have been suggested as conference themes. For details see <http://www.skk.uit.no/wwindex.html>.

Clara Greed, (UK) has completed a project supported by the Economic and Social Research Council on the changing composition and culture of the construction industry (re gender, race, class etc.). She expects to produce numerous articles and possibly a book from this project. She may be contacted at [C-Greed@wpg.uwe.ac.uk](mailto:C-Greed@wpg.uwe.ac.uk).

The Department of Geography, University of Sheffield is launching a new taught MA course in September, 1998 in Social and Cultural Geographies. It will include a strong gender focus, taught by Gill Valentine, Nicky Gregson, and Peter Jackson. Details are available from Elaine Abbott, Department of Geography, University of Sheffield, Winter St, Sheffield, S10 2TN UK [e.abbott@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:e.abbott@sheffield.ac.uk).

**Tovi Fenster, Melissa Gilbert, Rex Honey, Audrey Kobayashi, and Barbara Morehouse.** The third session provided a preview of chapters that will appear in the forthcoming book edited by **Tovi Fenster, *Gender, Human Rights, and Planning***. Presentations were given by **Tovi Fenster, Maureen Hays-Mitchell, Eleonore Kofman, and Ann Oberhauser**, developing case studies from Israel, Peru, Europe, and the US. The book will be released at the end of 1998 or early 1999 by Routledge.

At the Geographentag, the bi-annual meeting of German-speaking geographers, in October, 1997 in Bonn, some of the results of the workshop on feminism and physical geography were presented by **Ulrike Meter-Hanschen and Katharina Fleischmann** together with **Sybille Bauriedl**. The meeting also included session on methodology and applied geography. There are now three fora for feminist geographers in the German-speaking countries: the Meeting of Female Geographers (a student-oriented initiative); the Feminist (applied) Geography Specialty Group; and the Academic Feminist Geography Group. Membership is open to all. For information contact <http://www/giub.unibe.ch/femgeo/ac.html>.

The 18th Meeting of Female Geographers was held in Hamburg, Germany Nov. 27-30, 1997, attended by 33 women from Austria, Switzerland, and Germany. Topics concerned gender-specific perceptions of space, spaces in urban areas, social control of space, and the body-knowledge-space connection. The 19th Meeting will be held in Innsbruck, Austria, June 12-14, 1998 and will deal with topics of post-structuralism, perception of nature in the Alpine region, and another introduction to feminist geography.

The Institute of Australian Geographers Gender and Cultural Geography Study Groups held a joint conference on "Identity, Geography, and Citizenship," at the University of New South Wales, October 3-4, 1997. Papers addressed such themes as 'race and home,' travel writing and third spaces, masculinities, bodies and space, cemeteries and death-related practices, and the

production of knowledge in human geography. The second day of the conference was devoted to an introspective and selective look at contemporary human geography.

## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

"Gender at Work in the 21st Century" is the theme for a half-day session at the Royal Geographical Society/Institute of British Geographers in Leicester, 1999. Titles for proposed papers and 200 word abstracts are due June 1, 1998 with **Carol Ekensmyth Leonard**, Department of Geography, University of Portsmouth, [ekinsmyt@geog.port.ac.uk](mailto:ekinsmyt@geog.port.ac.uk). Another session "Is the Future Female" is being convened for the Women and Geography Study Group by **Helen Jarvis**, University of Cambridge Property Research Unit [hcj20@cam.ac.uk](mailto:hcj20@cam.ac.uk) and **Sarah Monk**, Department of Geography, Anglia Polytechnic University, [s.monk@anglia.ac.uk](mailto:s.monk@anglia.ac.uk). The session focuses on two broad themes: medias of gender - pornography, virtual reality, and cyberspace; and shifting sites of productive and reproductive technology- terminals and test tubes.

The European Union Erasmus Group of feminist geographers will hold a short course on "Women and the Environment, a Gender Perspective: From the Global to the Local," at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, July 2-9, 1998. The course will be coordinated by **Maria Dolors Garcia-Ramon**. Universities involved include University of Bristol (UK), University of Durham (UK), University of Roskilde (Denmark), University of Amsterdam (the Netherlands), and University of California-Davis, in addition to the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

A two-day meeting, June 25-26, 1998 on "Postcolonial Geographies" will be held under the auspices of the History and Philosophy Research Group of the Royal Geographical Society/Institute of British Geographers at the University of Southampton. Further information is available from **Alison Blunt**, Department of