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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Friends,

It is my privilege and pleasure to welcome you to the Silver Jubilee National Conference of the Indian Association for Women's Studies (IAWS). It is fitting that the conference has been organised in collaboration with the University of Lucknow and Isabella Thoburn (IT) College. Since the early years of the 20th century these institutions, and others like them, have played an important role in extending the opportunity for higher education to women from different sections of society. One of the first WS courses in the country was also instituted by IT College. We are most grateful to our co-hosts and all those who have so generously given their time and effort for the conference.

On this significant occasion we are especially fortunate to have among us some of the founding members of the Association. We are honoured to felicitate Hemlatha Swarup, Jyoti Trivedi, Devaki Jain, Neera Desai and Vina Mazumdar who were among those who signed the Memorandum of Association and formed the initial Executive Committee. We regret that ill health prevents Lotika Sarkar from being with us today.

We also remember with deep sadness those founding members who are no more. In July 2006 we lost Phulrenu Guha, an eminent parliamentarian, social activist and pioneer of the women's cause. In the early 1970s she chaired the Committee on the Status of Women in India whose landmark report *Towards Equality* revealed that the Constitutional guarantees for equality had remained unfulfilled. As is well-known, *Towards Equality* provided an impetus to the modern women's movement in India.

In June 1989 we had also lost Madhuri Shah who was a committed supporter of women's studies (WS) as Vice-Chancellor of the SNDT Women's University and later as Chairperson of the University Grants Commission (UGC). She was also the first President of this Association. The Madhuri Shah Memorial Lecture has become a special part of each National Conference. This year the lecture is most fittingly being delivered by noted educationist and

author Prof. Krishna Kumar, Director of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).

Attempts to bring women's concerns directly into the realm of educational research and teaching in India grew out of the modern women's movement. The more specific roots of IAWS can be traced to December 1980 when Vina Mazumdar and Hemlatha Swarup met with Madhuri Shah at the SNDT Women's University, Mumbai, to discuss the need to mobilise a broad-based thrust for WS within the educational system. Together with a small core group of feminist scholars they decided to hold a national conference of academics, activists and practitioners at SNDT, which had already set up the first centre for research in WS. A hundred participants were expected to attend the 1981 National Conference; 400 came from all over the country and they resolved to set up the Indian Association for Women's Studies. So, IAWS was registered in 1982 as an all-India membership-based organisation. The second National Conference was held in 1984 at Thiruvanthapuram in Kerala on the theme of 'Gender Justice' and since then several National Conferences, regional workshops and seminars have been held.

The initiators of the Association viewed feminist scholarship as an alternative movement for the production, dissemination and transformation of knowledges and did not see it as being confined to WS in the universities. The goal was to make education relevant in the quest for social and gender equality; to structure WS as an interdisciplinary area of enquiry and an instrument of social transformation from the home to wider society; to articulate neglected issues and to mobilise academic and public opinion for change. It was envisaged that the critical perspective of WS would challenge both the marginality of sections of women and the perceptions of dominant groups that reinforced such marginalisation.

In keeping with its own vision, the Association has espoused progressive positions on socio-economic and political issues of national importance. In conjunction with other like-minded women's organisations, we have supported democratic movements for peace and for peoples' rights. Our National Conferences have passed resolutions on such issues and the participants have sometimes marched silently through city streets to draw wider attention to our concerns.

From its inception, IAWS has taken an ethical position on sources of funding. We have endeavoured not to compromise on our fundamental principles and aims and can justifiably be proud of maintaining our intellectual independence. Over the years, we have benefitted from a wide range of donor agencies, none of whom has ever sought to influence our programmes and strategies. Even as we have drawn upon the support of the Government and

some of its agencies, we have also continued to critique discriminatory policies and initiatives and mobilise opinion for change.

Members of the Association lobbied the UGC for the establishment of university Women's Studies Centres and have continued to be associated with these centres in different ways. There has also been a dramatic growth of WS outside the academy as women's groups and NGOs have set a progressive agenda for action on women's concerns. Governments and other agencies have provided research funding and feminist publishing has now come into its own. As a professional association, IAWS is unique in providing a forum for dialogue among this wide spectrum of academics, activists and practitioners. We may not always speak in one voice but there are many resonances in our varied experiences of research, interventions or activism. This adds legitimacy and vigour to WS as an alternative way of dealing with problem areas of life.

As an Association we are only just beginning to understand the regional dynamics that have shaped the institutionalising of WS in different parts of the country. Moreover, while we have achieved considerable clarity in defining and analysing problems, we are less clear about how to move forward towards the goal of gender justice. How do we ensure that WS retains its substantive purpose given the varied formal structures within which it is now bounded? Because feminist ways of knowing involve uncomfortable political questions about the sexual division of roles, domination and subordination, gender and power, WS is perceived as being destabilising. This leads to attempts to marginalise and deflect it from its purpose. In recent years, we have resisted attempts to give university WS centres a traditional 'family welfare' orientation.

Presently, with the government withdrawing from its responsibility of providing extension services of various kinds, WS centres in universities all over the country are now expected to undertake 'outreach' work for women. The need for grounding in real life problems was a founding principle of WS in India. However, this seems to have been reduced to extension activities, such as setting up Self Help Groups. Some see this as cooption and others as vocationalisation. We need to examine these trends and perceptions, keeping in mind also the aspirations of a first generation of WS students. We also need to pay attention to feminist methodologies and pedagogies in the specific contexts in which research, teaching and learning take place.

The key question is how we retain a critical edge while negotiating for spaces at the levels of policy, research and education, particularly at a time when the educational system in India is being buffeted by changes in the national economy and a rapidly globalising world. We need to re-examine our values, and modes of analysis and intervention to develop the

knowledge and skills required for an effective interface of action and research. The assertions and struggles of Dalit women, minority women and other marginalised groups point to some ways of reconfiguring knowledge and influencing the public discourse on educational structures and processes.

The opening up of spaces for WS in higher education has barely touched the school system, perhaps because WS scholars themselves are mainly located in institutions of higher education. Today, increasing numbers of upper caste and better-off children, both boys and girls, are able to complete 12 years of schooling and some among this elite group also go on to college. But the less privileged in the same age groups either do not enter school at all or drop out in the early stages. In Uttar Pradesh, lakhs of girls and boys are out of schools. In such a situation, we urgently need to enquire into actual schoolroom practices and also move beyond higher education and the formal system as sites of feminist intervention. Moreover, access to education has not altered traditional class, caste and gender barriers. Even as the laws relating to abortion and sex selection are major gains of the women's movement, education has not necessarily improved women's power to take decisions about their own health and reproductive rights.

The Silver Jubilee Conference is an opportunity to confront these and other challenges and to envision future paths. The theme, 'Feminism, Education and the Transformation of Disciplines' has emerged from a series of six workshops and seminars on various aspects of feminist knowledge, education and the wider arena of public discourse that IAWS organised during 2007 in collaboration with local institutions and universities in Mumbai, Bangalore, Kolkata, Amravati, Jammu and Shillong. The plenary and subtheme sessions at this Conference, the exhibitions and publications on display reflect the enormous range that is encompassed by WS today.

