

WOMEN'S STATUS IN THE MOSLEM FAMILY .

I W S A W was invited to participate and attend different conferences in the Arab World dealing with various women's issues . The last conference that our Institute attended was " Women's Status in the Moslem Family " in Cairo . The representatives of I W S A W to this conference were:Dr. Julinda Abu Nasr , Dr. May Yahia and Ms. May Rihani.

The Conference was organized by the International Islamic Center for Population Studies and Research at Al-Azhar University. A great number of Universities and Academic Institutes and Centers from different parts of the Islamic World participated in that conference .

During the five plenary sessions of the conference, research studies were presented from experts on Islam and women's issues . The majority of the thirteen research studies that were presented belonged to the Azhar's

school of thought ; the two studies that deviated from the Azhar's trend were : "Modern Challenges Faced by Moslem Families " by Mawlana Kawthar Niazi , Minister of Religious Affairs in Pakistan ; and " Major Challenges Faced by Turkish Women : Legal Emancipation Urbanization, Industrialization.", by Dr.Nermin Abadan Onatt , Chairman of the Political Science Department at Ankara University .

This conference clarified important trends of thought that basically influence the Moslem World in general and the Arab World in particular ;and I W S A W being an Institute in the Arab World and wanting to examine the changes that affect women ; her self-image and her development ; and the religious, social , economic , and technological factors that can affect that change , considers the Conference on Women's Status in the Moslem Family as an enriching learning experience .