

gathering the data for the Women's network education survey. A women's network representative will be also be added to the Red SEPA Coordinating Committee.

The Women, Globalization and Public Education Conference: There was much discussion about whether the conference should focus on gender issues and include both men and women or should be specifically for female educators and students. There was also debate about the breadth of the conference: whether it should focus on the impact of trade agreements on women in general or focus more on the situation of women in education systems and the impact of new reforms, policies and trade rules on their condition.

In the end, a narrower focus was agreed upon and the conference will be specifically for women educators and students. In the interests of facilitating communication between the Women in Education Network and the IDEA Coordinating committee, it was agreed that a Coordinating Committee Meeting would be held in Morelia on October 29 and that both male and female members of the committee would subsequently attend the Women, Globalization and Education conference.

The Red SEPA will seek to finance one conference delegate from each country participating in the IDEA process. Other organizations may send delegates if they cover their own travel and conference expenses. Organizations can send more than one delegate under the same conditions, but decision-making will be by organization, not by individual delegates.

Concerns were raised by delegates that there was no point in organizing a hemispheric conference if there are no regional infrastructures that will facilitate follow-up work. It was agreed to hold a series of regional women's network meetings prior to the Morelia conference. The objectives of these meetings are to prepare information and proposals to bring to the hemispheric gathering and to create regional women in education networks. Expenses for the regional meetings will be covered by participating organizations and to reduce costs will be "piggy-backed" on already planned regional educators or students' conferences wherever possible. The first of these will be the Andean region meeting that will meet in Guayaquil, Ecuador June 18 and 19. The meeting will involve female students and educators from Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia and Venezuela.

Adjournment: Although the meeting was scheduled to continue until 4:30 PM, it was adjourned at 3:30 because the CSQ announced they would have to close their offices early due to escalating conflicts between police and demonstrators on the streets outside.