In recent decades we have seen a huge increase in research on women's issues. Scholars, analysts and practitioners are faced with a vast literature and shifting debates based on a range of assumptions and new terminologies. Our endeavour in this Conference is to examine these assumptions and terms of discourse, to ground our understanding in specific contexts. While it is important to make women visible in fields of knowledge such as history, sociology, economics, science, medicine and the law, we also need to critique and rethink the gendered processes that have constructed the kinds of knowledge in these fields. We seek to unpack the gender bias in the politics and knowledge systems that have shaped development policy, institutions and processes, and to move from generalities to highlight alternative ways of engendering development and ensuring women's livelihood rights. Another important task is to understand how feminisms have understood and dealt with familial and community violence,

together with state violence against women, and to identify and review the gender-based violence that is rooted in, or supported by, customary social practices in varied local contexts.

We have learnt to engage with interlocking systems of oppression, with questions of caste, community and region, to distinguish and negotiate between women's different locations and that which is universal in their experience. As in the earlier Conferences, we seek to foreground this through the special panels on South Asia and on the local situation, in this case, Uttar Pradesh, apart from sessions on the marginalised knowledges of Dalit, adivasi/tribal and minority women. WS researchers have sensitively interrogated language, literature and other forms of cultural production to reach a nuanced understanding of how material and cultural oppression operate. Yet, we are still learning to engage with questions of women's sexuality and to contextualise our knowledge of sexualities and genders. We also need to examine why feminist perspectives on gender biased research have not resolved the tensions between feminist and conventional research methodologies, nor the difficulties of incorporating experiential knowledge into theoretical frameworks and both into teaching-learning practices.

We need to be open to these diverse problems and possibilities even as we celebrate and consolidate our achievements. Some of you are here for the first time, but those who have attended our workshops or conferences earlier would have experienced their energising and joyous synergy. As in the past, our speakers and participants are from far and near: from South Asia and even from Europe and North America; from different parts of India and from Uttar Pradesh and Lucknow itself. As winter turns to spring in this historic city, let me invite you as individuals, as a collective of scholars, activists and practitioners involved with WS, and as concerned citizens, to take advantage of this opportunity for critical reflection. Let us re-affirm our vision of a gender just society and the goals of a feminist education based on feminist knowledge.

Thank you,

Sumi Krishna
President, IAWS

President's 'Introductory Note' to the General Body meeting of the Indian Association for Women's Studies, XIIth National Conference, Lucknow: 9 Feb. 2008.

A warm welcome to all members of IAWS,

The present Executive Committee (EC) took over just about a year before the IAWS completed 25 years. We are especially privileged that our term has included the Association's Silver Jubilee conference.

Our base office began functioning from the Centre for Women's Development Studies (CWDS), New Delhi, in October 2005, and I am grateful to the then Director, Narayan Banerjee, for providing this institutional umbrella, and to the present Director Mary John, who is also our General Secretary. In 1981, IAWS was registered as a society using the CWDS address. It is such support of like-minded organisations that has enabled IAWS to maintain its reputation as a responsible professional association. As we have grown from 200 members to over 1500, today, successive ECs have found that a roving office makes it extremely difficult to streamline our administrative and financial systems. Yet, for a diverse and plural all-India Association, it is also difficult to conceive of a permanent secretariat at any one location. I too have argued against this so as to maintain the synergy and democratic strength of IAWS. However, with the spread of the internet, it is now more feasible to have a central financial office, particularly for banking, accounts and tax purposes, regardless of where the General Secretary and other office bearers are located. I request you to discuss the pros and cons of a fixed financial office to ensure smooth transfers between successive ECs.

When we took over, we were immediately confronted with the problem of where to store six steel almirahs, a large yellow bag and several boxes that were being transported across the country with each new IAWS secretariat. Building upon earlier initiatives to recover IAWS history, we planned to establish a permanent material and digital archive. Following discussions with members from Mumbai, Pune and elsewhere in Maharashtra, we decided to set up a material archive at the Research Centre for Women's Studies at the SNDT University, Mumbai. This was where the idea of IAWS had taken shape a quarter century ago. Our Joint Secretary Kamala Ganesh and her team began the process by making an inventory of the contents of the almirahs and selecting what required to be retained. The IAWS archive was inaugurated last year and I am grateful to all those who worked so hard to make this happen. I hope it will continue to be enriched with more documents and visual

material of the past and indeed of the present. The process of archiving has been a wonderful learning experience for all of us as we have re-lived the excitement of the founders and have gained insights into the growth of the Association. Many members and institutions have also shared documents, newsletters, conference materials and other publications for the IAWS digital archive. I am thankful to all of them and to the Centre for Education and Documentation, Bangalore, for digitising the material and producing it on CDs. We now need volunteers for an IAWS archive committee to guide all these activities.

With the Silver Jubilee providing the impetus, our website (<http://www.iaws.org/>) has also been redesigned and we intend to make this a comprehensive source of information and interchange about IAWS and the wider arena of women's studies. The IAWS archive will also be downloadable from the website. An immediate task is to develop a list-serve to facilitate email contacts among all our members. Later, we hope to establish an e-forum for women's studies researchers to exchange news and ideas about curricula, feminist methodologies and issues of common concern. The IAWS newsletter being edited by Kavita Panjabi and her team at Kolkata has already begun the process of collating the best examples of gender/women's studies courses and the curricula being offered by different institutions. The newsletter also carries information on publications being brought out by women's studies centres. We hope this will help mutual interaction and learning between members in smaller towns and universities and those in larger metropolises. Do contribute to this effort.

IAWS has always recognised the importance of reaching out to and involving younger women as active participants in the Association. The category of student membership, with a reduced subscription and valid for three years, was intended for young researchers. In 2002, the General Body introduced an age limit of 18-25 years for students. In 2007, students were under 5% of the total membership. The student membership tends to rise in the years in which the National Conferences are held and falls off after the Conferences. We have recently had instances of student researchers who are not eligible in our student category because they are over 25 years. The present EC feels that we could relax the upper age limit to strengthen the student category, and we seek your approval for this. We have allowed ordinary members to upgrade to life membership by paying the difference of Rs.800/-. Similarly, we could let ordinary institutional members upgrade to institutional life membership in the course of three years. There have also been requests for a special rate for institutional life membership for Women's Studies Centres in colleges and universities. Apart from serving as the first tier of the life membership, the ordinary membership category for individuals and institutions does not seem to serve any other purpose now because membership has not been necessary for participation in recent IAWS workshops and conferences. I invite the General Body's views on both the student and ordinary member categories.

As you know, IAWS is run entirely voluntarily. This is an indication of the commitment of our members, and I think this spirit of voluntarism should continue. However, as our Treasurer C.P. Sujaya's report shows we do need substantial funds to carry out our activities. Presently, we have a four-year maintenance grant till March 2008 from the Ford Foundation. We urgently need to build a Corpus Fund. Many of us became Life Members when the subscription was only Rs200. Today, it is Rs.1500. I appeal to all friends to contribute at least Rs.1000 each towards a corpus. Let this be a campaign that we undertake collectively to mark our Silver Jubilee.

We have a small 10-member EC, six of whom also served as Regional Coordinators. Zarina Bhatti (north), Vice-President Aparna Mahanta (north-east), Editor Kavita Panjabi (east), Joint Secretary Kamala Ganesh (west), Nisha Shende (central) and myself (south). Our ex-officio members, Kumud Sharma and Veena Poonacha, and many others have generously given time to IAWS. This enabled us to hold six stimulating regional and local workshops in 2007. The details are in our newsletters and the General Secretary report. We are especially pleased that we were able to hold a north eastern regional workshop in Shillong with the collaboration of the North Eastern Hill University – this is a first for IAWS in a hill state of India. I would like to thank all the organisers and participants of these workshops, many of whom have also contributed to the National Conference, some as subtheme coordinators. It is their energy and enthusiasm that gives IAWS its strength. The response to this Conference too has been overwhelming both in terms of the number of abstracts and their quality. The Conference itself could not have been organised in Lucknow without the extraordinary efforts of our tiny conference secretariat at CWDS, Delhi, led by Mary John, who coordinated with the local organisers at Lucknow University and Isabella Thoburn College.

