



**OPEN SOCIETY INSTITUTE NETWORK WOMEN'S PROGRAM  
ANNUAL MEETING:**

**“BUILDING THE FUTURE OF OUR WOMEN'S MOVEMENTS”**

November 11–13, 2004  
Hotel Diplomat, Prague, Czech Republic

## **GOALS OF THE 2004 NWP ANNUAL MEETING**

We are thankful to the Open Society Fund–Prague for hosting the 2004 NWP meeting, **“Building the Future of Our Women’s Movements,”** the first all-network meeting to take place in a new European Union (EU) member state. We will use this opportunity to reflect on how EU accession has affected the position and status of women in a larger Europe and beyond.

It is also the first meeting since the transformational strategy for national women’s programs was announced by OSI President Aryeh Neier and NWP Sub-Board Chair Sonja Licht on July 23, 2003. The strategy was approved by George Soros, the OSI Board, and NWP Sub-Board in April 2003, and was further refined at the NWP annual meeting in Istanbul in July 2003. As a result of these policy decisions over the last three years, major developments have been happening within the NWP:

- ♦ *The majority of women’s programs of national foundations have started or completed feasibility studies to guide and inform their transformational strategies;*
- ♦ *Almost half of the national women’s programs have transformed or are in the process of transforming into independent institutional partners (IPs) of NWP;*
- ♦ *All network-wide NWP projects have developed new strategies oriented on sustainability of networks.*

Ultimately, 2004 and 2005 are crucial years for a successful transition from a network of women’s programs in the national foundations to a network of autonomous institutional partners. This important structural change in the institutional make-up of the NWP has prompted one set of goals for the Prague meeting:

- ♦ *to reflect on the changes that have happened at the national, regional, and network levels;*
- ♦ *to identify what works and what does not work and to find solutions for further effective development;*
- ♦ *to provide relevant technical assistance to institutional partners and women’s programs;*
- ♦ *to learn about transition experiences from other partner programs, networks, and organization.*

Another set of goals for the Prague meeting has been defined by the significance of 2005 as a year of strategic impact for the global women’s movement: It is the year of the 10th anniversary of the Beijing World Conference on Women, the 5th anniversary of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and the 10th Forum of the Association for Women’s Rights in Development (AWID). In line with NWP’s mission of “bringing the OSI ‘traditional’ region to the world” and connecting local, regional, and global women’s movements, NWP has invited key representatives of global and regional networks, and of the OSI network, in order to:

- ♦ *ensure that the original OSI region can make a difference at key 2005 forums and to identify connecting themes and issues among different regions;*
- ♦ *provide space for critical thinking on the role of the women’s movement in the new geo-political reality;*
- ♦ *share plans and develop ideas for strategic cooperation among regions and networks.*

The meeting is conceived as a laboratory of ideas. Less time will be devoted to formal reporting than to brainstorming, identifying and solving problems, and envisioning and planning for the future. Sessions are in the form of workshops and panel discussions.

## **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

### **ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS, HOTEL DIPLOMAT, PRAGUE**

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19:00                      **Informal meeting for new Women's Program Coordinators (WPCs), Institutional Partners (IPs), and NWP Country Liaisons.** *Conveners: Sonja Licht, NWP Sub-Board Chair, President, Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence. Anastasia Posadskaya-Vanderbeck, NWP Director. Debra Schultz, NWP Director of Programs. Eva Foldvari, NWP-Budapest Senior Program Manager. Kimberly Middleton, NWP Program Officer. Marla Swanson, NWP Program Officer. Phoebe Schreiner, NWP Program Associate.*

## **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

### **DAY ONE**

7:00-8:00                      **Breakfast at hotel (Loreta Restaurant).**

8:00-9:00                      **Registration (in hallway between Loreta Restaurant and Belveder Hall).**

9:00-10:00                      **Welcome. Introductions. Meeting and Goals Overview (Belveder Hall).** *Marie Kopecka, OSF-Prague Executive Director. Monika Ladmanova, Consultant and Board Chair, Slovak-Czech Women's Fund. Marta Kazakova, OSF-Prague Women's Program Coordinator. Gara LaMarche, OSI Vice-President and NWP Sub-Board Member. Sonja Licht, NWP Sub-Board Chair, President, Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence. Other NWP Sub-Board Members: Joan Dunlop, Charlotte Bunch, Emma Bonino. NWP Leadership: Anastasia Posadskaya-Vanderbeck, Director. Debra Schultz, Director of Programs. Eva Foldvari, Senior Program Manager.*

10:00-11:00                      **Discussion Session: The Global Women's Movement – 10 Years after Cairo, 9 years after Beijing, 2 years after Guadalajara: Changes, Challenges, Agendas for the Future – Cross Regional Perspectives (Belveder Hall).** *Convener: Joanna Kerr, Executive Director, Association of Women's Rights in Development (AWID).*

11:00-11:30                      **Coffee Break (Belveder Hall foyer).**

11:30-13:00                      **Discussion Session (Continued): Cross Regional Perspectives of the Global Women's Movement 10 years after Cairo, 9 years after Beijing, 2 years after Guadalajara: Changes, Challenges, Agendas for the Future (Belveder Hall).** *Convener: Joanna Kerr, Executive Director, Association of Women's Rights in Development (AWID).*

13:00-14:30                      **Lunch at hotel (Loreta Restaurant).**

14:30-16:30                      **Interactive Problem-Solving Workshops: Building Successful Women's Organizations and Programs (Belveder Hall).** *Convener: Ellen Sprenger, Consultant (Netherlands/Canada).*

