

Dear Principal

We write to tell you about a once-in-a-lifetime event and to request your support for teachers wishing to participate.

For the first time in the 103-year history of the International Federation for Home Economics (IFHE), a World Congress will be held in the Pacific Region. IFHE is an International Non Governmental Organisation (INGO), having consultative status with the United Nations (ECOSOC, FAO, UNESCO, UNICEF) and with the Council of Europe.

The 22nd IFHE World Congress (www.ifhe2012.org) will be held in Melbourne at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre **16 -21 July 2012**. This global event will bring together up to 2000 home economists and allied professionals from around the world representing the academic, school, community and family sectors.

As a professional association supporting teachers of home economics, food and technology, health and human development and textiles, Home Economics Victoria is very pleased to be the host organisation for such a prestigious event. We have a long and proud history including as a member of the Council of Professional Teaching Associations of Victoria (CPTAV) and as a partner of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) Strategic Partnerships Program. Our annual conference which is usually held in late November will be held in 2012 in conjunction with the Congress.

We are encouraging teachers to plan early to give themselves the best possible chance of attending this world congress and we ask for your support in a number of ways including:

- Providing time release for as many teachers as possible to attend the congress
- Providing as much financial support as possible to assist teachers with registration fees
- Encouraging and supporting teachers to submit an abstract to deliver a presentation. This could be an example of best-practice or an innovative school initiative
- Hosting a morning visit for international visitors at your school.

Your support of this World Congress is greatly appreciated. We are sure that attendance at this event will provide teachers with a unique professional learning opportunity which can only enhance their teaching in addition to developing their ever-important global networks.

Yours sincerely

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