



CONFERENCE REPORT

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A Word from President Emily van Eerten

Our 2021 Virtual Biennial Conference was a success on many fronts. Not only were we able to conduct our annual business, we were able to bring together our FAWCO family, old and new, in a way that brought energy and excitement for all involved. This was the third opportunity for our members to engage with each other on the Hopin platform, and this time we were able to stream our live events onto our Facebook group as well. Third time seems to have been a charm for some. We had considerable positive feedback from many individuals, one of whom told me that she hadn't really been able to approach the "octopus that is FAWCO" in the past, but that being able to sit in on our speakers, explore the Expo booths and chat, not only with FAWCO volunteers, but with so many random individual club members using the Networking function, had been an exhilarating experience she hopes to repeat.

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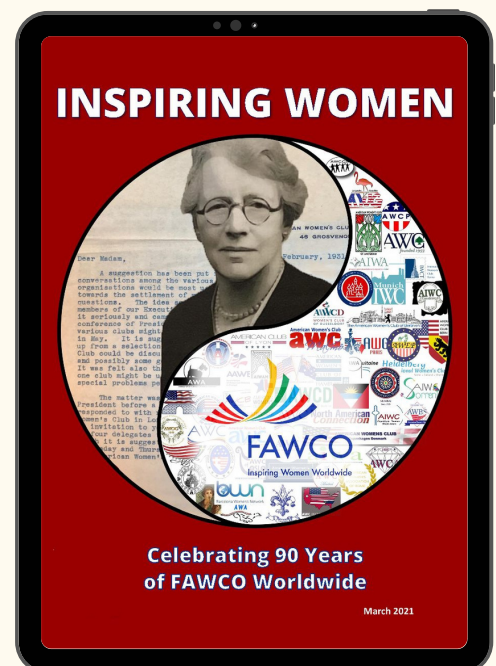


DAY 1: FAWCO's 2019-2021 Board Welcomes Everyone to the 2021 Virtual Biennial Conference

DAY 1, Thursday, March 18, 2021

The FAWCO Biennial Conference started at 6:00 PM CET on Thursday. It kicked off with social mingling at an open session called Meet Me in the Lobby. Here everyone could catch up and make new contacts, as it was possible to communicate through the chat in addition to being involved by video. After an hour of mingling, the stage opened for the FAWCO Board and their **Staying Connected – FAWCO Opening Session**.

Individual board members got the floor to themselves as they gave a speech of their experience over the past two years. We got to hear from the President Emily van Eerten, 1st VP Communications Ann Marie Morrow, 2nd VP Member Clubs Rozanne Van Rie, 3rd VP Global Issues Mary Dobrian, Treasurer Alisa Cook-Roehs and Parliamentarian Tricia R. Saur. It was nice to hear that despite all the difficulties of the past year, FAWCO has pulled through in marvelous ways and people are more involved than ever! Emily told a bit about the history of FAWCO and that this year, 2021, is the 90th anniversary year. **A special edition of Inspiring Women magazine was revealed for the 90th anniversary** and was immediately made available to everyone digitally.



DAY 1: Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) Task Force Report and Guest Speaker

Before the guest speaker of the night, a short Networking Break was held in order for people to grab a snack or drink, or just to socialize a little bit more. Soon after, the **FAWCO Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) Task Force** gave their report, including sharing a Toolkit for Clubs to use.



D&I Task Force Chair
Tonya Teichert



Guest Speaker
Dr. Karen Book

Then the guest speaker, **Dr. Karen Book**, was welcomed to the stage with her presentation on *Race, Racism and COVID-19*. The theme of the speech was on how systematic racism and the inequality of COVID-related health outcomes and issues are intertwined. After her speech, questions were welcomed. There was a breakout session to continue the discussion. Tonya Teichert of the FAWCO D&I Team and Dr. Book fielded many questions from participants on this difficult reality.

