



WFRN 2013 Fall Update

Wow, 2014 [Conference](#) is On Track to be Even Bigger Than 2012!

We have received more than 700 presentations from 1,115 participants (compared to 800 names on the conference program in 2012). And we have 33 countries represented including Mongolia and Malaysia! By **mid-December**, presenters will be notified about the status of their presentation, the preliminary conference program will be available and you will be able to [register](#) for the conference.

Special Conference Networking Event on Friday, June 20, 2014

We are pleased to offer conference attendees the opportunity to sign up for the Manhattan Walking Tour in Times Square at 5 PM & Dinner in Hell's Kitchen at 6:30 PM

- A Historic Look at Times Square at 5 PM: Priced at \$25 per person, WFRN conference attendees receive a 20% discount, making it \$20.
- A Food Lovers Delight Tour of Hell's Kitchen at 6:30 PM: Priced at \$60 per person WFRN attendees receive a \$10 discount making it \$50 with all the food included.
- How about the Combo Tour? Combo both tours and your tour guide goes from one tour to the other with you for a seamless experience. Combo priced at \$85 per person with WFRN conference attendees receiving a \$20 discount making it \$65 for both tours with all the food included.

Go [here](#) for Instructions for Booking Your Manhattan Walking Tour

Pay Your 2014 WFRN Membership Dues NOW

WFRN 2014 Membership Dues are now available for purchase. Click on the link below to purchase your membership dues.



registration? Login and go [here](#).

NEW Research Spotlight Series

The WFRN [Committee to Connect Research, Policy and Practice](#) is delighted to share the inaugural Research Spotlight, [Why Spousal Attitudes Matter](#). The [Research Spotlight Series](#) is designed to highlight provocative research and to explore the implications of the research for organizations, individuals, communities and fellow researchers. We plan to feature research on a quarterly basis. To participate, please send a 2-3 sentence description of your research to [Karen Murphy](#), committee member.

Elections for 2 New Executive Committee Members

Elections will be held in early January 2014 for 2 new members of the [Executive Committee](#). Nominees were solicited from WFRN members and conference attendees. The Nominations Committee will consider all suggestions before circulating a slate of candidates in December, 2013. Thank you to Lotte Bailyn and Monique Valcour for your contributions from 2011-2013.

The Disability, Work and Parenting Study Group

The Disability, Work and Parenting Study Group was established in 2013 as a study group of the Work and Family Researchers Network. The aim of the group is to bring together researchers, practitioners and parents to share their knowledge, expertise and experience of being and working with disabled parents and parents of disabled children who are in or trying to gain paid employment. More about the Study Group is [here](#).

WFRN Committees Updates

Below is an update on the activities of WFRN committees:

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chair, Kathryn Fonner, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Thanks to former chair, Nora Spinks for her efforts. Nora is the CEO of the Vanier Institute of the Family, and her organization has been selected by the UN to help prepare the presentation to the General Assembly on the 20th Anniversary of International Year of the Family in 2014. Given this responsibility, Nora stepped down as the committee chair.

The Communications Committee established a [mission statement](#), reviewed and discussed new ideas for the WFRN Communications Plan, and proposed a networking and career development Q&A session for the 2014 WFRN Conference. *The committee is looking for new members.* Please contact [Kathryn Fonner](#) if you are interested.

Committee to Connect Research, Policy and Practice: The formerly named “External Affairs and Outreach Committee” has been renamed the [Committee to Connect Research, Policy, and Practice](#). Today, the committee launched the [Research Spotlight Series](#) mentioned above with the inaugural Research Spotlight, [Why Spousal Attitudes Matter](#).

International Committee: The [International Committee](#) hosted recorded keynote videotape presentations at their local institutions from the July 2013 International Community Work and Family Conference in Sydney. The committee also made the keynote videos available to the wider WFRN community in the [WFRN repository](#).

Membership Committee: The [Membership Committee](#) continues to distribute stickers and brochures at conferences to enhance awareness of WFRN and the upcoming 2014 conference. If you are going to a conference, and would like to recruit WFRN members or publicize the June 2014 conference, please [contact us](#). The Membership Committee created a “thank you” [email](#) to thank members for joining or renewing their membership and another email asking former members



conference to organize networking dinners.

Repository Committee: The [Repository Committee](#) was engaged in two main activities this fall: 1) planning for the 2014 conference and 2) investigating international websites collected by the International Committee. With respect to conference planning, we are leveraging a session already in place on social media that will incorporate information about the repository. In terms of our website research, Rense Nieuwenhuis on our committee examined websites of international work and family organizations and found that these international organizations have different goals from the WFRN, and do not maintain online research repositories similar to ours, so it appears that the WFRN offers something very unique.

Best at the holidays!

Judi C. Casey, Director