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SPECIAL FEMALE INVENT EDITION 2003

RAISING AWARENESS & CELEBRATING OUTSTANDING INVENTIONS AND INNOVATIONS BY WOMEN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WORLDWIDE

First Global Conference and awards for inventive women is huge success!



Some of the 21 women honoured in London

TWENTY ONE INVENTIVE WOMEN ARE HONOURED IN LONDON

The inaugural Global FEMALE INVENT Conference and Awards 2003 received remarkable acknowledgement and support from several reputable bodies and was concluded with 21 fascinating women receiving special recognition awards at the Café Royal, London on the 24 April. The event was a great success characterized by a combination of issues relating to the innovative world and the commitment to overcome barriers and challenges relating to women getting new ideas to market.

Guests, Inventive & Innovative Women with distinguished speakers came out in support. Guests representing India, Sweden, Iceland, Finland, Canada, Nigeria, Switzerland, Italy, France, Ghana, USA, Cameroon, New Zealand, Australia, Egypt, Jordan, Estonia and the UK, came out in support of this unique international initiative.



Chaya Srivatsa
Guild of Women Achievers, India



Teresa Capece Galeota
Istituto per la Promozione Industriale, Italy



Chief Agnes Ojehomon
NANWIB, Nigeria



Paul Madden
Business Link for London



Maila Hakala
TULLIA - Women's Project, Finland



Ted Blake
Chartered Institute of Patent Agents, UK



Ms Agneta Hansson
WITEC, Sweden



Anne-Mari Rannamae
QUIN, Estonia

David Train of Trade Partners UK gives warm welcome address & opens GWIIN's conference



From left to right: **Arline Woutersz** - British Association of Women Entrepreneurs, **Bola Olabisi** of GWIIN, **David Train** - Trade Partners UK London, **Haifa Al Kaylani** - Arab International Women's Forum, **Maila Hakala** - TULLIA - Women's Project Finland, **Sarmite D. Bulte M.P.** - Canada, **Lorna Owens** Positive Vibe, USA

The 2 day global Female Invent event was declared opened on the 24 April by David Train - UK's International Trade Director for London co-sponsors of the event, welcoming all the international guests to London spoke about the contribution of British female inventors & innovators to the economy.

He acknowledged the many products, processes and services created by female entrepreneurs worldwide and stressed the importance of encouraging and harnessing the energy and enthusiasm of creative talent.

Commonwealth Business Council opens the Global Awards



Nancy Spence presents award to **Dr Seema Prakash** Glass Bead Liquid Culture Technology (GBLCT), India

Nancy Spence representing the Commonwealth Business Council co-sponsors of the event opened the GWIIN Award ceremony and celebrations and was full of humour and harmony - a natural tone encouraged by the celebratory atmosphere and exciting combination of presenters and speakers.

"We are proud to inaugurate the GWIIN awards with these outstanding women." says Bola Olabisi, Founder and CEO of the Global Women Inventors and Innovators Network (GWIIN).

"I congratulate these truly inspirational women who continue to show exceptional passion, tenacity and commitment to bringing their inventive and innovative ideas to market - this is the beginning of many opportunities which will continue to showcase women's innovative achievements worldwide".



Alan Wicher of IPI, UK presenting award to **Elinora Inga Sigurdardottir**, Royal Natural, Iceland



Dr Moussa (International Federation of Inventors Association), Geneva presenting award to **Solgun Drevik**, Sweden



Kikki Stridh of Sweden presents award to **Elham Zeadat**, Bloom Dead Sea Products, Jordan

LDA makes innovation a key priority



Tony Winterbottom, Director of Strategy, Implementation and Project Development at the London Development Agency which part funded the GWIIN event in his statement to GWIIN wrote:

"Innovation and invention are vital for London's economy which is why the London Development Agency has made support for entrepreneurs and innovators a key priority. We hope these awards will not only celebrate the achievements of some remarkable women inventors, but also help inspire other women to put their business ideas into practice."

Yvonne Thompson CBE of LDA presents award to **Londoner - Princess Adelaide Ofori - Olagbaju** for Kente Oke Loom

Mother of two becomes the British Female Inventor of the year for 'lite lift' shavings fork



Patricia Lynn Fearn, with Harriet Hall winner of the young female inventors category and Rachel Quayle winner of the innovators category

The British Female Inventor of the Year 2003 is Patricia Lynn Fearn from Wetherby, Leeds, for her Lite-Lift Shavings Fork, an ergonomically designed, lightweight, two handled Shaft for use in cleaning stables.

Mother of two, Tish's idea came after spending hours of painstaking labour in mucking her beloved horse's stalls, using traditional shavings forks. "Shavings forks are heavy and cumbersome and with mucking out being an arduous task at the best of times, the job was made doubly difficult with the inadequate equipment available on the market", said Tish.

Judith Rutherford and CEO of Business Link for London co-sponsors to the event gave an encouraging speech bringing much needed attention to the support and assistance available for those with innovative inventions from her organisation. Judith said she understood the uphill struggle inventors experienced and praised the many women who had reached this stage of special recognition.

The other BFIY Category winners are: **Elizabeth Paul's Vielle Clitoral Stimulator** for the Health Product Invention, **Leanne Courtney's Infant Travel Restraint** for the Safety Product Invention, **Princess Adelaide Ofori-Olagbaju's Kente Oke loom** for the Consumer Product Invention and **Norma McCulloch for the Breath of Life Resuscitator** for the Community Safety Invention.