We will shortly be announcing elections for the next EC. I urge you to take the election seriously, nominate candidates from different regions and diverse sections of our membership (the forms are available on the website), and take the trouble to cast your postal votes. A strong membership will ensure that, in keeping with the creative vision of our founders, we develop women's studies as a critical feminist perspective to further gender justice within and beyond academia in South Asia.

I now invite the other office bearers to present their reports. Thank you.

Sumi Krishna
President (2005-08)

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Distinguished Members of the Indian Association of Women's Studies!

It is hard to believe that almost three years have elapsed since the general body meeting last met in Goa in May 2005, having just elected a new Executive Committee. We were formally handed over charge 2-3 October of that year and wish to place on record our deep appreciation for all the hard work put in by all the previous EC members. Let me also take this opportunity to thank all the members of the current EC. We have grown together as a group, developed a very rewarding democratic mode of functioning (aided by such contemporary technologies as the internet and group mails), from which I, for one, have benefited enormously. On the one hand, as a professional association we are bound by certain procedures, and elect office bearers with a view to the different kinds of responsibilities that will be expected of them. On the other hand, and possibly because we are somewhat smaller in number than a full EC, it was possible to share our responsibilities and take account of different ways of functioning in ways that have made it much easier to carry out our tasks. This makes me very indebted to all my colleagues – Sumi Krishna, Aparna Mahanta, Kamala Ganesh, C.P. Sujaya, Kavita Panjabi, Zarina Bhatti, and Nisha Shende of the current EC, and to Kumud Sharma and Veena Poonacha, ex officio members from the previous EC, who so generously gave of their time and experience.

When the EC was first elected, it consisted of a total of 10 new members. Asha Hans did not assume office and Joy Ranadive-Deshmukh (elected as an Ordinary Member) resigned in April 2006. Nisha Shende was nominated to the EC by Amravati University (Sant Gadgebaba Amravati Vidhyapeeth), in the institutional member category. There was no student representative on this EC.

We live in uncertain times. The status and meaning of women's studies is directly affected by contemporary political and economic developments, as we discovered in recent years with the struggle over attempts to compromise the status of UGC sponsored women's studies centres. Even though the Eleventh Plan has been dubbed the "Education Plan" by the present government because of the unprecedented outlays that have been approved at all levels of the educational system, it very much remains to be seen what the actual impact will be and to what extent social and gender inequalities will effectively be redressed.

As the President's report has already conveyed, various dimensions of knowledge production and their transformation by feminist initiatives within and beyond education became a broad theme during the current tenure of the EC, and is reflected in our activities including the regional workshops and, of course, the present Conference.

The Executive Committee Meetings

The first EC meeting took the form of a joint meeting held 2-3rd October 2005 in New Delhi. During this meeting the present EC recorded their appreciation of the previous EC for all their activities included the XIth IAWS Conference conducted in Goa. The present EC has organized 5 meetings:

- 1) April 22-23rd 2006, New Delhi
- 2) October 6-7th 2006, New Delhi
- 3) January 21st 2007, Mumbai
- 4) July 28-29th 2007, New Delhi
- 5) February 6th 2007, Lucknow

In addition, a sub-committee visited Lucknow on the following dates:

- 1) December 17-18th 2007

The EC Meetings constituted the space for evolving the agendas to carry forward the activities we wished to achieve during our tenure. From early on we were conscious that the IAWS would be completing 25 years during this time. This has meant paying attention to the history and achievements of the IAWS as well as thinking about future directions and expanding the reach of the IAWS. The various activities we have undertaken range from the creation of an archive, building up a website, organizing regional seminars and workshops, preparing newsletters and working towards the Silver Jubilee Conference.

Regional Workshops

The IAWS has developed the practice of hosting regional workshops in different parts of the country in an effort to draw in local participation and involvement in women's studies. During our tenure as many as six such workshops were held, all of which were organized in a relationship of collaboration with local institutions involved in women's studies, with strong participation from the region. These meetings were also planned within the overall thematic of the National Conference.

The responsibilities of organizing these events were shared by EC members as follows:

Northern Region	: Zarina Bhatti, Mary John.
Western Region	: Kamala Ganesh
Southern Region	: Sumi Krishna
Eastern Region	: Kavita Panjabi
Central Region	: Nisha Shende
North-Eastern Region	: Aparna Mahanta, Sumi Krishna

WESTERN REGION: In collaboration with the Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai, the IAWS held a workshop on Archiving Women's Lives: Perspectives and Techniques, January 19-20th 2007. Recent social science scholarship, particularly feminist and historical, has expanded, nuanced and democratised our understanding of an archive. The workshop aimed to provide a space for discussion in the context of three contemporary trends: i) critiques from feminist historians on the need to address and redress the gender blindness of historical accounts ii) newer academic approaches that privilege alternative sources, and search consciously for activities and expressions of subaltern groups iii) explosion of innovative techniques and technology for retrieval, and archiving. The resource persons at the one and a half day workshop included artists, film makers and film technologists in addition to academics from history, anthropology, women's studies, and sociology, professionals in the field of documentation, archivists and women from grass roots organizations.

EASTERN REGION: 'Feminism and the Production of Knowledge' 5th & 6th February 2007 was jointly organized by the IAWS and the School of Women's Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata. Most of the academic papers were delivered by young college and university teachers, and researchers, from Jharkhand, Orissa and W.Bengal, while the presentations in the activist panels included both veterans as well as a dalit lawyer from Bihar. A central aim of the seminar was to promote self-reflection on how knowledge within various areas of women's studies is produced, what our modes of consolidating and disseminating knowledge are, and to what purpose they are geared. Also in focus were questions of how to approach the vast variety of women's oral histories and literary narratives across cultural, regional and political differences. Presentations were made under four sub-themes — Women's Oral Narratives and Testimonial Writing; Retrieval of Women's Writings; Comparative Literary Studies; Gender Politics of Education; and Activism, Experience and Knowledge.

SOUTHERN REGION: The Southern Regional Workshop on ‘Feminist Perspectives and the Struggle to Transform the Disciplines’ in Bangalore, on 2-3 February 2007, was organised in collaboration with the Women’s Studies Department of the United Theological College, who were joint hosts. It was attended by 70 academics, practitioners and activists from Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. The workshop covered conventional and applied disciplines and new areas of enquiry, including sociology, economics, psychology, public health, natural science, agriculture, veterinary science, cultural studies, Dalit studies, minority studies, theology and public discourse. Background materials, draft papers/ power point presentations etc. had been circulated before the workshop, contributing to lively interactions by an informed group. The workshop succeeded in its objective of opening up a dialogue of disciplines, identifying some of the obstacles to change and exploring ways to take the process forward. The proceedings of the southern workshop were made available on a CD for limited distribution. This has proved quite effective and we could do this for other workshops in future.

