



Plenary Session Wednesday 18 July

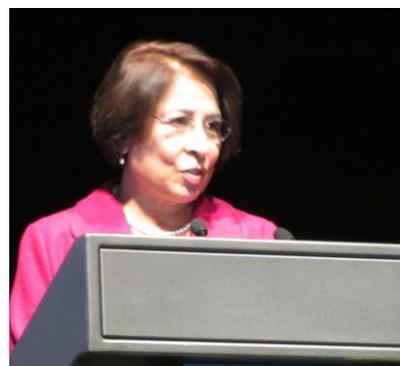
The plenary sessions today both highlighted an important message - look to ourselves as the best resource to take on the challenges of global wellbeing, whether it be focused on financial literacy or guaranteeing the future of the profession. The Young Professionals Network (YPN) keynote, presented by Amanda McCloat and Gwendolyn Hustvedt, featured a selection of international young professionals providing insights into their creative and innovative life spaces, utilising IT for full effect. The message affirmed that we have a strong interest from the younger generations and that aspirations are strong. (This video can be accessed from www.arlissrpad.com/ifhe.html)



Amanda McCloat & Gwendolyn Hustvedt,

In her keynote address, Professor Tahira Hira highlighted the breadth and depth of financial literacy. She broadened this focus to reflect on

the home economics profession, urging us to "rise to the occasion", to "bring [what we know] to others" and to rally and be "proud and loud". Professor Hira urged delegates and the broader profession to address what she believes to be the current challenge of the profession, which is to pull together to highlight the multidimensional potential of home economics, rather than focusing on isolated components.



Tahira Hira

Concurrent sessions and other featured events

Anyone who could not find something sensational to do in the sessions today simply must not have been looking hard enough. If the broad range of symposia, workshops and oral presentations did not keep you running from room to room then the Whitehouse Institute of Design Textiles Exhibition, the International marketplace, the technical excursions, the poster displays, the Best Practice exhibits, the trade expo and the time-out room surely must have. Without a doubt the opportunity for time-out with Australian wildlife

brought the most joy and excitement seen so far at congress. From hugging dingo puppies and cuddling koalas to patting crocodiles and wearing a python as a scarf, this activity appealed to all. And they were just some of the creatures everyone had a chance to come up close and personal with!



Wild Action! Wednesday 18 July

An absolute highlight today for many delegates today was the presence of some very exciting Australians. These furry and scaly creatures are from Wild Action (The Zoo Comes to You)! www.wildaction.com.au



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