

## **THE WOMEN'S COUNCIL**

### **TRUSTEES REPORT—A SUMMARY**

TWC began the year in a rather more buoyant mood than a year ago. At the 2014 AGM we elected a new President whose interest in the aims and objective of the organisation encourages us all. Under the new shared funding arrangements, introduced in 2013, TWC is continuing to fund the core training costs of the Community Initiatives in Inclusion Regional Training Course run by our partner ADAPT, we are assisting with the provision of residential scholarships for women who otherwise would not be able to participate and we are providing help with their fares. ADAPT has assumed responsibility for underwriting the residential costs from their own donors as well as participants and their organisations. This last is important for the sustainability of the Course while it continues to play a key role in promoting Inclusion for children with disabilities in the Region, in line with WHO policy. Sadly TWC's other partner, SETI, which promotes similar CBR training in Arabic medium, was unable to operate in the Middle East due to unrest. TWC thanks these partner agencies for their wonderful co-operation and our Hon. Training Adviser for her invaluable counsel.

TWC has enjoyed a full domestic programme with an interesting range of cultural and fundraising events: our thanks go to those who gave their time, skills and experience to organising them. Their hard work is much appreciated. Our thanks also go to our Diplomatic Patrons and their friends who have so generously and enthusiastically hosted and supported events and to members who have attended them: lastly to those who increased their annual subscriptions in line with our 2013 increase. All this, together with some generous funding of places on CII 2014 by and through members, enabled TWC to end 2014 breaking even on its General Fund and with only very minor loss on its Training and Scholarship Fund.