



# XXXI BPW International Congress

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## Nominations

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**Eufemia Ippolito**  
Candidate for International Vice President – United Nations

Member of  
Nominated by  
For position of

FIDAPA-BPW Italy Gravina in Puglia  
Concetta Corallo, President, FIDAPA BPW ITALY  
International Vice President – United Nations

### My Vision

I have been a BPW member since April 15, 1987 and have dedicated a lot of my time to promoting BPW values and ideas through my engagement, as a member; BPW Italy President; Vice President; Secretary and Treasurer. In the past three years I have served as BPW Executive Finance Officer in the outgoing International Executive Board. I carried out my duties respecting the principles of clarity, transparency, and financial consolidation. I have worked with great enthusiasm for the empowerment of women by ensuring good governance of BPW's finances in compliance with ethical principles and legal norms. Throughout my professional life, I have participated in the evaluation of management's performance in strategy implementation and execution, set objectives and monitored results. I am a lawyer specialized in Company law, international law and I would like to continue giving my contribution to BPW International and therefore I present my candidacy as Vice President United Nations.

The Vice President United Nations is in charge of BPW relationships with UN agencies, and promoting BPW International's positions with the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) attendees. My aim is to coordinate the representation of BPW International with and among UN agencies, and to ensure visibility of our advocacy work among members and others.

The tools to achieve those objectives are: teamwork with our UN representatives; coordination of the UN representation of BPW International during the meeting of the CSW; hold strategic meetings and organise events. I will coordinate BPW International's advocacy work together with the BPW Representatives at the United Nations and together with members who participate in UN strategic meetings.

Through the organisation of events, I will:

- work to encourage the acceleration of gender-sensitive change and promote gender equality, with particular attention to the elimination of obstacles that prevent progress towards full equality.
- collaborate with the president of the Standing Committee "Projects" for the active and proactive involvement of BPW members at all events organised by BPW International at the annual meeting of CSW.
- undertake to collect relevant material on our UN related activities, and to report to the UN (Quadrennial Report) to maintain BPW ECOSOC consultative status which comes under consideration every four years.



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Since 2002 I have participated in the CSW Sessions at the United Nations, contributing to the development of the statement on the thematic areas of CSW and have shared objectives and good practices set out during the events.

I also bring to the position of Vice President United Nations, the lobbying and institutional experience accrued during my three mandates representing BPW to the European Commission and the Council of Europe both as a member of the Board of Directors of the EWL (European Women's Lobby), Brussels, and as representative of the Conference of INGOs in Strasbourg. I'm competent with most Microsoft Office programs and Access Program. I would appreciate your vote for Vice President United Nations, and I would be honoured to serve BPW International in that capacity. Thank you.

### BPW Offices held

#### BPW Italy

- 2013-2024 Past National President.
- 2013-2017 Representative in Committee for Equal Opportunities within the Ministry of Labour – Rome; presentation of projects and verification and approval of projects presented by NGOs.
- 2011-2013 National President FIDAPA-BPW Italy.
- 2011-2013 Representative in Committee for Equal Opportunities within the Presidency of the Council of Ministers – Rome; Presentation of motions to the institutions on double gender preference, on equal pay for women and men and on women on the Boards of Directors.
- 2009 – 2011 National Vice President.
- 2007 -2009 National Secretary.
- 2000-2002: National Executive Finance Officer.
- 2005 – 2007 National Committee Relations with E.U. I managed the relations between FIDAPA-BPW Italy and BPW.
- 2003 -2005 National Committee Legislation, I contributed to giving legal advice regarding the interpretation of the Statute and Regulations of FIDAPA-BPW Italy.
- 1996-1998 President of the Italian South-East District.
- 1992-1994 National Member of the Environment Committee; 1987-1990 Founding President Club of Gravina in Puglia and Honorary Member.