CENTRAL REGION: This workshop was held on 19 February, 2007 at Amravati (Vidarbha Maharashtra), under the broad theme Lingbhav Jadan-ghadan aani Bharatiya Streevad (The concept of gender and Indian feminism). Organised by the Women Lecturer’s Association, Sant Gadgebaba Amravati Vidhyapeeth, there were special sessions on Marxist feminism, Ambedkarite feminism and feminism of the marginalized. Presentations and discussions were in Marathi, with over 100 participants—teachers, students and activists from the region contributing to the discussions.

NORTHERN REGION: The northern regional workshop on Women’s Studies and Knowledge Production was held at the Centre for Women’s Studies at the University of Jammu, April 20-21st 2007, the first of its kind in the region. The workshop aimed to make stronger connections between women’s studies and the region of Jammu and Kashmir, and to explore issues of knowledge production at all levels of the educational system. Many members of women’s studies centres located in both the Jammu and Kashmir region were first time participants in an IAWS event, along with journalists, activists and students. The themes of the workshop included issues of conflict and gender in the Jammu-Kashmir region, education and gender and explorations on women’s studies and pedagogy.

NORTH-EASTERN REGION: ‘Feminist Scholarship on North-East India: Retrieving and Reconstructing the Woman’ was co-organised with the Departments of Political Science and History, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong on 15-16th October 2007, the first such

effort by the IAWS in the region. This seminar brought together academics, activists, women's organisations and NGOs and was organised by Prof. Manorama Sharma and Dr. Susmita Sen Gupta. A range of papers by participants from different states and among different ethnic or tribal groups raised a host of issues about how women had been erased or lost and in more than one way – from mainstream India, on the one hand, but also within their own societies and records. Many of the papers raised very specific issues about the changing location of women within particular communities.

All in all, the regional workshops were very important events in themselves and have helped broaden the reach of the IAWS.

IAWS Archives

As we all know, the history of women's studies is closely entwined with that of the IAWS. A very significant activity during the term of the current EC was to build a home for all the materials of the IAWS that have been preserved and accumulated over the years. It is to the credit of past ECs that in spite of all the logistical difficulties of a roving Secretariat, files and materials of various kinds have been maintained and passed on. However, it has become apparent that having reached adulthood, so to speak, it was necessary to find a more long term solution to the situation, as it was no longer feasible or productive to continue to simply cart boxes and bags of IAWS material across the length and breadth of the country.

The proposal to locate the archive of IAWS materials in RCWS (SNDT), Mumbai, evolved through a process that began with a meeting called by the IAWS President at Pune in February 2006. This was attended by invited IAWS life and institutional members from the Universities of Pune, Aurangabad, Amravati, Bombay and SNDT, with representation also from the Maharashtra Stree Abhiyas Vyaspeeth, a few Pune-based NGOs, and some EC members. The proposal was subsequently discussed and accepted at a meeting of the full EC. The EC also accepted the suggestion that the archive would be overseen by an Archive Committee, comprising of IAWS members. The responsibilities and composition of this committee needs to be worked out in greater detail. An early decision was taken by the EC to house this very valuable resource in the Western Region and we are grateful to the S.N.D.T. women's university, Mumbai for agreeing to make space for the archive within its library.

The IAWS Archives was formally given a place in the Research Centre for Women's Studies, SNDT Women's University at a simple function on March 14, 2007. The important if time consuming work of weeding out and preparing an inventory of the materials has been

proceeding apace, and soon the materials will be available for consultation. The bulk of the material consists of correspondence, apart from the published materials brought out by the IAWS over the years. We are particularly grateful to Kamala Ganesh for taking the initiative in this process.

IAWS Website

The IAWS Website <http://www.iaws.org/> has been redesigned with the help of a professional web-developer, trained at the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad. The user name 'iaws.org' has been renewed for the maximum period of nine years with effect from 27 February 2006.

The website is intended to support the objectives of the IAWS and has a range of information on the association and its activities. The site includes details of recent and forthcoming regional and national conferences, significant documents such as the Constitution, the Report on the XIth National Conference, Goa, 2005, reports of regional workshops, the current newsletter etc. It also has information on subscription and a downloadable membership form. We are also exploring the possibilities of a section on Women's Studies curricula, and of linking the site to an interactive forum of women's studies researchers to reach out to a younger generation of scholars and practitioners. The site has received a lot of positive feedback and some suggestions for improvement. It is being updated every three/four months. We recognise the need for a long-term plan for web maintenance, including editorial, design and technical tasks.

IAWS WEB Archive

The IAWS digital archive has been developed with advice and technical support from the Centre for Education and Documentation, Bangalore, which has considerable experience in this field. The IAWS website already includes some archival material, such as all the Presidential Addresses from the First National Conference in 1981. A more comprehensive digital archive has now been compiled by collecting and digitising about 100 IAWS conference documents, newsletters and selected publications from scattered locations in different institutions and with individuals across the country. The IAWS digital archive is available on a CD specially produced for the Silver Jubilee, with the help of CED, Bangalore. It includes about 50 documents related to the National Conferences, more than 40 newsletter and about 15 other publications, many of which are out of print. We are exploring how the digitised material can be made available on the website and downloaded for personal reference. Other

materials, possibly including some grey literature and photographs of archival importance, may be digitised in the next phase. Special thanks to all who contributed materials and to Sumi Krishna for taking the initiative here.

The XII Silver Jubilee Conference

As in the past, the National Conference has been a major activity. We were fortunate in being able to decide relatively early not just the broad themes of the conference but its venue as well. We are extremely grateful to the Institute of Women's Studies at the University of Lucknow and to Isabella Thoburn College for agreeing to co-host the Conference. As it turns out, the northern region has been relatively less well represented in the history of IAWS Conferences, and it was therefore fitting that Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh be the venue for the IAWS Silver Jubilee. Both Isabella Thoburn College and the Women's Studies Centre have been actively involved in the promotion of women's studies in their work and teaching. A special word of thanks must be given to the previous Vice Chancellor of the University of Lucknow Prof. R.P. Singh who so readily agreed to allow us to draw on the facilities of the university, and also to the newly appointed Vice Chancellor Prof. Brara. The involvements of Prof. Rakesh Chandra, Dr. Nishi Pandey, Dr. B.R. Sahu and all the volunteers at the university, along with Dr. Elizabeth Charles and her colleagues at Isabella Thoburn have made this Conference possible.

The preparation for the Conference required the cooperation and time of many EC members. The General Secretary made a number of visits to Lucknow over the course of the last year. The Silver Jubilee booklet was prepared by Kamala Ganesh in Mumbai, and much of the coordination has been shared with Sumi Krishna. Helping with funding support was also not left to the responsibility of any one of us. Sub-theme coordinators and plenary speakers have also helped in shaping the conference and giving it meaning. The newsletters edited by Kavita Panjabi have been critical for reaching out to all our members.

Institutional Support

The EC records its gratitude to the Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi for its willingness to house the offices of the General Secretary and Treasurer of the IAWS during the term 2005-08.

The EC also records its gratitude to the Research Centre for Women's Studies at SNDT Women's University, Mumbai for agreeing to provide infrastructural support for the IAWS Archive.

Membership Records

The process begun in the previous ECs of streamlining the IAWS membership records is an ongoing one. The entire current membership record in all categories has been computerised by the Secretariat in Delhi. This has made it possible to retrieve membership details, keep track of lapsing memberships etc. Efforts are on to improve the system of addressing and mailing of newsletters, which is necessary because of an increasing number of members. At the same time, it is sometimes brought to our notice that members do not receive our communications. Please help us to keep our records up to date, especially when there is a change of address. There are still members on our lists whose addresses are clearly incomplete, in spite of all efforts to correct for this. We hope that the presence of the IAWS website will make communication that much easier.

