

## The European Project for Interreligious Learning (EPIL)

The European Project for Interreligious Learning (EPIL) held in cooperation with the Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World (IWSAW) at the Lebanese American University was the last module of an adult education program for women which took place from February 4-12, 2004. This program explores problems of living together as Christians and Moslems. It should be mentioned that the program consists of five modules that were held respectively in Switzerland, Spain, Germany, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Lebanon.

Twenty seven participants from these countries attended the module. Emphasis was placed on various ways through which national reconciliation took place in Lebanon, and this through a series of lectures given by prominent Lebanese speakers. In addition visits were organized to various religious groups during which Lebanese women gave testimonies about how they lived the war.



IWSAW director Mona Khalaf, IWSAW program officer Anita Nassar with participants in the EPIL workshop

## Governor of New South Wales Marie Bashir Visits IWSAW



From left to right: Dr. Abdallah Sfeir, H.E Dr. Marie Bashir, Mrs. Mona Khalaf, Dr. Riyad Nassar and H.E. Stephanie Shwabsky

On March 23, 2004 the Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World (IWSAW) in collaboration with the Australian Embassy in Beirut hosted Her Excellency Professor Dr. Marie Bashir, Governor of New South Wales. Professor Dr. Bashir gave a talk on "Challenges for Women in a Changing World." The talk was attended by Ambassador of Australia in Lebanon, Her Excellency Stephanie Shwabsky, friends, Australian nationals, Professors, and students.

## IWSAW Celebrates International Women's Day

On the occasion of the International Women's Day, the Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World (IWSAW) at the Lebanese American University held, an exhibition "Women and War: Photos and Facts" on March 9, 2004. The exhibit highlighted the various roles women play in times of war namely as active participants, passive bearers or forceful agents for peace.



From left to right: Dr. Samira Aghacy, Dr. Abdallah Sfeir, Mrs. Mona Khalaf, and Dr. Tarek Naawas

