

**Cyprus, May 15-20, 2017**

## **“The Leadership of Women: Cross-Cultural Competences in the 21st Century”**

### **Monday, May 15**

Events began with WCI members and attendees arriving at Kyrenia. In the early afternoon, members and guests attended a conference titled “The Leadership of Women: Cross-Cultural Competences in the 21st Century.” WCI President Maria Fernanda Arduino delivered the message at the campus of Girne American University.

In the evening, there was a Welcome Cocktail Reception at the Colony Hotel followed by a delicious dinner.

### **Tuesday, May 16**

The Board of Directors Meeting began at 9:00 AM at the Colony Hotel. The Minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting in Prague held in May 2016 and the Financial Report were approved. The WCI President offered a presentation about WCI in which the international consortium was defined and explained, especially to new WCI Member Clubs.

In the afternoon, members and guests listened to Guest Speaker Mrs. Narin Ferdi Şefik (TRNC Chief Justice, President of the High Administrative Court, Member of the Supreme Council of Judiciary and the Senior Electoral Council) on “The Legal and Social Position of Turkish Cypriot Women Past and Present.”





It was interesting to learn about the role of women in Turkey Cyprus and to deepen our understanding of the current reality through knowledge of the history of Cyprus.

Wednesday, May 17

The second WCI Board of Directors Meeting was held. Some Member Club Presidents, Club Liaisons, and Club Board Members presented their clubs. This is a unique way to learn about events that other clubs organize and to share experiences. The WCI Initiative and the WCI Blog were presented to the Board of Directors, who, in turn, offered valuable advice to put them into practice.

In the afternoon, WCI members and guests listened to Guest Speaker Mr. Ergun Olgun (former Undersecretary to the TRNC Presidency and Turkish Cypriot Negotiator) on “Cyprus: The Way Forward.” Mr. Olgun’s excellent presentation was followed by many questions by the audience.

In the evening, WCI members and guests had dinner at Kybele Restaurant in Bella-Pais Village, followed by a memorable concert at Bella-Pais Abbey. The views were magnificent, as was the sunset.

Thursday, May 18

Thursday began with a visit to Ramadan Cemil Private Museum where beautiful examples of Cypriot art were displayed and delicious Turkish coffee was served. Throughout the week, the hospitality of Welcome to Turkish Cyprus Club (Işin Ramadan Cemil, President;



Inci Mousaniff, Liaison; and all its members) made each event a token of friendship and warmth. Hifziye Zincir, WCI Director of Conferences, together with Işin Ramadan Cemil, supervised all details and ensured every success.

Attendees enjoyed sightseeing in the Old Town and in Nicosia, and appreciated SOS Village and the work done to provide children with homes and the possibility to attend school. In the evening, executives of the Cyprus Turkish Orthopedic Disabled Association came to Colony Hotel to have dinner with attendees.

Friday, May 19

### Farewell Dinner & Entertainment

In the morning, participants visited and enjoyed the Girne Harbour, Girne Museum and Girne Castle. The ladies from International Women's Club Baku hosted a lunch at the Jasmine Hotel. They played a video about Baku, danced, and

sang to music from Azerbaijan. It was a lovely reception.

In the evening, attendees were pampered with an exquisite Farewell Dinner and entertainment: a local folklore dancing group, and live music which invited all present to dance in a spirit of friendship and joy. As a surprise, Işin Ramadan Cemil, President of Welcome to Turkish Cyprus Club, gifted a WCI flag to President Maria Fernanda Arduino.

Saturday, May 20

### Post-Conference Trip

Beginning Saturday, May 20, a group of attendees went on a three-day trip to Famagusta to enjoy the beach and to spend a wonderful, relaxing time with friends.

A very special *Thank You* to all those who worked so hard to make the Board of Directors Meeting a huge success.