The Table below on page 17 provides details of our overall membership to date, which comes to a total of 1548 members as of January 2008.

Life membership constitutes the main stay of our membership and we invite ordinary members to become life members by paying the difference. We are particularly concerned to augment our student membership, especially since life membership may not be easily affordable to this category. We have discussed the age criterion for student members in our EC meetings and would like to propose to our general body that the upper limit of the age criterion of 18-25 years be suspended – after all, research students are usually above 25 years of age. Proof of student status should be enough to qualify for student membership, and once they have regular employment, we can hope that they would become life members.

The amendments proposed by the previous EC in the last General Body have been incorporated on matters concerning the eligibility criterion for standing for election. Membership of at least one year is necessary for standing for election. Members can stand for election for a maximum of three elections of which two can be consecutive. However, we have encountered an unforeseen problem in registering these amendments in order to make the necessary changes in the IAWS Constitution. The office for the Registration of Societies in New Delhi has not provided us with the full set of documents necessary for the purpose – there is obviously a parallel system of touts in operation, who undertake to do this work for a substantial payment. Being unable to take such a route, we have not been able to fulfill this procedure.

Table - 1: Total Memberships - State-wise and Membership-wise

Total Members	1218	198	73	34	5	20
State	Life Members	Ordinary Members	Student Members	Institutional Life	Institutional Ordinary	Friends Associations
ANDHRA PRADESH	114	9	3	8		
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	3					
ASSAM	30	3				
BIHAR	12	2		1		
CHANDIGARH	22					
CHATTISGARH	4	2		1		
DELHI	150	34	1	6	4	
GOA	10	6	2			
GUJARAT	69	5	1	1		
HARYANA	12	1	3			
HIMACHAL PRADESH	8		1			
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	13	9				
JHARKHAND	17	1	0			
KARNATAKA	94	28		1		
KERALA	41	8				
MADHYA PRADESH	14	6				
MAHARASHTRA	277	27	17	10		
MANIPUR	4					
MEGHALAYA	5					
ORISSA	54	12	37			
PONDICHERY	5					
PUNJAB	11					
RAJASTHAN	52	7		1		
TAMILNADU	65	6	1	2	1	
TRIPURA	1					
UTTARANCHAL	2	4				
UTTAR PRADESH	63	8	4	1		
WEST BENGAL	66	13	3	2		
BANGLADESH		6				
(SRILANKA)		1				
OTHER COUNTRIES						20
Total	1218	198	73	34	5	20

Administrative Issues

Along with the President and other E.C. members I invite discussion on questions of administration. The archives of the IAWS have been housed in the SNDT University at Mumbai, and accounts, tax and funding matters are being based at the Centre for Women's Development Studies in New Delhi. We feel that this arrangement should continue, since it is otherwise extremely difficult to manage the affairs of the IAWS in a financially and administratively sound manner. We therefore request our members to ratify this arrangement. At the same time, these bases in Mumbai and Delhi should not in any way determine the location of the Secretariat, or indeed the identity of any of the future E.C. members or their office bearers – the IAWS must maintain its diverse character, including the location of a Secretariat according to the specificities of a particular EC and its respective office bearers. Thankfully, it has become that much easier with current banking procedures and the internet to facilitate communication and the transfer of funds.

Fund Raising for the IAWS and the Conference

Since financial matters are discussed in the Treasurer's Report I will not repeat them here. I would like to place on record our appreciation to the previous EC for the maintenance grant obtained from the Ford Foundation which we were able to draw upon during our term as well. All members have been active in obtaining funding for the current conference.

The EC feels that, considering that this is the Silver Jubilee year, the IAWS should begin to work towards building a Corpus Fund. Such a fund would make it possible to draw upon a steady source for carrying out regular activities, as well as being a core grant for major activities such as the Conference. We invite your views on how to implement this.

By way of a conclusion I would invite everyone to look out for the next round of elections for the new E.C. which will commence in March.

Helping with the coordination of the IAWS has been an important learning experience and one that will enrich me in the years to come.

January 2008

Mary E. John

EDITOR'S REPORT 2005-2008

The Editorial Team

The new editorial committee for the 2005-2008 term was formed shortly after the first EC meeting held in October 2005. It comprised Shefali Moitra, Paromita Chakravarti and Abhijit Sen, who were the director, joint director and publications officer respectively, of the School of Women's Studies at Jadavpur University, and Rajashri Dasgupta, longtime feminist activist and media person. The school also became the editorial office of the newsletter.

New Features

Women's Studies Centres and Schools have been publishing their research, documentation, and retrievals of women's voices for over fifteen years now, but little is known in one institute about the publications of another. So we started carrying publication lists of different centres and schools, with the aim of making available to every IAWS member, by the end of this term, a comprehensive bibliography of publications from women's studies research bases right across the country. So far, the women's studies publications of the universities of Dibrugarh, Calcutta, Jadavpur, Pune, SNTD and Dibrugarh; M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation; CWDS and Antarang Sangini, and the IAWS as well, have been covered.

In response to a widely voiced need for a sharing of Women's Studies Syllabi being taught in different institutions across the country, we also introduced the Syllabi pages, as an attempt to develop, across the next few issues, a collective resource base of information on Women's Studies courses in India. Kerala Agricultural University and the M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation; SNTD; CCS Haryana Agricultural University; Mangalore and Dibrugarh Universities, and the Institute of Women's Studies, Lucknow University and Isabella Thoburn College and Lucknow University have already been represented. There are plans to carry the WS syllabi of the Jadavpur, Jamia Milia, JNU, Calicut and Pune Universities as well as the M.G.A. Hindi University, Wardha, the CDS Trivandrum and the Madras Institute of Development Studies, in the next and final issue of this EC's term.

Information about new books from the publishing world too is not easily accessible outside of metropolitan centres; hence the Book News and Book Review pages were introduced, which covered news and reviews of books from a variety of regions across the country.

A Research Briefs page had also been launched in the hope of putting researchers in women's studies and gender studies in touch with each other. Unfortunately this did not continue beyond the first issue for lack of adequate response.

Obituaries also featured regularly. The loss of Dr. Phulrenu Guha, Chairperson of the Committee on the Status of Women, and a spirited pioneer of the Women's Movement and Women's Studies in India hung heavy over us in 2006. The November issue carried a double page spread as tribute to her. The May 2006 issue included an obituary of pioneering feminist scholar Betty Friedan, while the June 2007 issue paid homage to Leela Majumder, the much loved Bengali writer and to Mandakini Narayan, nationalist, revolutionary and women's movement activist from Kerala.

Highlights of the Issues

May 2006

This was the first issue of the newsletter after the XIth National IAWS Conference so it carried a summary report of the same. A significant development in 2005-2006 had been the constitution of the U.G.C. Standing Committee on Women's Studies, which, under the chairpersonship of Dr. Vina Mazumdar, had held consultations on Women's Studies in five regions of India; this issue carried highlights of the reports from all the regions.

The VIIth National Conference of Women's Movements, Towards a Politics of Justice: Affirming Diversities, Resisting Divisiveness, was held in Kolkata in September 2006. In view of our commitment to the linkages between women's movements and women's studies in South Asia, the Conference Call and tentative schedule released by the National Co-ordinating Committee (NCC) were also published in this issue.

