

DIVERSITY SPECTRUM EXCELLENCE IN GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

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TODAY I HAVE THE DISTINCT HONOR OF SPEAKING TO YOU ABOUT AN EXTRAORDINARY PERSON. THIS PERSON HAD DONE IT ALL AND CONTINUES TO DO IT ALL IN HELPING THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN ---IN THE WORKPLACE, AT HOME, WITH THEIR FAMILIES, IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND AS IMPORTANT VOICES IN GOVERNMENT.

THIS PERSON IS TRYING TO HELP SOLVE THE MANY ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL, AND EDUCATIONAL CHALLENGES THAT CONFRONT WOMEN TODAY.

THIS PERSON HAS DEMONSTRATED COMMITTED LEADERSHIP TIME AND AGAIN:

- IN HONG KONG ON THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN
- AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK ON THE GLOBAL STATUS OF WOMEN
- AS ADVISOR TO THE HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT ON WOMEN AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
- IN WASHINGTON DC AS PART OF MY ORGANIZATION'S DIVERSITY COUNCIL.

THIS PERSON HAS CREATED CONFERENCES, AWARDS, WEBSITES, AND INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE ON WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES, WORK/LIFE BALANCE, IMPROVING WORKPLACE PRACTICES, AND GENDER EQUALITY.

THIS PERSON KNOWS HOW TO ARTICULATE THE WOMEN'S EQUALITY MESSAGE AND TO ENGAGE PEOPLE IN IT; KNOWS HOW TO SECURE NEEDED RESOURCES OF BEAUTIFUL SPACES, MATERIALS, AND SPONSORS; DEMONSTRATES PATIENCE, PERSEVERANCE, AND BELIEF THAT CHANGE IS NOT ONLY POSSIBLE, BUT INEVITABLE.

AND PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANTLY, SHE RESPECTS US ALL --- MEN AND WOMEN WHO TOGETHER CAN MAKE CHANGES THAT WILL BENEFIT SOCIETY HERE IN HUNGARY , IN THE EU, AND WORLDWIDE. YES, THIS PERSON HAPPENS TO BE A REMARKABLE HUNGARIAN WOMAN.

DIVERSITY SPECTRUM IS PROUD TO PRESENT ITS FIRST GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AWARD TO ANDREA FERENCZI, FOUNDER AND PRSIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN'S CAREER DEVELOPMENT IN HUNGARY.