

Full name of Association, when and by whom founded:

International Forum for Women founded in 1993 by Eufemia Teichmann, Professor Warsaw School of Economics

Full name of President and Board members (please attach the photo of the President and/or Board members):

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Membership (number) and information on regional/local divisions:

The forum has 130 members and one division in the northern part of Poland (Olsztyn)

Aims and objectives:

- To be pro-active in promoting the growing participation of women in economic life, in particular by lending support to women operating business ventures and by actively promoting the participation of women in the economic transformations in Poland
- To create and develop positive role models for women entrepreneurs and managers
- To create and promote education programs in economics
- To promote studies by the Warsaw School of Economics on the problems faced by women
- To develop international and inter-environmental contacts between women entrepreneurs and managers
- To create conditions conducive to the professional and social acceptance of members of the Association.

Profile of Activities and highlights (please use bullet points):

- To initiate discussion and study
- To organize seminars and training sessions for women within the academic and economic environments
- To publish and issue the quarterly journal "Women and Business" in Polish and English
- To patronate the American-Polish Library for Businesswomen, operating alongside the Warsaw School of Economics
- In November 2000, there was a training course organized for 25 members in the USA, during which time the participants met leaders and members of business women's organizations in Boston, New York and Washington.
- Close contacts to Swedish businesswomen through a project that aims to exchange knowledge and experience, give greater visibility to women running their own businesses in both countries and to create a network of business contacts between Polish and Swedish Women (contact: Sara Frykman, ACCANTO consulting)
- In July 2001, a joint project with Kirgistan business women's organizations was launched.

Cooperation with associations in other countries:

- “League of Professional Women”, Ukraine
- This forum is a member of the network Central European Business Women’s Academy (CEBWA) which was created in 1999 in Budapest. It gathers the following link organizations:
- “Association of Buisnesswomen” (KRUG), Croatia
- “Association of Women Managers and Entrepreneurs”, Czech Republic
- “Association of Business Women”, Yugoslavia
- “Business Basics Foundation”, Hungary
- “Center for Management Development” (PROSPECTA), Slovak Republic.