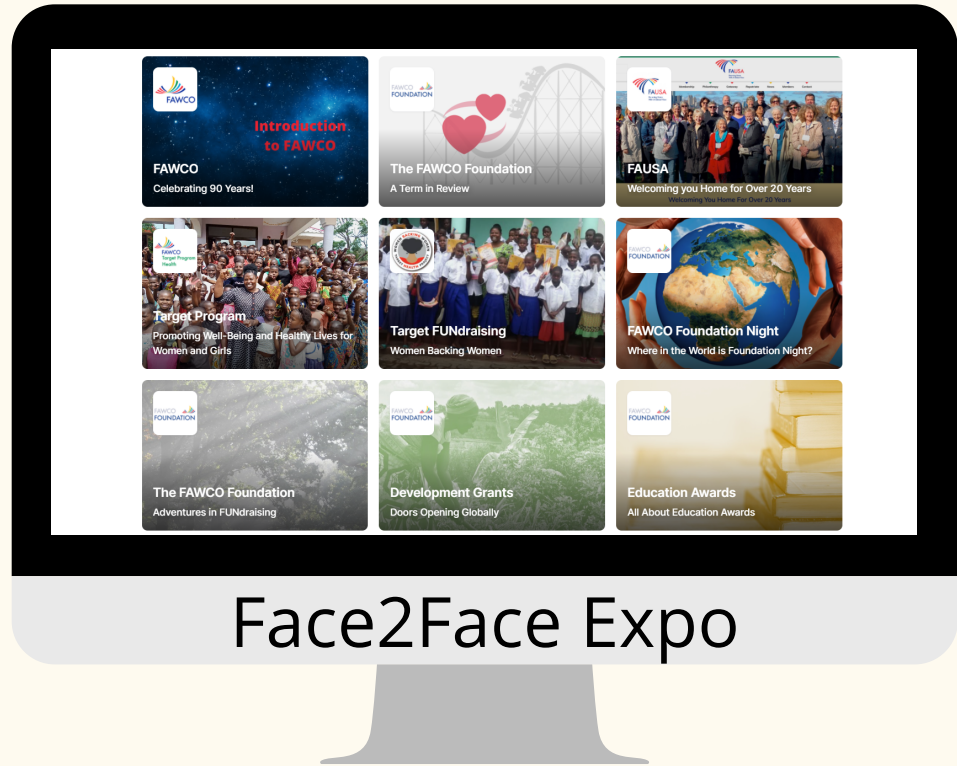
All in all, an inspiring beginning to the conference!



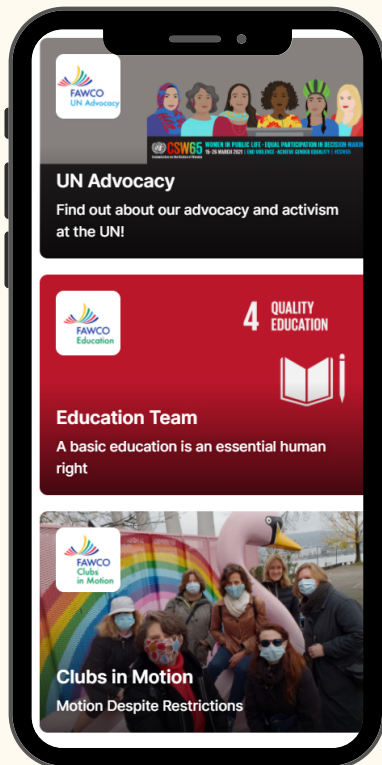
FAWCO
Diversity
& Inclusion

DAY 2: Face2Face Expo and Target Project Report and Guest Speaker

A great chance to learn more about what different areas of FAWCO do and to meet the volunteers “live” in the booths.



Face2Face Expo



Day 2, Friday, March 19, 2021

The program on Friday started with open **Face2Face** in the Expo Booths to meet the various volunteers of FAWCO, The FAWCO Foundation and FAUSA. **There were 31 Expo Booths:** Clubs in Motion, Diversity & Inclusion Task Force, Development Grants, Education Awards, Education Team, Environment Team, FAUSA, FAWCO, FAWCO Advertising, FAWCO Archives, FAWCO Bylaws, FAWCO Club Workshops, FAWCO Finance Committee, FAWCO Foundation Night, FAWCO PR and Social Media, FAWCO Refugee Network, FAWCO Volunteers, FAWCO Webhosting Services, FAWCO Youth Team, Health Team, Human Rights Team, R & Rs, SDG Awareness, Target FUNdraising, Target Program, The FAWCO Foundation, The FAWCO Foundation - Adventures in FUNdraising, U40 Happy Hour, UN Advocacy, US Issues, and Welcome to *Inspiring Women Magazine*.



DAY 2: Target Project Report and Guest Speaker

The Biennial Conference continued Friday evening with the **Target Program** being center stage. Target Chair Tharien van Eck, AWC Antwerp, took a few minutes to introduce the Target Team and to extend her appreciation to all who have been instrumental in the success to date of the Target Project, Safe Alternatives for Female Genital Mutilation Elimination a project of Hope for Girls & Women Tanzania.