Nov 2006, Vol 2 No. 1

To mark our entry into the 25th year of the IAWS, we launched this issue as the first one of Volume 2. All Newsletters following this carry the volume and issue numbers to facilitate archiving and future research.

The Report of the The VIIth National Conference of Women's Movements, put together mainly by the M.Phil Students of women's Studies, Jadavpur University, with some

contributions from Anandi, Gujarat, appeared in this issue. Another feature was the announcement of the IAWS Regional Seminars/Workshops and the Call for Papers – all the regional events shared in common the impetus for self-reflexive critique on the processes by which we produce knowledge – and to what ends we do so - in various fields of women's studies. The idea was that all these regional deliberations would then feed into the 25th Anniversary National Conference, the first announcement for which was also carried in this issue, along with a call for sub-theme proposals.

Another new and exciting feature in this issue was on the WS Archives that have been compiled not only in print but also in visual, audio and audio-visual media. CWDS, Indraprastha College, Zubaan and Sparrow, the pioneers in this field, all found place here. This issue also carried information on the IAWS website just re-launched thanks to the efforts of our president, Sumi Krishna.

June 2007, Vol 2 No.2

Reports of five regional seminars/workshops, North, South, East, West and Central were published in this number. The present EC had demarcated an additional Central Region, to enable us to develop a special focus on this area of low membership. In keeping with this aim to reinforce our activities there, a one day workshop was held in Amravati. Also covered was a timely event that marked our 25th year - this was the inauguration of the IAWS Archives, put together by our joint secretary Kamala Ganesh and her team, on March 14th, 2007 at the Research Centre for Women's Studies, SNDT Women's University Mumbai.

Dec 2007, Vol 2 No. 3: Special 25th Anniversary Issue

This number carried two special features. *Across 25 Years* presented the IAWS highlights of the last quarter of a century through a selection of excerpts from past newsletters. It also included a comprehensive listing, prepared by Sumi Krishna, of all the issues across the decades, by date, theme, editor and location; three essays on the role of women's studies in India during this period; and a note on the first phase of the archives.

The Lucknow Special section looked forward to this conference - it carried brief notes on our joint organizers, The Institute of Women's Studies, Lucknow University, and the Isabella Thoburn College, an essay on the women of Awadh, recollections of IT College, and an IAWS member's remembrances of growing up in Lucknow.

It is also cause for celebration that in our 25th year we have finally held our first regional seminar in one of the hill states of the North-East, at NEHU Shillong, the report and keynote address of which also find pride of place in this issue.

In Retrospect

Many addresses are still incomplete or incorrect on the membership list, consequently quite a few members' copies were returned the first time; their addresses were subsequently eliminated, or corrected in cases where correct addresses were sent in. Postage from Calcutta too proved to be a major problem, with post offices refusing to send bulk mail over 100 copies; and even after the newsletters had been mailed from several different post offices, we received too many complaints of non-receipt of newsletters, so the 25th Anniversary edition was sent on a CD to Delhi for the final printing and posting. Registering the Newsletter would help to overcome the postage problem as well as bring down the costs of postage.

The good news though is that we were successful in introducing soft copies of the newsletter, in PDF version, so one way of dealing with the postage problem would also be to e-mail PDF files to those well connected on the Net. Also, all the newsletters published so far are in the IAWS Digital Archive CD. However we are missing the sixth issue, published in 1998, just before the IVth National Conference which was held in Waltair (Vishakapatnam); if someone could please help us trace this, the entire set would be complete.

Although tasking, it's been a rewarding experience editing the Newsletter across this term, specially because of the sustained support and excellent regional seminar reports I've received from the EC, and the generous feedback we have got from all our members. It was also a matter of joy that others unrelated to the IAWS came forward – not just in friendship but also in commitment to the enterprise of women's studies; and they gave generously of their artistic expertise for the 25th anniversary issue: Malini Panjabi designed the cover, Rangan Chakravarty conceived the visual layout of *Across 25 Years*, and Epsita Halder created the *Lucknow Skyline*. Finally, a warm thank you to Abir Neogy, our layout and DTP person, for the sincerity and commitment with which she responded to every new demand we made; to Nandita Dhawan of the SWS, JU, for editorial assistance; and specially to Shrabani Majumdar, also of the SWS, JU, who never failed to come to the rescue in times of crisis.

Kavita Panjabi

TREASURER'S REPORT

Greetings to all members of the General Body present here.

I am happy to present a report on the finances and accounts of the IAWS relating to the term of the current Executive Committee.

The first meeting of the newly elected Executive Committee was held on 2-3 October 2005, when a joint meeting was held of the out-going and the new Executive Committee. I took charge as Treasurer from Padmini Swaminathan, the out-going Treasurer.

The detailed audited statement of accounts for the years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 (balance sheet and income/expenditure statements) are enclosed. While the audited statement of accounts for the year 2005-06 was submitted to the IT Office at Mumbai, it was possible to transfer this process to Delhi for the year 2006-07, which is where it will be submitted for the coming year as well.

The sanction of the maintenance grant from the Ford Foundation has been reported to you in the last Treasurer's Report. During the term of the previous EC, a maintenance grant of USD \$68,000 was sanctioned to cover a four year period from May 2004 to May 2008. This grant has made it possible to cover the basic costs of running an office, salaries to short term support staff, and for conducting EC meetings, regional workshops, bringing out the newsletters, and for preparations and inputs into the National Conferences. We are therefore in the final year of this grant and intend to apply for another grant in May this year.

We have continued the practice of maintaining a separate account for IAWS membership subscriptions. Since 03-10-05 when the current EC began its term, we have added 182 members to our list as on 15.1.2008. Table 2 provides a consolidated list of the additional members, in terms of their status and by different states.

During the tenure of this Executive Committee, we have held six regional seminars/workshops, in Mumbai, Bangalore, Kolkata, Amravati, Jammu, and Shillong. A total expenditure of Rs. 2,28,916 was incurred by the IAWS towards these events. The details of these have been reported on by the General Secretary. The collaboration of local institutions is gratefully acknowledged.



Table - 2

STATUS OF MEMBERSHIP	Nos.	State	Nos.
Life Membership	89	Andhra Pradesh	6
Ordinary Membership	78	Arunachal Pradesh	1
Student Membership	9	Assam	9
Institutional Ordinary Membership	2	Bihar	2
Institutional Life Membership	4	Chattisgarh	2
Friends of Association		Goa	7
		Haryana	1
		Himachal Pradesh	1
		J & K	13
		Jharkhand	2
		Karnataka	18
		Kerala	6
		Meghalaya	4
		Madhya Pradesh	0
		Manipur	1
		Maharashtra	20
		New Delhi	24
		Orissa	5
		Punjab & Chandigarh	3
		Rajasthan	10
		Tamil Nadu	12
		Uttar Pradesh	14
		West Bengal	14
		International	2
TOTAL MEMBERS	182	TOTAL	182
Total Amount towards subscription		Rs. 237550	

The present editorial team under the able leadership of Kavita Panjabi, has brought out four issues of the News Letter. A total amount of Rs. 1,55,611 has been incurred for the expenditure of publishing and printing these News Letters and posting them to IAWS members.

The present EC revived the laws website and initiated the process of creating a website and a web-archive, details of which have been mentioned in the General Secretary's report. Costs incurred in this connection have been Rs.55072.

The following Table 3 gives an overview of the funding position at the time when this EC took over from the previous EC and the position as on 31.12.2007.

