

**REPORT OF
APWA'S EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
& VICE PRESIDENT UN & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
MS. SYEDA AYESHA JAVERI
INVITED AS A SPEAKER IN THE
1ST WORLD MUSLIM WOMEN SUMMIT 2016
ORGANISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY
ON 23RD TO 25TH SEPTEMBER IN KAULA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA**

APWA was invited to this event and Ms. Syeda Ayesha Javeri, Executive Vice President and Vice President United Nations & International Affairs and Salma Chundrigar, APWA member attended the event. The gala dinner was hosted by the Sultana Her Majesty the Queen of Malaysia TUANKU HAJAH HAMINAH at Seri Pacific Hotel, Kaulalumpur. Prof. Dr. Kamar Kamaruzaman was our immediate hostess and is the head of the NGO's, a brilliant liberal international intellectual.

The opening ceremony was magnificent, the hall held nearly 5000 women, the Prime Minister welcomed all and after his dynamic speech the country of Turkey was designated as the next Summit Islamic Meeting in 2017.

After this from 23rd – 24th there were two intensive absorbing days, listening to what the work the Muslim Women of so many countries, had done to uplift the status of the females under some very troubled times. They had attempted to bring peace to these war torn areas by advocating laws and amendments to the existing judicial system. In this Pakistan was included; we listened in horror to the pain of bombs dropped in Yemen, attack in Pakistan, riots in Kahmir, Kovosa suffering etc.

There were nearly 30 NGO representatives speaking on the podium. Pakistan was one of them and the speech printed in detail.

On the 25th after a Quranic Session, in a novel way as 5000 women read one ayat each, so nearly 200 Qurans were read, the Closing Ceremony took place where Pakistan Ambassador was given an award.

The Minister of Women's Department gave a detailed talk about the empowerment of women and the inclusive of all Quran injunctions for this. A great time was spent on Malaysian events.

Then a Sufi dance by the Dervishes of Konya, Jalaluddin Rumin ended a very pleasant and instruction session. Invitation had been sent by APWA to all it's branches and to the International but no one answered the emails. That was a lost chance indeed.

