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#### "CARING ECONOMY: PUTTING PEOPLE OVER PROFITS"

On the third day of the 38th IAW Congress, the results of the Board elections were announced. 15 members from 15 countries and 4 continents were elected -many of whom are joining the IAW Board for the first time. Joanna Manganara emphasized that this is particularly advantageous because "new faces always mean new ideas." Details of the new board members are accessible via the IAW website.

In her welcome speech, Cheryl Hayles, IAW's incoming president, genially acknowledged IAW members for organizing and participating in the first digital Congress under the prevailing extraordinary circumstances. Looking back at 116 years of IAW history, she said, she was proud of the organization's achievements and excited to follow a care-centered approach for the future.

IAW members stressed the need to connect issues of women's rights and gender equality with international efforts to promote peace and finances. Referring to IAW's Resolution 2 on "Funding Healthcare not Warfare" which was adopted today, Heide Schütz (Frauennetzwerk für Frieden, Germany) encouraged members to look up their governments' military expenditure at SIPRI's Yearbook 2020 via <https://www.sipri.org/yearbook/2020> -the mantra being "we need vaccines not marines, we need hospitals not tanks!"

The promotion of a feminist foreign policy was also discussed as an issue for promotion. All four new resolutions are available on the IAW website at <https://www.womenalliance.org>.

Joanna Manganara, outgoing IAW President, called for a bolstering of IAW's spirit of community and cooperation. As part of her illustrious legacy, her VIDEO/ VLOG-project of [IAW's appraisal of the 4th UN World Conference on Women in BEIJING](#) was aired at the end of the 38th IAW Congress and watched with much excitement and approval by all and sundry.

IAW eagerly looks forward to Beijing+25+1 and the achievement of Gender Equality and Peace and of global Generation Equality in the near future.

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### **About International Alliance of Women**

The **International Alliance of Women** was founded in Berlin in 1904 and is an international non-governmental organization that works to promote women's human rights around the world, focusing particularly on the empowerment of women and development issues and more broadly on gender equality.

The basic principle of the IAW is that the full and equal enjoyment of human rights is due to all women and girls. It is one of the oldest, largest and most influential organizations in its field.

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