Table - 3: Balance Funds taken over from the outgoing EC by this EC

(Figures in Rupees)

CASH & BANK BALANCES:	FUND TAKEN OVER FROM PREVIOUS EC AS ON 01.10.2005	CASH & BANK BALANCES:	BALANCES AS ON 31.12.2007
Cash in Hand	13232.86	Cash in Hand	18500.00
ICICI Bank-Chennai A\c 9206	1357535.37	ICICI Bank-Chennai A\c 9206	0
ICICI Bank-Chennai A\c 1774	421646	ICICI Bank-Chennai A\c 1774	0
HDFC Bank -Mumbai A\c 43633	867926.45	HDFC Bank -Mumbai A\c 43633	0
Union Bank of India -Mumbai A\c 2418	41951.52	Union Bank of India -Mumbai A\c 2418	22386.78
Bharat Overseas Bank A\c 2712	2004129.73	Bharat Overseas Bank A\c 2712	2008453.43
		HDFC Bank-Delhi A/c 3034	1301855.47
		HDFC Bank-Delhi A/c 3017	602306.63
FIXED DEPOSITS/ INVESTMENTS:		FIXED DEPOSITS/ INVESTMENTS:	
Fixed Deposits with HDFC	0	Fixed Deposits with HDFC	2500000
		(# 5844470007306,323; Maturity on 03.03.2008)	
		(# 5844470007313,330,340; Maturity on 01.09.2008)	
		Interest on FD(up to 31.12.07)	26385.7
UTI - 64	37240	UTI - 64	37240
TOTAL	4743662	TOTAL	6517128

We are in the midst of the IAWS XII National Conference here in Lucknow. We are also celebrating the Silver Jubilee of the Indian Association for Women's Studies in 2007-08. The donors from which the IAWS has received or would be receiving funds for the Conference are the Ford Foundation, HIVOS, National University for Educational Planning and Administration (deemed University, under the aegis of the Ministry of Human Resource Development), the Sir Ratan Tata Trust, and the International Development and Research Council (IDRC), Canada. We gratefully acknowledge this financial support for what continues to be a major event of the IAWS.

General Observations

Since, following the last elections, the General Secretary and the Treasurer are both now located in Delhi, the problems of coordination have been sorted out to a considerable extent. However, these problems may arise in future depending on the location of the office bearers. The decision to locate the finance and taxation hub of the IAWS office in Delhi will, it is fervently hoped, go a long way to smoothen the functioning of these transactions. The recent decision by the tax authorities to locate the Income Tax office (where we have to file our returns every year) in Delhi is also a big step forward in cutting down delays in correspondence as well as in person to person transactions on matters relating to tax. We have also obtained necessary TAN and PAN numbers for the Association's financial payments. It is hoped that over the next few years, the functioning of the IAWS, especially in matters relating to taxation, accounts, audit, general funding, etc. will further improve.

We have been sending returns on form FC 3 by the stipulated deadline of July 31st of every year to the Ministry of Home Affairs, relating to the FCRA funds.

Before closing, I would like to express my gratitude to all my colleagues in the Executive Committee who have helped me in carrying out my work smoothly, especially the President and the General Secretary. I also wish to place on record the services of Shri T.K. Babu who attended to the accounts work very efficiently in the first year of the present Executive Committee and to Ms. Lalitha Manohar, who succeeded him. I would also like to record the gratitude of the IAWS to the auditors, Shri Suri Malhotra & Associates for their invaluable help and guidance.

January 2008

C.P. Sujaya

INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES

Balance Sheet as on 31st March, 2006

(Figures in Rupees)

Figures as on 31-03-2005	LIABILITIES	Figures as on 31-03-2006	Figures as on 31-03-2005	ASSET	Figures as on 31-03-2006
68585.00	CAPITAL FUND: As per last balance sheet (Refer note no 2)	24888.55	53054.89	COMPUTER: As per Last year	46019.81
			7035.08	Less: Depreciation	27611.89
			46019.81		18407.92
467594.00	LIFE MEMBERSHIP: As per Last Balance Sheet	577139.00	8000.78	FURNITURE & FIXTURES: As per Last year	7200.70
79545.00	Add: Additions during the year	64500.00	800.08	Less: Depreciation	720.07
30000.00	Life Membership	50000.00	691639.00		6480.63
	Institutional membership	50000.00	7200.70		
577139.00			37240.00	INVESTMENTS: UTI 64	37240.00
	CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP: As per Last Balance Sheet	107500.00	4681.78	ADVANCES: TDS on FD Int. (P.Y 98-99)	0.00
107500.00			1868.00	TDS on FD Int. (P.Y 02-03)	1868.00
	OTHER EARMARKED FUNDS: As per Last Balance Sheet	68153.21	10191.81	TDS on FD Int. (P.Y 03-04)	10191.81
68153.21			15315.11	TDS on FD Int. (P.Y 04-05)	15315.11
	FORD FOUNDATION : As per Last Balance Sheet	384265.58	20000.00	TDS on FD Int. (P.Y 05-06)	1651.28
372104.54	Add: Received during the year	739166.00		Due from others	0.00
768040.00		1123431.58	7420.38	CASH & BANK BALANCES: Cash in Hand	6043.86
92246.61	Add: Interest allocation	12870.60	10000.00	Imprest-New Delhi	0.00
		1136302.18		HDFC Bank-Delhi A/c 7040	2191180.76
848125.57	Less: Utilised during the year	572794.00	563508.18	HDFC Bank-Delhi A/c 7077	432423.71
384265.58			1410860.63	ICICI Bank-Chennai A/c 9206	110.00
	HIVOS: As per last Balance Sheet	18496.85	169858.00	ICICI Bank-Chennai A/c 1774	110.00
18496.85			242770.45	HDFC Bank -Mumbai A/c 43633	0.00
	CURRENT LIABILITIES : Audit Fee payable	11224.00	464610.30	SBI- Goa A/c	0.00
11020.00	Sundry creditors for supplies and	7209.40	274934.89	Union Bank of India -Mumbai A/c 2418	20625.15
3600.00	Registration fee received in advance	0.00	30338.50	Bharat Overseas Bank A/c 2712	2004129.73
	INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT: As per Last Balance Sheet	2640178.62	1125627.90	DEPOSITS: Fixed Deposits with HDFC	0.00
2640178.62	Add : Excess of income over expenditure during the year	612980.15	3253158.77		
3878938.26	TOTAL	4745777.96	3878938.26	TOTAL	4745777.96

Note: Accounting policies and notes (Annexure A) form part of the accounts

For INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES

Sd/-
Mary E. John
General Secretary

Sd/-
C.P. Sujaya
Treasurer

Place : New Delhi
Date : 09-10-2006

AUDITOR'S REPORT
"Signed in terms of our report of even date"
For SURI MALHOTRA & ASSOCIATES
Chartered Accountants
Sd/-
V.K.Malhotra
(Proprietor)

INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES Balance Sheet as on 31st March, 2007

(Figures in Rupees)

