

## International Corner

# AWG's International Membership: Alive and Well

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The international members group of the Association for Women Geoscientists (AWG) prospered well in 2009. We currently have 21 active members from various countries including Australia, Botswana, Canada, Egypt, Germany, Iceland, India, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Switzerland. Our international members usually are considered "at large" AWG members because they are not associated with a formal chapter. Nevertheless, within the past year, we have received inquiries from international members about forming AWG chapters in Canada, Germany, and Puerto Rico. The contacts for these potential chapters are: Meghan Moore (mamarsters@gmail.com) for the Canadian chapter (the Canadian chapter would be based in Manitoba), Amy Chen (chen@geophysik.uni-muenchen.de) for the chapter in Germany, and Dr. Lorna Jaramillo-Nieves (jaramillolg@gmail.com) for the chapter in Puerto Rico.

Later this year, we will have an international member web page on the AWG website ([www.awg.org](http://www.awg.org)). This web page will serve as an additional place to give contact information for international chapters as they develop, highlight news of international events that may be of interest to our members, and post the International Corner articles that are published in *Gaea*.

The International Corner articles have added a new perspective to *Gaea*. Several international members have contributed throughout the year, and the list for 2009 follows:

January/February 2009 – "Taking Full Advantage of Opportunities: Skiing to the Top," by Sara Carena

January/February 2009 – "The Adventures of Fieldwork in the High Himalayas," by Dawn Kellett

March/April 2009 – "A Ticket To History," by Debbie Hanneman

May/June 2009 – "Geologic Hazards of the Arab World," by Kholoud Mahamed Ali

July/August 2009 – "President Obama Visits Egypt," by Kholoud Mahamed Ali

September/October – "Informal AWG Chapter Thriving In Puerto Rico," by Lynette Alomar

November/December 2009 – "Sinkhole Reminds Old Cairo of its Historic Tunnels," by Kholoud Mahamed Ali

Kholoud Mahamed Ali of Egypt won the 2009 AWG Exchange Award for her work as one of our International Corner columnists contributing to *Gaea*. The AWG Exchange Award is given annually to an AWG member for her work of informing women around the world about life in earth sciences. Kholoud's award was presented at the annual AWG Breakfast held during the annual 2009 Geological Society of America meeting in Portland, Oregon in October. Way to go Kholoud!

Last but not least, I would like everyone to be aware of the existence of the general "hardship" fund that is available for any AWG member who is having trouble paying for membership dues. This includes both international and domestic AWG members. Please e-mail me (Debbie Hanneman, [hanneman@jeffersonvalley.net](mailto:hanneman@jeffersonvalley.net)) if you are interested in applying for money from this fund, and I will pass your information on to our AWG Executive Committee.

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