#### BPW Europe

- 2020-2024 Working Group Chair “Women on Boards”.
- 2016-2024 Founding and permanent member of the BPW AdrioNet Network. Official start-up constitution in Bari Italy.
- 2016-2020 Member group: “Brussels Follow-up # 5: “Women on Boards”.
- 2008-2020 Council of Europe, Strasbourg; Representative in the Conference of INGOs. The Council of the European Union negotiates and adopts legislative acts in most cases together with the European Parliament through the ordinary legislative procedure. The Council legislates based on proposals presented by the European Commission. This long experience has favoured my ability to interact with European institutions and has allowed me to deepen relationships with representatives of the various countries. Thanks to this experience I feel ready to competently face the commitment to the United Nations as Vice President of BPW.



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- 2002 – 2008 Board Member of European Women’s Lobby (EWL) – European Commission, Brussels. I was elected by the INGOs in Brussels for three consecutive mandates and, within the EWL Board of Directors, I contributed to spreading BPW’s objectives, its Values, and its commitment to achieving Equal Opportunities. As a representative of BPW in EWL, I contributed to the issuance of Directives on violence against women, on equal pay and on laws on women on boards.
- 2004 -2006 Membership Committee (EWL) for checking of the Constitutions, I contributed to the analysis of the Statutes of the EWL countries, identifying those that violate Human Rights. Member States and financial statement analysis, the analysis of European budgets strengthened my economic skills.
- 2002-2004 Membership Committee (EWL): “Relations with the Executive of the EWL”. I learned to work in a network and to respect everyone’s proposals through dialectical comparison.

### BPW International

- 2021-2024 Executive Finance Officer.
- Since 2002 I have participated in the CSW Sessions at the United Nations.
- 2018-2024 BPW PILOT Leader “ Projects & Experts “ legal Advice”.
- 2017-2024 BPW International “Legal Advice” Taskforce Chair.

### Positions at other International and National Organisations

- Member of the Gravina in Puglia “Lawyers Association”. I contributed to the organisation of cultural and legal events in the area of Gravina in Puglia.
- Member of ANILS – “National Association of Foreign Language Teachers”. I had the opportunity to attend linguistic refresher courses and courses in foreign language teaching.
- Member Professional Association UCIIM PUGLIA. Uciim organises thematic seminars in line with the National Training Plan.
- President and Treasurer of the "Arcangelo Scacchi" Cultural Club of Gravina in Puglia. I contributed to the organisation of many cultural events that had a positive impact on the area of Gravina in Puglia.
- Member of the Pro loco of Gravina in Puglia I collaborated for the improvement and growth of the town.
- Member of the LILT Italian League for the fight against tumours which has the task of informing and disseminating the culture of PREVENTION, to increase awareness that it is and remains the true winning weapon for defeating cancer. Prevention means protecting our most precious asset, HEALTH.
- Collaboration with AIDDA association of women entrepreneurs and managers. AIDDA is the point of reference for women with roles of responsibility. AIDDA is the first Italian association created with the specific objective of enhancing and supporting female entrepreneurship, the role of women managers and professionals. “AIDDA is the mirror of an Italy made of tradition, creativity, excellence, quality; an invaluable economic, historical and cultural heritage.”
- Collaboration with Soroptimist International which is a global voluntary organisation of women engaged in professional and managerial activities, which promotes the advancement of women’s status, the full realization of equal opportunities and human rights. It is a universal voice for women that expresses itself through awareness, support and action. Mission: The Soroptimists implement projects, promote actions, and create opportunities through the global network of Members and international



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cooperation so that all women can realize their individual and collective potential, realize their aspirations and create strong peaceful communities around the world.

- Member Lions International Altamura Host. Lions International help many people every year and provides subsidies. Helping people doesn't just do good, it feels good. And serving alongside others who want to make a difference in the world is even better. And that's why I partnered with Lions, along with my husband. Lions and Leos serve in so many ways. Our clubs choose how to best help our community.
- Collaboration with Rotary International, It is a service organisation. Its members form a global trading network and professional leaders who dedicate their time and talents to serving their communities and others. I shared Rotary's motto, Service Above Self. The goal is to support clubs and help them provide more services in their local communities and abroad.

