

## The International Network of Women Philosophers holds its First Assembly at UNESCO

**Launched in 2007**, the International Network of Women Philosophers sponsored by UNESCO will hold its **First Assembly at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris (France)** on 14 and 15 December 2009. This Assembly will gather more than seventy women philosophers from all the regions of the world.

The **first day** of the Assembly - which will be opened by Pierre Sané, UNESCO's Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences - will be an occasion for the participants to examine the structure of the Network, its future orientations and its mobilizing driving force. Moreover, participants will reflect upon the major contemporary issues facing our societies from a philosophical perspective, and will discuss the following points on the agenda:

- Rational - Fundamental Problems / Founding Problems of the Network.
- Structure and Functioning of the Network - Statute, National and Regional Committees.
- Bridging People - Who's Who and the Electronic Bulletin.
- Future Orientations of the Network.
- A Woman and her Philosophy: About the Work of Nicole Loraux.

The **second day** of the symposium will be built around the question "What do men philosophers think about women philosophers?" The objective is to trigger innovative philosophical dialogue on the meaning of such a question in the light of the following themes:

- Who is Woman? Who is Man? - About a certainty without criteria.
- What I have learnt about Philosophy from my two Sisters - Philosophers.
- Sometimes a Woman Raises the Right Question.
- "Woman - Philosopher": Where is the meaning located?

The International Network of Women Philosophers sponsored by UNESCO currently includes more than 1,300 members from all the regions of the world, whose fields of activities reflect the great variety of practices that involve philosophy.

Its objective is to provide support for women's philosophical activities, to foster solidarity among them, to provide them with means affording them legitimacy, recognition and visibility. This Network is to serve as a platform at all levels: national, regional and worldwide.

- [Agenda of the Assembly](#) (PDF)
- [Website of the Network](#)

The Assembly will take place at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, Room IV.

The entrance is at: 125 Avenue de Suffren, 75007 Paris.

Time: 9.30 a.m. - 6.45 p.m. (14 December) and 9.30 a.m. - 5.30 p.m. (15 December).

\* Working languages: English and French

\* **Registration is free but compulsory**

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