

## October 2015

What wonderful news that we will be honoured by the presence of HRH The Princess Royal at the Glasgow Conference. I am sure all the delegates will appreciate the presence of HRH it will certainly be the icing on the cake.

As usual the Conference team and the Programme team are hard at work in the background ensuring that everything runs as smoothly as possible for what is hope to be an excellent Conference and Programme Action day.

The Programme team have had a skype meeting and discussed the best practice awards and we will, as before, be highlighting the work of many clubs from our Federation .

As many of you know Pat Black has been successful in her application for International Director of Advocacy and we wish her well in her new role, although she, like me, is continuing as an APD until later in the year. Pat will occupy a newly created role and continues what has been a wonderful succession of International Programme Activists, following Hilary Ratcliffe and Margaret Cooke from SIGBI. I am sure I speak for all of you when I thank them for their commitment and dedication in pursuit of our cause.



HRH Princess Royal  
joins Soroptimists for  
annual Conference

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Against all the excitement of the forthcoming Conference we have to consider the turmoil that is raging in so many countries- many clubs will have celebrated the International Day of Peace but for so many there is no peace. Internal conflicts, natural disasters, terrorism and political and

religious strife have created situations intolerable to thousands of men, women and children. At CSW last March, with the end of the Millennium Development Goals and the inception of the Sustainable Development Goals it was stated that “ we have come a long way”- Sadly we still have far to go.

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