



Forum Européen des Femmes Musulmanes

RELEASE
General Assembly
Istanbul 2010, 2- 4 April

The fifth general assembly of European Forum of Muslim Women was held in Istanbul from 2nd - 4th of April 2010.

The General Assembly was, as anticipated, a great success, with attendees representing member associations in

Sweden, Denmark, Macedonia, Germany, England, Ireland, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, Greece, Ukraine, Bosnia and with the presence of the founding members and guests of honour.

The general meeting started on Friday evening with a talk by the president of the forum Noura Jaballah, in which she expressed her gratitude to the board of directors of the previous period and appreciated their great effort and team work throughout the last four years.

All guests including the Belgian Member of Parliament Mrs. Mahinur Ozdemir, the Moroccan speaker Mrs. Naima Ben Yaich and Mr. Ismael Jila, the president of Al-Hikmah association in Istanbul, declared their support for the EFOMW. They also highlighted the importance of women empowerment and the significance of women role to make change in all fields.

The second day was to discuss the general annual report and the financial report of EFOMW. The Directory members has also suggested an initial plan for the coming term highlighting the most important issues like:

- Developing human resource in the Forum.
- Activate the research committee CERIF.
- Activate the development committee.

As a part of discussing the future plan, the members of GA stressed the importance of the internal and external relations, especially the interconnection between the Forum and the member associations. The members of GA advised the next directories to put more effort to bring out the real image of Muslim women and work together with the supporters, to change the stereotyped image of Muslim women in Europe and help them to get their rights.

On Sunday, the GA concluded by presenting the annual report of the member associations and electing the new board of directors. Five members were elected and they are:

Noura Jaballah, Lamia Elamri, Hala Akari, Hela Khomsi and Hibah Aburwein.

the new board of directors have chosen Noura Jaballah to be the president of the Forum. Dorsaf Ben Dhiab and Sumaya Abdel Qader, were then suggested by the president, and been certified by the other elected directors to be the other two members to complete the board as it is stated in the Forum constitution.

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