

Dr Nita Mawar , Former Convenor GWI-PDC. 2016 till 2022.

Dr Nita Mawar, MSc. PhD (Delhi Univ.) , PGD Bio-Ethics (IGNOU)
Formerly Director In Charge ICMR-NARI . A founding member and a Sr Scientist & HoD Social n Behavioural Research Division at ICMR-NARI since it's inception in 1992 till she retired, as DIC in 2014. Earlier at ICMR-NIV '91 to '92 ,Pune & ICMR-NIRTH , Jabalpur '84 to '90 . Earlier worked at NIHFWD, Delhi. Interest areas are Tribal health, women and children's health, later on Social and behavioural aspects of HIV and AIDS in women, youth, vulnerable populations and research and ethics. Working independently through intra mural and extra-mural (national & international) funding like, NACO, WHO, NIH-Yale Univ etc. for research, training and education, communication.

A collaborative intervention project funded by NACO on Dyad of Mother and adolescents reproductive health in context of HIV/AIDS with UWA Pune was also carried out .

She has organized several training programs, presented research papers at national and international conferences, including four at GWI. She has over 50 publications of articles journals, papers in books, research papers and edited a special issue of Eastern Medical Journal, publications in peer reviewed journals on Yoga intervention in PLHAs, HIV stigma, youth sexuality etc. She continues her research interests through teaching, member of Ethics Committee, Research Advisory Board member, and presentations at professional bodies like FERCI, UIAF, ICAES etc.

UWA-Pune, IFUWA and IFUW/GWI : Joined UWA Pune as a life member in 1991 and have played an active role as a member and holding varied positions :Treasurer , Vice President, and Managing Trustee.

Was having membership in various programs on Research & Development, environment etc.

At IFUWA, was Joint Secretary 2010 to 2013 and attended it's meetings Pune, Nagpur, Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad. Held two training programs 1 offline and 1 online with MsRanade.

GWI: At erstwhile IFUW and now Graduate Women International, presented papers at Australia(by Ms Veena Bathe) and at Turkey, South Africa and Geneva meetings. I was a member of GWI-Project Development Committee '2013-'16, it's Convenor 2016-'19 and again Convenor 2019-2022. I was with GWI-PDC for 9 long years a very

enriching experience to work with three GWI Presidents and two Directors 😊👏

The PDC enabled us to communicate with varied members , organize seminars in Johannesburg, online training program that enabled in capacity building, empowerment and decision making in women.

Such activities need to be done on a continuum and expertise must be utilized and shared.

Am a keen observer and now free to contribute through experience and also through personal funding



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