

Follow-up



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH PEOPLE SINCE 1987

Jane—the entrepreneurial workshop leader, Six Thinking Hats® trainer, Sagittarian-straight-to-the-pointer and soon-to-be Granma—gets on the bandwagon with the creation of www.direct.ca/janedurant/. For those of you wondering (are there any of you left?) what “www” stands for, in addition to “wonderful, wacky and wise” (just kidding), it’s World Wide Web—yes, the Internet.

My vision for my business—now in its tenth year—is to consider the World as my workplace, and this is another way to move towards that.

This year sees me working in Australia, Mexico City, United Kingdom, and maybe Kuala Lumpur, as well as North America. To read about the event in Mexico City, see the WIT/IFWTO information in this issue.

After 14 issues of *Follow-up*, many of you have suggested we put it on e-mail or the Web. So we have. You can now get *Follow-up* in print, by e-mail, or from our Web site. Take your pick.

Like all change, it’s risky. We may have opened Pandora’s Box, but let’s take a chance—it’s worth it. The Web site was made possible by the efforts of Peter and Solving Problems with Technology, with assistance from Janice Harvey. The site will be updated from time to time—tell us what you like and what you don’t. Green Hat suggestions are very welcome. (For information on Green Hat, go to the Web Site and look at Six Thinking Hats.®) There’s a quiz there, too—you may win a prize!



International Federation of Women's Travel Organizations



May 1997 finds me working in both the UK and at the Annual Conference of the IFWTO in Mexico City. Olé!

The IFWTO has over 5,000 members in 25 countries. The idea originated in 1969 in the US, but the original eight charter members included London and Sydney. The original motto, "SPIRIT" (Society for the Promotion of International Relations in Travel), and the original theme, "People are more important than places," are still used by the Federation.

The highlight of each year is the Annual Convention, held in many exciting locations from Budapest to Bali (and Mexico City), which provides an opportunity for networking, professional development, business promotion and the awarding of special recognition to members who have

contributed outstanding service to the IFWTO, advancing worldwide tourism and travel.

Over the past few years, I have had the opportunity to work several times with the local branch and to speak at a Chapter Conference in Oregon. Thanks to the support and enthusiasm of Gladys Lund, the President of WIT here in Vancouver, and Marilyn Byfield, a past local President and currently one of the International Governors—Mexico City, here I come!

Hasta la vista!

Spring
Happenings!

- Effective Management—UMDS, London, U.K., May 1997
- Away Day (Retreat)—UMDS, Radiological Sciences group, May 1997
- "Are you a Gorilla, Spider, Heart or Clown?"—International Federation of Women's Travel Organizations Annual Conference, Mexico City, May 1997 (see profile this issue)

- Six Thinking Hats®—Olive Devaud Residence; Powell River, Pitt Meadows Council, and other municipalities; IFWTO (see profile this issue); City of North Vancouver
- Effective Supervision—Gourmet Baker, Laurel Plant
- Team-Building—Facilities people at University College of the Fraser Valley
- Communicating Effectively—BC Conservation Foundation

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THANKS FOR YOUR INPUT. In the last issue, we asked for ideas and many of you answered. Len Garis, the Fire Chief in Pitt Meadows picked a response at random. Barbara Ann Gibbons, who takes care of Housekeeping and Human Resources at the Coast Bastion Inn in Nanaimo, B.C. won a copy of "Management of the Absurd." Thanks to all of you who sent in suggestions; you'll see some of them in this issue.

QUIZ THIS TIME? You will find it at [//www.direct.ca/janedurant/](http://www.direct.ca/janedurant/)

- Managing Effectively, Level 1 and 2—Greater Vancouver Regional District, May/June 1997
- Advanced Supervisory and Management Skills—Simon Fraser University, June 1997
- Business prospecting and vacation in Sydney, Australia
- Contemplating International Federation of Training & Development Organizations Conference in Kuala Lumpur in the Fall.