Figures as on 31-03-2006	LIABILITIES	Figures as on 31-03-2007	Figures as on 31-03-2006	ASSET	Figures as on 31-03-2007
	CAPITAL FUND:			COMPUTER:	
24888.55	As per last balance sheet	24888.55	46019.81	As per Last year	18407.92
	Add during the year	5000.00	27611.89	Less: Depreciation	11044.92
		29888.55	18407.92		7363.00
	Less:Written off during the year	3706.80		FURNITURE & FIXTURES:	
		26181.75	7200.70	As per Last year	6480.63
	Less:Depreciation during the year	11572.75	14609.00	Addition during the year	5000.00
			0.00		11480.63
	LIFE MEMBERSHIP:			Less: Assets written off	3706.80
547139.00	As per Last Balance Sheet	611639.00	0		7773.83
64500.00	Add: Additions during the year	41300.00	652939.00	Less: Depreciation	527.83
611639.00			720.07		7246.00
	INSTITUTIONAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP:		6480.63	INVESTMENTS:	
30000.00	As per Last Balance Sheet	80000.00		UTI 64	37240.00
50000.00	Add: Additions during the year	10000.00	90000.00		
80000.00			37240.00	ADVANCES:	
	CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP:			Tax Deducted at source	38916.62
107500.00	As per Last Balance Sheet	107500.00	107500.00	Interest Accrued on FD	26302.68
	OTHER EARMARKED FUNDS:			Due from others	18078.00
68153.21	As per Last Balance Sheet	68153.21	0.00		
	FORD FOUNDATION :			CASH & BANK BALANCES:	
384265.58	As per Last Balance Sheet	563508.18		Cash in Hand	10272.86
739166.00	Add: Received during the year	0.00	6043.86	HDFC Bank-Delhi A/c 7040	0.00
1123431.58		563508.18	2191180.76	HDFC Bank-Delhi A/c 7077	0.00
12870.60	Add: Interest allocation	63576.80	432423.71	ICICI Bank-Chennai A/c 9206	0.00
1136302.18		627084.98	110.00	ICICI Bank-Chennai A/c 1774	0.00
572794.00	Less: Utilised during the year	593159.60	33925.38	Union Bank of India -Mumbai A/c 2418	22386.78
563508.18			110.00	HDFC Bank-Delhi A/c 3034	911039.47
	HIVOS:			HDFC Bank-Delhi A/c 3017	507846.49
18496.85	As per last Balance Sheet	18496.85	20625.15	United Bank of IndiaA/c 5242 Kolkata	19443.00
	Less: Utilised during the year	5000.00	13496.85	Bharat Overseas Bank A/c 2712	365081.23
			0.00		
	CURRENT LIABILITIES :			DEPOSITS:	
18433.40	Sundry creditors for supplies and expenses	12888.00	2004129.73	Fixed Deposits with HDFC	2577217.43
	INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:				
2640178.62	As per Last Balance Sheet	3253158.77	0.00		
612980.15	Add : Excess of income over expenditure during the year	301763.35	3554922.12		
3253158.77					
4745777.96	TOTAL	4548433.56	4745777.96	TOTAL	4548433.56

Note: Accounting policies and notes (Annexure A) form part of the accounts
For INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES

AUDITOR'S REPORT

"Signed in terms of our report of even date"

For SURI MALHOTRA & ASSOCIATES
Chartered Accountants

Sd/-

V.K.Malhotra
(Proprietor)

Sd/-
Mary E. John
General Secretary

Sd/-
C.P. Sujaya
Treasurer

Place : New Delhi
Date : 30-07-2007

INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March, 2006

(Figures in Rupees)

Figures for Previous year	Expenditure	Figures during the year	Figures for Previous year	Income	Figures during the year
	XI th Conference-Goa- Expenditures			XI th Conference-Goa- Grant Received	
	INSA-Delhi	15000.00	193368.00	ICSSR-Delhi	60000.00
	ICSSR-Delhi	60000.47		UNIFEM-Delhi	200000.00
	UNIFEM-Delhi	207382.50		DWCD-Delhi	135000.00
	DWCD-Delhi	225067.00		DWCD-Orissa	50000.00
	DWCD-Orissa	50000.05		HIVOS	537000.00
	HIVOS	537000.00		FORD FOUNDATION	216489.63
	FORD FOUNDATION	216489.63		ACTION AID	375000.00
	ACTION AID	500000.00			
10000.00	Audit Fee	10000.00	0.00	Grant received-Dept. of Women & Child Development	157668.00
1000.00	Service Tax	1200.00	998.00	Sale of Publication	0.00
20.00	Education Cess	24.00	11224.00	Ordinary membership	86980.00
404.00	Bank Charges	4542.49	0.00	Friend Ass. Membership	21500.00
0.00	Miscellaneous Expenses	1979.01	10000.00	Institutional Ordinary Membership	10000.00
0.00	Amount written off	24681.78	0.00	Registration fee received-Goa conference	501830.00
0.00	Expenses written off	18754.37	1500.00	Students membership fee	15250.00
7835.16	Depreciation	0.00	3249.89	Divident from UTI	2153.26
19110.00	Postage Expenses	0.00	5000.00	Miscellaneous Income	26688.49
40000.00	Workshop expenses	0.00	148009.80	Interest on FD	23209.16
1700.00	Salary	0.00	35867.04	Interest on Bank Accounts	79203.51
1245.00	Conveyance	0.00	183876.84		102412.67
550.00	Stationery	0.00	92246.61	Less: Interest allocated to Ford Foundation	12870.60
			91630.23		89542.07
	Excess of Income over Expenditure				
245019.96	Transferred to Balance Sheet	612980.15			
326884.12	TOTAL	2485101.45	326884.12	TOTAL	2485101.45

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Sd/-
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C.P. Sujaya
Treasurer

For SURI MALHOTRA & ASSOCIATES
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V.K.Malhotra
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Place : New Delhi
Date :

INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March, 2007

(Figures in Rupees)

Figures for Previous year	Expenditure	Figures for Current	Figures for Previous	Income	Figures for Current
	XI th Conference-Goa- Expenditures			XI th Conference-Goa- Grant Received	
15000.00	INSA-Delhi	0.00			
60000.47	ICSSR-Delhi	0.00	60000	ICSSR-Delhi	0.00
207382.50	UNIFEM-Delhi	0.00	200000	UNIFEM-Delhi	0.00
225067.00	DWCD-Delhi	0.00	135000	DWCD-Delhi	0.00
50000.05	DWCD-Orissa	0.00	50000	DWCD-Orissa	0.00
537000.00	HIVOS	0.00	537000	HIVOS	0.00
216489.63	FORD FOUNDATION	0.00	216489.63	FORD FOUNDATION	0.00
500000.00	ACTION AID	0.00	375000	ACTION AID	125000.00
10000.00	Audit Fee	10000.00	157668.00	Grant received-Dept. of Women & Child Development	0.00
4542.49	Bank Charges	1468.98	86980.00	Ordinary membership	5600.00
3203.01	Miscellaneous Expenses	1236.00	21500.00	Friend Ass. Membership	3523.00
24681.78	Amount written off	1868.00	10000.00	Institutional ord. Membership	0.00
18754.37	Expenses written off	0.00	501830.00	Registration fee received-Goa conference	0.00
0.00	Professional Fee	2245.00	15250.00	Students membership fee	750.00
			2153.26	Divident from UTI	1076.63
			26688.49	Miscellaneous Income	5550.00
			23209.16	Interest on FD	115278.53
			79203.51	Interest on Bank Accounts	125200.97
			102412.67		240479.50
			12870.60	Less: Interest allocated to Ford Foundation	63576.80
			89542.07		176902.70
			0.00	Royalty received	179.00
	Excess of Income over Expenditure				
612980.15	Transferred to Balance Sheet	301763.35			
2485101.45	TOTAL	318581.33	2485101.45	TOTAL	318581.33

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