The **guest speaker was Dr. Jasmine Abdulcadir**, an OB/GYN working at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University Hospitals of Geneva and the Faculty of Medicine, University of Geneva. Dr. Abdulcadir is the founder of a multidisciplinary clinic for the care of women living with female genital mutilation (FGM). The theme of her talk was ***Countering Myths and Taboos about FGM and Female Sexuality.***



Guest Speaker
Dr. Jasmine Abdulcadir



**HOPE FOR
GIRLS & WOMEN**
Tanzania

The meeting continued after a short break with the introduction of a new series, **Portraits of FGM**, with Target Health Education Chair Martha Canning, AWC Amsterdam, narrating the amazing story of Rosie M.

This was followed by a roundtable discussion, led by Tharien van Eck and Julie Lehr, Target Fundraising Chair, The FAWCO Foundation, providing an update on the Target Project. What a moment it was when Julie announced that the **FAWCO community has raised \$94,000 to date!**

Day 3: Face2Face Expo, The FAWCO Foundation Reports and Foundation Night



Day 3, Saturday, March 20, 2021

The Conference continued with a busy Saturday. The afternoon offered two Live Sessions. First up was **Quilts, Patchwork and Quilting** hosted by Roberta Zöllner, IWC Munich, our Quilt Mistress Extraordinaire. Roberta was happy to share her expertise and knowledge of all things quilting with participants.

AWC Central Scotland offered a session on **Springtime Family Craft Fun**. Ever wonder how to blow out eggs and decorate them for Easter? This was your chance to learn. And chocolate-covered Matzah – yum!

Booths were open all afternoon but many went “live” for **Face2Face**, allowing everyone to pop in and say hi to friends, ask questions and learn something about the many aspects of FAWCO, The FAWCO Foundation and FAUSA. So much great information available at our fingertips!



THE FAWCO FOUNDATION
PRESENTS

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS FOUNDATION NIGHT?

Silent Auction 13-20 March
Live Auction 20 March



EDUCATION AWARDS

The Silent Auction continued with lively bidding throughout the afternoon as bidders kept their eye on coveted prizes, quilt tickets and charms! As is customary, Saturday night brought **Foundation Night!** The evening kicked off with a few words from Foundation President, Barbara Bühling, and a check-in with our 2020 Education Award recipients. And then - the entertainment. Guests were treated to **a memorable performance from Robin Meloy Goldsby**, AIWC Cologne, author and pianist, who shared her humorous and poignant stories intertwined with beautiful musical compositions.

What a treat for everyone.



Guest Performer
Robin Meloy-Goldsby

Day 3: Foundation Night

Following the performance, it was time to Zoom over to the **Live Auction** to round out the evening. Four Live Auction items were up for bids, and Kanika Holloway, AWC Antwerp, did a wonderful job keeping the bidding going to raise money for the Foundation’s programs. A week’s stay at a Kauai Beach Resort and a week at a Belgian Coast Home were both so popular that each owner graciously offered an additional week to a second matching bidder - that made for some big smiles! Bidding was also fast and furious for the exclusive look at the private Atlanta offices of Former President Jimmy Carter and Rosalynn Carter.



In between items, everyone was invited to play **Where In The World? Bingo** – there were four lucky prize winners! With almost 100 people on the Zoom, needless to say, the energy level was high! The Foundation is truly grateful for the incredible generosity of the FAWCO community.

Following the Live Auction, FAUSA invited everyone to an **“after-party”** where over 30 members continued the socializing and fun for several more hours. Another successful conference day – right from the comfort of our own living rooms.



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Where In The World Bingo

✘ Environment	Foundation Night	S.A.F.E.	FAWCO Friendship Quilt	Giving Tuesday
✘ FAWCO	Inspiring Women	Clubs In Motion	Health	Global Issues Teams
✘ Overseas Young	Free The Girls	FREE SPACE	Hopin Booths	Mary Mag Hasse
✘ Human Rights	Foundation NEWS	FAWCO Youth	FAWCO Reps	2021 Virtual Conference
✘ Global Book Read	Tabitha Wells for Clean Water	Interim Meeting	Red Book	The FAWCO Foundation

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Day 4: FAUSA, CSW65, SDGs, Voting Results, Awards, Elections & Appointments, and Closing

Day 4, Sunday, March 21, 2021

Rick Chizmadia, FAUSA President, started off the fourth and last day of the Biennial. Rick has made anniversary videos in previous years for FAWCO and made another fabulous one which was shared for the 90th anniversary. FAUSA's report included news of the launch of a whole new website FAUSA.ORG. And news about how FAUSA succeeded in pivoting to the virtual world during the pandemic in 2020. They also gave news about fundraising they did in 2020 and plans for new events, including Lunafest, which will raise funds for the Target Project.