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### Education

- 1973 Graduated in Foreign Languages and Literatures : French and English language and Literatures
- 1992 Graduated in Law : Company law, EU law, International law
- 1973-2006 Professor of French Language and Literature – retired
- Qualification for Teaching foreign languages French
- Specialization in Teaching of Foreign Languages
- Title of expert in French language and literature
- Trainer on teaching Foreign Languages
- Member of the examining commission for the Teaching of the French Language
- Tutor Qualifying courses for Teaching the French language
- 1995 Qualification to practice the profession of lawyer
- Registered in the Register of Lawyers – retired
- Tutor of training Courses in Family Law
- Qualification to Teach Legal and Economic Disciplines
- Tutor of Training courses in Civil Law for Secondary School Students
- Tutor for preparation for the qualification to practice the Profession of Lawyer.

### Professional Experience

- 1973-2006 Teaching of the French language at first and second Level Schools Lecturer in French at Secondary Schools as an expert in French
- Member of the evaluation committee for the learning of Foreign Languages Projects for cultural exchange between Italian and foreign secondary school students
- 1993 Participation in courses in Civil Law and Criminal Law for the qualification to the Profession of Lawyer in Civil Law and Criminal Law : Publications Family litigation in Europe -"Forensic Leadership and Governance"
- Member of the Board of Arbitrators of Banca Popolare di Puglia and Basilicata
- Member of the Committee for Short Master "Women on Boards" Bari University Organisation of events on "Women on Boards" at national and international level
- Member of national and international committees for the verification of the Statutes of Italian and European organisations



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- Evaluation of projects at the Italian Ministry of Labour - member of the Equal Opportunities Committee Ministry of Labour Rome
- Presentation of motions to the Italian institutions in equal opportunities to obtain laws on Gender Equality
- Organisation of Side Event CSW63 UN “Sustainability, Working and Economic Growth for Gender Equality”
- Organisation of Side Event CSW62 UN “Consumption and Responsible Production The Italian Excellence of Global Female Entrepreneurship”.

### Additional Information

I am committed to spreading the mission of BPW International through webinars entitled: “What does it mean to be a BPW?” I organise Webinars on CSW Sessions to make members aware of the role played by BPW at CSW and of the concrete contribution that BPW makes by organising events. I highlighted how the meeting of the institutions of the different countries is favourable intercultural, professional, entrepreneurial, and constructive exchanges. All this to develop enthusiasm. I have dedicated much of my life to the success of our great BPW Association.

### SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR

**EUFEMIA IPPOLITO**

**BY Concetta Corallo, President, FIDAPA BPW Italy**

FIDAPA-BPW Italy is proud to endorse **Eufemia Ippolito** as candidate for the position of BPW Vice President United Nations for her professionalism, dedication, and willingness to help BPW International thrive in this new upcoming mandate.

As Executive Finance Officer, Eufemia Ippolito carried out, in this three-year period, her duties respecting the principles of clarity, transparency and financial consolidation. She worked with great enthusiasm ensuring the good governance of BPW's finances in compliance with ethical principles and legal regulations.

Her vast experience in executive and representative roles in FIDAPA-BPW Italy and in the IBPW combined with the professionalism and multi-year membership of BPW, is a guarantee for our organisation to achieve excellent results in relations with institutions and in collaboration with members, promoting innovative projects. We are certain that Eufemia Ippolito will be able to fill the role of Vice President United Nations thanks to her knowledge of national and international institutions and thanks to her dedication to the daily work of networking and mediation between members.

On behalf of all FIDAPA - BPW Italy members and the FIDAPA-BPW Italy National Council we are honoured to support the candidacy of Eufemia Ippolito as Vice President United Nations.