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Looking back, Looking Forward: An International Perspective

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The recent IUPAP International Conference on Woman in Physics (ICWIP) held in Korea brought women physicists together from all over the world. It was a wonderful conference and the third in a series that began in 2002. How did these conferences originate? What was their driving force? What has changed in the intervening 6 years? I will give some of the history and my experiences in the role of secretary general and the first female officer of IUPAP. I will also share some thoughts about the future, and what must be done to make sure that the situation for women in physics continues to improve around the world.