UN Liaison Laurie Richardson, AWA

Vienna, held a session on Sunday to debrief from the two-week UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) sessions that over 50 FAWCO members attended. It was the first-ever virtual CSW and NGO CSW Forum. As one first-timer put it, "it was a whirlwind." We were disturbed, inspired, energized, shocked, and most of all moved by the stories we heard and what we learned about women's lives around the world.

The UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The SDG Awareness Team was very excited to present the SDGs to the FAWCO community in a session on Sunday. "It was wonderful to meet so many like-minded people ready to create a ripple of transformative change in this Decade of Action." - Alexandra De Jager, FAUSA and Katja Malinowski, AWC Berlin - SDG Team Leaders



Day 4: Awards



The FAWCO Foundation President, Barbara Bühling, and Angie Aebersold, VP Programs thanked everyone who participated in the Education Award (EA) and Development Grant (DG) process. They were pleased to announce the recipients of this year's eight EAs and nine DGs. Each award and grant was for 4000 USD.

2021 Education Award and Development Grant Recipients are also listed on The FAWCO Foundation website homepage.

The **Development Grants** financially assist projects which are passionately supported by FAWCO Member Clubs and FAUSA. The 2021 recipients will make a change in people's lives all over the world!

Education Awards: For FAWCO and FAUSA and individual members, the awards promote international understanding and goodwill. The program rewards and honors academic excellence and the all-around achievements of our members and their families. The 2021 recipients plan to study in the US or abroad at the high school, undergraduate and graduate levels.

The winner of the 2021 FAWCO Friendship Quilt Raffle via the "Wheel of Names" was **Melissa Rider of AWC The Hague!** The Quilt, designed and quilted by Roberta Zöllner, was made from 120 donated squares from 34 members of 15 FAWCO Clubs and FAUSA. This year's Quilt name, "*Common Threads*," came from Carol Kiely of AWC Dublin in the first ever Quilt naming contest. Congratulations!

The Quilt is always a huge undertaking. Heartfelt thank-yous go out to Roberta, the Quilt square donors, Carol, and Quilt ticket purchasers all over the world, who helped make \$5365 in donations a reality!



Day 4: Awards

Caroline Curtis Brown Spirit Award

Congratulations to Tricia R. Saur, AIWC Cologne!! This award was presented in recognition of her service to FAWCO over the years - first as a FAWCO Representative, then also as a volunteer on several Target Programs, including being Target Program Chair Education, 2016-2019. She also has been FAWCO Parliamentarian and Bylaws Chair, 2019-2021.

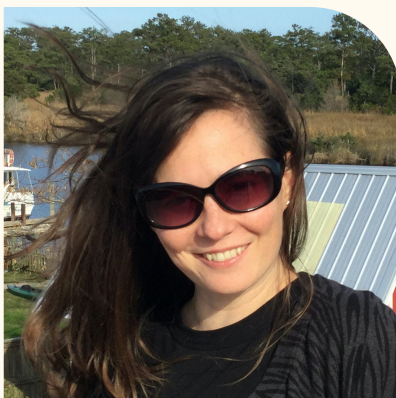


Rep Appreciation Award

The Rep Appreciation Award is to recognize ongoing commitment, dedication and achievement of FAWCO Reps in Member Clubs.

Congratulations to 2020 recipients!!

