



## INNER WHEEL REPRESENTATIVES AT THE UN

INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL IS AN NGO, INSERTED IN THE ECOSOC ROSTER.  
IT HAS SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES AT THE UN.

The original suggestion that IIW should apply to the United Nations for consultative status came in 1970 from Board Member Mrs Legarda, from the Philippines. Two years later, the ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council of the United Nations) confirmed the admission of Inner Wheel on the Roster of Organisations. Thanks to the availability of some members the representation and the presence of IW became a real possibility.

In 1993, at the 9th IIW Convention in Sydney, Australia, a General Motion was passed whereby International Inner Wheel must confine its involvement with the United Nations (e.g. ECOSOC and UNICEF) to being an Observer on the Roster with a consultative status.

The UN Representatives of Inner Wheel are coordinated every year by the current IIW Vice-President. They follow and assist the work sessions of the Commissions regarding important themes such as human rights, rights of children, conditions of women, the family, the elderly, and drugs. They report to the IIW Vice-President on the activities of the Committees and Conferences. They are our link with UN organisation, and in turn must report to UN on what we do in Inner Wheel. Copies of the annual reports from National Representatives are sent to our UN Representatives to keep them informed about the work of our members.

For many years, Inner Wheel has emphasised the importance of several major UN themes and has promoted their awareness and implementation.

We currently have seven IW members accredited at the United Nations offices in Geneva, Vienna and New York. They are:



Geneva:  
**Evie Marinoni**



Geneva:  
**Karin Rivollet**



New York:  
**Martine Gayon**



New York:  
**Michelle Burgess**



Vienna:  
**Ceja Gregor Hu**



Vienna:  
**Ulrike Nemling**



Vienna:  
**Gerda Beck**

Should you wish to contact one of the IIW UN Representatives, please do so via your National Representative or, in the absence of one, your District Chairman, or email to the IIW administrative office at [admin@internationalinnerwheel.org](mailto:admin@internationalinnerwheel.org).