

## **IFBPW UNESCO 2018-2020**

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### **Introduction of the Representatives**

Information on IFBPW Representatives to UNESCO, Headquarters Paris, France, 7 place Fontenoy, 75007- First UN Agency for Education, Science and Culture.

Dr Marie-Claude Machon-Honoré-BPW France-Club Paris-Ile de France-Représentante titulaire- Main Representative accredited since January 2012. Elected Member of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee on behalf of IFBPW (December 2016 - December 2018) in charge of Communication and Education (Member of the CCNGO / Education 2030 Coordination group, 2016-2021)

Elected Chair of the International Conference of NGOs and the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee (December 2018 - December 2020) as an individual and also put forward by IFBPW.

Elected member of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee (First ballot for the Europe/ North America region) and Member of the CCNGO/Education2030 Coordination Group (December 2020 - December 2022).

Marie Boucaud BPW France –Club Paris-3<sup>e</sup> Représentante/ 3rd Rep accredited from January 2018 to December 2019.

Nadège Dazy BPW France-Club Paris France-2<sup>e</sup> Représentante/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Rep accredited from January 2018 to December 2019.

Nathalie Mourrain BPW France –Club Paris-3<sup>e</sup> Représentante/ 3rd Rep accredited from January 2020 to January 2021.

Lesha Witmer BPW Germany-Club Berlin 2<sup>e</sup> Représentante /2<sup>nd</sup> Rep accredited from Jan 2020- to Jan 2021-Suppléante Dec 2020-Dec2022/Alternate for Marie-Claude Machon-Honoré on the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee (Dec 2020-Dec 2022).

### **Activity report 3rd representative of BPW International at UNESCO Nathalie Mourrain 2019-20**

- Organization and facilitation of the Webinar on June 18 entitled "What role and what actions with UNESCO and the Liaison Committee"? The aim of this Webinar was to introduce the Organization and its role, the Liaison Committee, IFBPW's past and future contributions (Moderators: Nathalie Mourrain and Claire Jacquemet, and speaker: Marie-Claude Machon-Honoré, Chair of the ICNGO and of the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee.

- Creation of an "International Representation" section on the BPW Paris website highlighting:

- Actions of the Presidency of the Liaison Committee
- UNESCO initiatives such as the "Imagining the World to come" forum, calls for donations in the context of the health crisis and calls for expressions of interest

## **Public consultation on artificial intelligence and transhumanism:**

- Synthesis carried out with the help of 2 AI experts (Elodie Palombi and Hervé Cuillandre) on the fears and hopes that AI can generate and proposals for solutions (synthesis in attachment sent June 26th)
- Answers to the UNESCO French National Commission' s questionnaire on the ethics of artificial intelligence (together with Hervé Cuillandre)

## **UNESCO Report 2020 (2019-2020)**

Lesha (B.M.) Witmer, (alternate) IFBPW UN rep. to UNESCO

This was a very busy year, especially so for Marie-Claude Machon-Honoré as Chair of the NGO Liaison Committee. It was a pleasure to support her where I could. And she did a great job.

A lot of originally planned activities did not take place because of the COVID-19 restrictions. Attempts were made by UNESCO HQ to go online as much as possible, but I have to point out that a lot of the technology was not adequate and meetings very difficult to access. This is a real concern for the future.

I filled in and filed numerous answers to surveys on behalf of IFBPW – since Marie-Claude could not in her position – but in consultation with her. I actually lost track of that and will find a way to archive that better.

I send contributions inter alia on:

- Migration
- Transformative Actions in Entrepreneurship, Science, Technology & Innovation (STI) to achieve the SDGs
- Working group on Climate Campaign (Water)
- Questionnaire on the cooperation of NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO for the Quadriennial report on the contribution made to UNESCO's activities by NGOs.
- Comments on the draft Mid-Term Strategy for the period of 2022-2029 (41 C / 4) and the Draft Programme and Budget for 2022-2025 (41 C/5) and supported the summary of all reactions received
- I was a speaker during the UNESCO inequalities forum in December 2019
- Coordinated together with UNESCO-IHP / Brussels office on co-convening / staging the big EU Water and Beyond conference and organizing a session on women, skills and jobs – which in the end took place in January 2021 because of COVID
- Supported to the document for our candidacy as IFBPW for the next NGO liaison committee
- Independent report to be submitted to the International Commission on the Future of Education Dec. 2020