Caroline Graves
AWC Central Scotland



Kathy McMillan Wilhem
AIWC Cologne

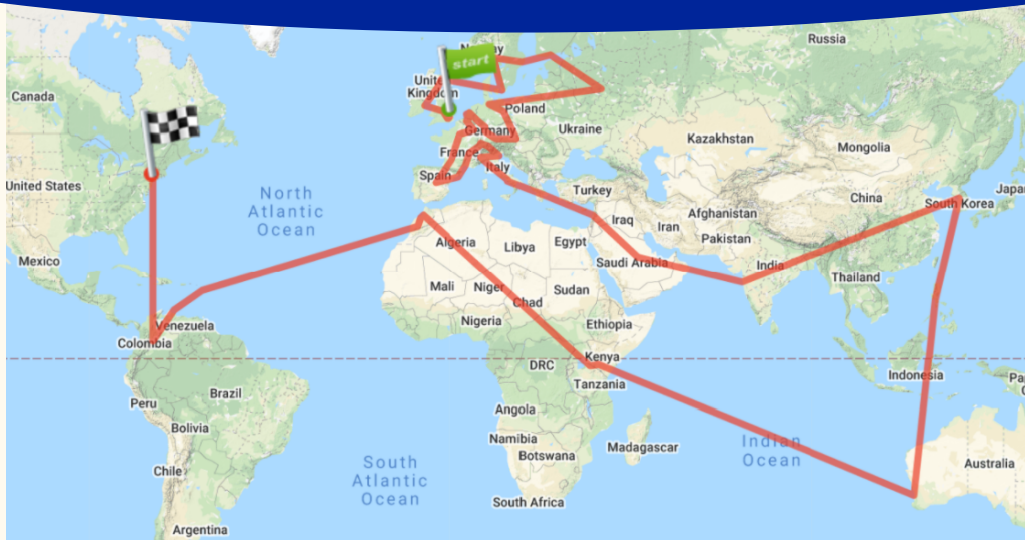


Day 4: Closing and Voting Results

Voting Results on the FAWCO Budget, Bylaws Amendments, R&Rs and Election of Officers

Voting was done in advance of the Biennial Conference through online balloting. Parliamentarian Tricia R. Saur confirmed that all items on the ballots passed. The items voted on were the Proposed Budget for 2021, Proposed Amendments to FAWCO's Bylaws, Proposed Resolutions and Recommendations for 2021-23, and the election of officers for both FAWCO and The FAWCO Foundation for the 2021-23 term.

2020-2021 Virtual Tour Complete!



Everyone was thanked who participated and donated throughout the Virtual Tour. The initiative started in June 2020 as a way to do something “together” when we couldn't actually get together. Over a period of 266 days, FAWCO members around the world logged their walks, runs, bike rides and swims, to collectively travel from London to New York City, a virtual journey of 36,685.4 miles/59,039.4 km. Along the way our Virtual Tour Guide, Michele Hendrikse Du Bois, Munich IWC/FAUSA, introduced all of our FAWCO Clubs and participants shared photos and stories in a dedicated Facebook group. The Tour served to motivate many members to increase their activity during the pandemic, get outside, and allowed our members to “see” the (FAWCO) world through the eyes of our members. The FAWCO Virtual Tour also generated over \$10,000 in donations for the Target Project.

**Thank you to those who served in 2019-2021
and congratulations
and best wishes to the new Boards.
Together let's make a difference for the better!**

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Foundation Parliamentarian

**Thank you to everyone
that participated in this
year's Conference!**

*Celebrating
90 years!*



2021 Biennial Conference Wrap Up

"This was a wonderful Conference! Inspiring and heartwarming!"

"We have found solace through STAYING CONNECTED."

"It was amazing to "meet" so many new friends."

"This was an up-close and inclusive conference – Thank you!"

"It was wonderful to feel connected!"

"I haven't felt this good, well, since COVID began."

There were 302 registrations for the Conference with attendance and participation by 50 Clubs from 30 countries over the four days. These are unprecedented times, and the FAWCO Board thanks all who came together to connect and support one another during the Conference. We are looking forward to the next chance to meet FAWCO members worldwide, virtually, and also hopefully in the next year, in-person as well.

Final Fundraising Results

Final reports came in on fundraising. The FAWCO Foundation President, Barbara Bühling, reports that EVERYONE deserves a pat on the back and a loud round of applause for their part in a very successful fundraising evening. The entire evening resulted in **fundraising sales of \$30,475!** Thank you to the Foundation Benefactors! Your efforts resulted in \$5610 raised for the Foundation Programs! Over 700 quilt raffle tickets were sold for \$5365 in donations! The results for the Live Auction amounted to \$8750! There were 75 items up for bids in the Silent Auction and all were sold to the tune of \$8835! The fundraising was rounded out with sales of charms for \$1915.

You proved this axiom true: **We are all still in this together...**

And together we will continue to impact the world in a phenomenal way!

Thank you to those who contributed to the text for this Report:

Heidi Koivukoski, Tharien Van Eck and Janet Davis. Their reports and material published during and after the conference were used to compile this report. - Ann Marie Morrow, 1st VP FAWCO





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