



Call for Jans Gremmée Award 2014

The UWE president and the JGA committee calls for candidates for the Jans Gremmée Award 2014. Nominations should be entered before the 6 of August 2014 at Universitywomeneurope@gmail.com including a motivation maximum 400 words, a color picture of the candidate and CV.

Criteria for nomination for the JGA

- The award can only be awarded to a female citizen.
- The contribution for the nomination for the award must enhance European Matters and should be innovative.
- It is not obligatory that the award-winner is a member of UWE/IFUW. This is to make UWE outward-looking and innovative oriented.

History

At the occasion of the 16th IFUW Conference in Karlsruhe, Germany, a small group of participants took the initiative for the European associations/federations to start studying the consequences of the European developments for their organizations. Several meetings were held and in 1975, Jans Gremmée inquired at the IFUW headquarters if and how headquarters could help to further nomination of capable European women in positions of influence and decision-making in the new Europe. IFUW answered that it would undertake activities on a global level only. This meant that for any actions to the further interests of women in Europe, European associations/federations had to bundle their forces at a regional, European level.

In 1977 a few European participants at the 19th IFUW Conference Stirling, Scotland, took up the initiative to realize the Consultative Status for a new NGO to be founded for the University Women in Europe. A proposal thereto was launched by German DAB's Gisela Kessel (†) and the Dutch VVAO's Jans Gremmée in 1978. Several meetings were held and during a meeting in Luxembourg 28-29. November 1981 UWE started its official life. At that time, fourteen European NFAs (countries) participated. The Seat was to be in Switzerland. In 1982 the first Executive was chosen, with Jans Gremmée as its president.

Nowadays UWE is a network of Associations of University Women from twenty two European countries working in partnership with the Council of Europe and the European Women's Lobby to address issues impacting the lives of academic women throughout the European community. Its aim is to work towards an achievement of the goals of the Council of Europe and also to cooperate with all other European governmental and non-governmental organizations dealing with European matters and in particular questions affecting the lives of academic women.