Hewlett Packard motivates the young inventors



Jenna Hawkins, Harriet Hall, Sonja Mansfield-Smith, Eleanor Jones
The Hewlett Packard Laboratories, Bristol

The winner and runner-ups of the young female inventors category were invited to Hewlett Packard Laboratories in Bristol as part of their acknowledgement for coming tops amongst hundreds of entries in the national competition.

A truly inspirational day was the feedback received as the young inventors were treated as special guests of co-sponsors Hewlett Packard.

"I find it a place for learning new ideas because of the enterprising resources and the fully resourced environment. It certainly made a positive mark on the young ladies. I felt personally privileged to be present on the day and to see the girls receive this experience as part of their well deserved award" said Christine Kataike's - GWIN's Mentoring Co-ordinator.

The Young Female Inventors of the Year winners are: **Harriet Hall age 9 in 1st place** for her invention The Rubbish Bill Buster; **Eleanor Jones age 16 in 2nd place** for Top-E1-Arm; and Joint third place went to **Jenna Hawkins age 11** for her All-round Communicator and **Sonja Mansfield-Smith age 16** for her Walk Easy.

THE NEXT GLOBAL FEMALE INVENT - MARK YOUR DIARY 5-7 MAY 2004 GRAND HYATT SINGAPORE

MORE DATES...

22 - 24 October 2003

31 October 2003

6 November 2003

26 May 2004

Arab International Women's Forum International

European Federation of Black Women Business Owners Annual Conference & Awards

Nigerian Female & Inventor & Innovators Award

Canadian Women Inventors & Innovators Award

The GWIIN Global Awards 2003 Results

The following women were honoured with GWIIN Special Recognition Awards: **Elinora Singurdardottir** of Iceland for her Royal Natural Snack and QUIN Website, **Pia Gunharden Colan** from Sweden for her Carpe Novum Science Show Concept, **Elham Zeadat** from the Kingdom of Jordan with her Bloom Dead Sea Products, **Liala Abdel Monem** of Egypt for her recognition as the Mother of Invention in Egypt, **Rama Anand** from India for her Eco-friendly Recycling used tyres, **Salome Oseku Afful** for her Mensa Scarf & Cover Set, **Dr Ela Shah** for her Herbal Composition, **Karen Neasmith** for her Kanconnect/ the Dingo, **Louise Dale Fowler** for her Glass Smackers, **Mandy Haberman** as Inventor & Fairer System of IPR Campaigner – all from the UK.

Amongst these outstanding women receiving awards were the GWIIN panel of Judges' selection of the Top 10 which went to women representing India, Sweden, Finland, UK, New Zealand, Nigeria, Ghana and Iceland. Please find brief information on them below:

1. **Norma Doris McCulloch's, Breath of Life - a constant delivery resuscitator, New Zealand/UK.** An easy to use manual resuscitator designed as a sage alternative to mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. It is a product that any person can easily operate to help save lives without risk to his or her own.
2. **Mia Cecilia Seipal's, Boob clothing for nursing mothers, Sweden.** A double layer of fabric over the bust offering an overlapping opening. The opening is simply pushed back with one hand; allows breast-feeding the baby discreet and comfortable.
3. **Ulla Pohjola's, for her Illuminating Stone, Finland.** An amazing concept made reality. Paving stone, floor tiles, concrete material or any other type of paving surface illuminated by translucent tubes fitted into grooves made on said surface. Excellent for airports, hospitals, schools, commercial as well as residential dwellings. The possibilities are endless.
4. **Dr. Seema Prakash's, Glass Bead Liquid Culture Technology, India.** A novel advancement in the area of plant tissue culture.
5. **Princess Adelaide Ofori-Olagbaju's, Kente-Oke Fabric, Nigeria/Ghana/UK.** A fabric that combines the traditional narrow loom weaving techniques of the Ghanaian kente cloth and the Nigerian Aso-Oke.
6. **Kolfinna Knutsdottir's, The Wig Making Work, Iceland.** Headgear, scarf's made of textiles that include sun protection for the head from the sun's UV rays.
7. **Professor Margareta Welander's, The Green Factory, Sweden.** Development of a new technology which makes it much easier and cheaper to propagate woody species such as ornamental trees, bushes and fruit and even rare and unusual varieties.
8. **Caroline Wagstaff's, Bodybaster, UK.** Designed to allow you to get lotions all over the body, especially that awkward bit on your back.
9. **Solgun Drevik's, Absorbent Article, Sweden.** This invention is in the field of products for hygiene personal care and mainly feminine hygiene care as sanitary napkins, but also for diapers, incontinence guard or a party-liner.
10. **Rachel Quayle's, Perfume Partner, UK.** A new product for the global ladies perfume market. Ensuring that perfume lasts longer and no more product distortion. It helps to safeguard adverse imbalance reactions and skin penetration.

Small Business Service of the DTI promotes need for innovation and knowledge transfer

The presence of the Small Business Service London who were also co-sponsors of GWIIN did not go unnoticed at the GWIIN event on the 24 & 25 April 2003. It was apparent by their presence that recognising Diversity plays an important part in their work which includes ensuring that women owned businesses fulfil their full potentials. The central SBS office have recently produced a strategic framework for women's enterprise which acknowledges as part of its key delivery themes the need for promoting innovation and knowledge transfer.

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experts, voluntary organisations, enterprises and educational departments in finding effective ways of bringing the support, assistance, tools, advice and information that assist women and young people in achieving significant growth in innovation and business.

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