

Dr Meera Bondre

Dr Meera Bondre has been unanimously elected the Vice President of the Graduate Women International (GWI), for the Triennium 2022 – 2025. GWI is our parent body, the head office of which is located in Geneva, and the Board and the committees change every three years.

Dr Bondre was the Convener of the Membership Committee of GWI in the past Triennium (2019- 2022) and carried out with her team, several interesting online activities to keep the members engaged and connected from the 54 member countries , across the world. She will continue to carry out the tried out good practices and add to them other innovative programmes during the current Triennium as the Vice President.

As the Convener of the NFA to NFA Stream of the Membership Marketplace, where joint projects are encouraged and conducted between two or more National Federations and Associations (NFAs), she is now planning to have a programme involving all the 8 Associations in the Asian Region, the UWAsia. She has revived UWAsia and currently is the Vice President of UWAsia also. Now she would be working to revive the NFAs in SAARC countries also.

Dr Bondre, an Ecologist and Hydrobiologist by education , was the only member from GWI to be invited to the UN Global Assembly, “Women and Environment: Partners in Life,” to present her work in the Area of Water from the Asia Pacific Region in Miami in 1991. This Conference was preparatory to the famous Rio Earth Summit (UNCED) which came out with the Agenda 21 document describing the norms to be followed in the 21st century by human beings in general, and different stake holders in particular.

Dr Bondre was honoured by the Indian Federation of University Women (IFUWA) as the IFUWA Centenary Icon in 2020, during the Centenary celebrations.

Besides serving as the President , Vice President , Treasurer, and Convener on various Committees, she has started two on-going activities , The Environment Cell and Chhand Ranga (Hobby Hues) , at UWA Pune. Currently, she is the Managing Trustee.

She is also a Founder Trustee of the NGO Arbutus founded in 1976, which works in the field of Environment Protection, Culture, and Education for Sustainable Development. She is also the recipient of the Bharat Jyoti Award for work in the areas of Science and Women’s Empowerment in 2003.