16:30-17:00                      **Coffee Break (Belveder Hall foyer).**

17:00-18:45                      **Discussion Session: Building the Future of the Women's Movement in the OSI Traditional Region (Belveder Hall).** *Facilitator: Sonja Licht. Discussants: Erin*

*Barclay, Consultant. Dasa Duhacek, Faculty of Political Science, University of Belgrade. Larisa Fedorova, Executive Director Institute for Social and Gender Policy, Russia. Wanda Nowicka, Executive Director of the Polish Federation for Women and Family Planning, ASTRA. Valdet Sala, Consultant. Marina Tabukashvili, Open Society Georgia Foundation Women's Program Coordinator.*

19:00                      **Departure for dinner at the Letensky Zamecek restaurant.**

## **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12** **DAY TWO**

7:00-9:00                      **Breakfast at hotel (Loreta Restaurant).**

9:00-10:30                      **Panel Discussion: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights: The Long Road from Cairo, Beijing, and Beyond (Belveder Hall).** *Facilitators: Wanda Nowicka and Eva Foldvari. Discussants: Carmen Barroso, Regional Director of IPPF/WHR. Joan Dunlop, women's health activist, NWP Sub-Board Member. Adriana Lamackova, Pro-Choice, Slovakia. Sakena Yacoobi, President, Afghan Institute of Learning. (TBC)*

10:30-11:45                      **Panel Discussion: Are Gender Studies a Threat to National Security? The Politics of Introducing Gender Sensitive Education (Belveder Hall).** *Facilitator: Debra Schultz. Discussants: Dasa Duhacek, Faculty of Political Science, University of Belgrade. Eleonora Fayzullaeva, Women's Program Director, Uzbekistan. Olena Suslova, Women's Information and Consultative Center. Sakena Yacoobi, President, Afghan Institute of Learning.*

11:45-12:00                      **Coffee Break (Belveder Hall foyer).**

12:00-13:00                      **Panel Discussion: Beyond Tokenism: What Do Roma Women Really Want? (Belveder Hall).** *Facilitators: Enisa Eminova, RWI Consultant, Roma Center of Skopje and Azbija Memedova, Coordinator, Roma Center of Skopje.*

13:15                              **Boxed lunch. Departure for sightseeing.**

13:00-16:00                      **Sightseeing**

16:00-16:30                      **Return to hotel. Coffee Break (Belveder Hall foyer).**

16:30-18:00                      **Panel Discussion: The War on Women: The Need for Critical Reflection on Violence against Women. Perspectives from Around the Globe. (Belveder Hall).** *Facilitator: Elmira Shishkaraeva, Winrock International, Kyrgyzstan. Discussants: Charlotte Bunch, Center for Women's Global Leadership, NWP Sub-Board Member. Roxanna Carillo, Senior Advisor to the Executive Director, UNIFEM. Zohra Dawood, Executive Director Open Society Foundation South Africa. Hibaaq Osman, V-Day Special Representative. Slavica Stojanovic, Program Consultant, Fund for an Open Society-Serbia. Marina Tabukashvili, Open Society Georgia Foundation Women's Program Coordinator. Cheryl Thomas, Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights.*

- 18:00-19:30      **Panel Discussion: Strategies for Using Media for Social Change (Belveder Hall).**  
*Facilitator: Gara LaMarche. Discussants: Medea Benjamin, Code Pink and Founder and Executive Director of Global Exchange. Igor Blazevic, Director, One World Human Rights Film Festival. Mallika Dutt, Executive Director, Breakthrough: Building Human Rights Culture. Phoebe Schreiner, NWP Program Associate, Coordinator of Gender Montage Network Program.*
- 19:30              **Free evening – dinner on your own.**
- 21:00              **Optional Film Screenings and Post-Film Discussion. (Location TBA)**  
 “Password: Women” Directed by Anja van Oostrom (47 minutes) and "Autumn-Spring" Directed by Furkat Yakvalkhodzhaev (26 minutes)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13**  
**DAY THREE**

- 7:00-9:00              **Breakfast at hotel (Loreta Restaurant).**
- 9:00-10:30              **Panel Discussion: Gender Equality in the EU: Inclusion or Illusion? (Belveder Hall).** *Facilitator: Nicole Watson, NWP Consultant, Coordinator of EONET. Discussants: Monika Ladmanova. Agnieszka Grzybek, Director, OSKa, Poland. Valdet Sala, Consultant (Albania). Roxana Tesiu, President, Partnership for Equality Center, Romania. Alona Bruce, OSI-Brussels Deputy Director.*
- 10:30-11:00              **Coffee Break (Belveder Hall foyer).**
- 11:00-12:30              **Planning Session: 2005+ Avenues of Impact for the Global Women’s Movement (Belveder Hall).** *Convener: Charlotte Bunch.*
- 12:30-13:30              **Lunch at hotel (Loreta Restaurant).**
- 13:30-15:30              **Closing Session (Belveder Hall).**
- 15:30 – 16:00              **Coffee Break (Belveder Hall foyer)**
- 16:00 – 19:15              **Ida Kellarova workshop (Belveder Hall) [www.kellarova.com](http://www.kellarova.com)**
- 20:00                  **Departure for dinner outside hotel (Copacabana Restaurant).**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14**  
**DEPARTURE OF PARTICIPANTS**

- 7:00-9:00              **Breakfast at hotel (Loreta Restaurant).**
- 10:00-13:00      **\* FOR NWP STAFF AND SUB-BOARD MEMBERS ONLY\***  
**Brunch Meeting: Review of meeting outcomes and calendar for 2005 (Location TBA).**