

## NEWS

### **Metropolis Women International Network adds more antennas**

Since the latest Board of Directors Annual Meeting held in Buenos Aires in May, the METROPOLIS Women International Network has gained new antennas, all from Latin America.

Bogota, Quito and Caracas have all joined the network thanks to the great work and dedication of the Vice-presidency for Latin America, currently held by the city of Buenos Aires.

The Network is currently working to develop regional themed agendas as well as a position paper on large cities and women. In parallel, it is also working to implement gender mainstreaming in all of the association's activities and areas, as well as in preparing the agenda for Habitat III. In this regard, Vice-president for Latin America Marina Klemensiewicz, from Buenos Aires, will represent the Women International Network at the "Cities for Life" forum on 31 August and 1 September in Medellin, which will feature conferences on social management of the habitat as integration into the informal city.

One of the Network's main aims over the coming months is to incorporate new antennas in all regions. Coordination between the various regional vice-presidencies and the secretariat general of METROPOLIS is key in doing so. Work is also being done to organize the 4<sup>th</sup> "Dynamic Cities Need Women" World Forum to be held in 2016.

We would like to take advantage of this opportunity to congratulate and thank Francina Vila, from Barcelona, for all her work as president of the Network over the past years. Her brief but intense time in this position has been key in taking the Women International Network to the next level, becoming a full member of the association's Board of Directors for the first time in 10 years.

We want to thank Francina Vila for her commitment to our association and wish her all the best in her new adventure.