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IFHE successfully holds first ever virtual Council and inaugurates Gwendolyn HUSTVEDT as new President

In normal times, the IFHE delegates assembly 2020 (Council) would have been held at the World Congress in Atlanta, USA and the new IFHE President inaugurated with over 1000 participants attending. As the “new normal” did not allow for this, IFHE seized the opportunity to set up its first ever virtual Council in its 112 years history.

The virtual Council proved to be an inspiring success. Almost 70 delegates from all over the globe registered to attend. They engaged in discussions during the live session and took decisions to ensure smooth operations until the Council in 2022.

Moreover, in light of the global situation, delegates adopted a resolution which highlights the importance of home economics educations in these challenging times.

The Council marked the start of **Gwendolyn HUSTVEDT**'s term as **IFHE President 2020-2024**. Gwendolyn, who had served as Acting President since the passing of her predecessor, shared her vision of a way forward and called out to strengthening collaboration and advocacy initiatives (see her statement on [Youtube](#)). The President is also chair of the Executive Committee which welcomed several new members.

Finally, we are glad to announce **Margaret ARCUS** winner of the **2020 Distinguished Service Award**. The award honors long-standing members for their outstanding contribution to IFHE and the profession as such.

Find detailed information on Council, the new President and Distinguished Services Award winner at the IFHE website (<https://www.ifhe.org/events/council-2020/>).

A Global Voice for Home Economics: Founded 1908, IFHE is the only international organization representing home economics and consumer sciences.

We advocate education & research on the responsible management resources at household and consumer level. Our perspective is global, we strive to achieve sustainable living for all.

IFHE has members in over 60 countries and holds consultative status with the UN.