

## Regional Conference Gender and Communication Policy

A five day regional conference on "Gender and Communication Policy" in the Middle East and North Africa was jointly organized in Beirut, by the World Association for Christian Communication (WACC) and the Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World. Thirty participants from eight countries attended the conference. The discussions focused on media and media policy in the Middle East, media contest and violence, women's representation in the media, globalization of the media, and strategies for change.



Conference participants



Julienne Munyaneza (WACC) and Mona Khalaf (IWSAW)



Participants with WACC representatives and Mona Khalaf

## Seminar Making Women's Rights a Reality: The Lebanese Case

"Making Women's Rights a Reality: The Lebanese Case" is the title of a two day seminar organized by the Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World and Amnesty International. During the seminar Arab experts, from Bahrain, Egypt, and Lebanon, along with 30 representatives of non-governmental and inter-governmental organizations discussed several themes namely crimes of honor, optional civil marriage, Lebanese labor law, and the situation of women in Lebanese prison.



Lebanese participants with Amnesty International representatives





IWSAW Director Mona Khalaf and Dr. Nabeel Haidar Vice-President for Academic Affairs, LAU

## International Women's Day Photo Exhibit (Women Pioneers) March 6-20, 2000

On the occasion of the International Women's Day, the Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World, Beirut Campus held a photo exhibit in commemoration of women pioneers in Lebanon. The exhibit included seventy black and white photographs of fifty-five women. These women have played an important role in cultural, social, political, scientific, as well as artistic domains. The exhibit is the first phase of a project "Our Feminine Memory" which the Institute is undertaking and plans to complete by the end of year 2000.



Nada Moghaizel-Nasr in front of her mother's picture Laure Moghaizel



Nadine Beedache posing next to the photo of her mother Janine Rubeiz



Lama and Anbara Salam looking at the picture of their aunt and grand mother



Ibtihaj Kaddoura, Zahiah Salman, Rose Kettaneh, and Laure Tabet during a women's conference in Uzbekistan



Aliya Zaouk among her colleagues in the Child Welfare Association in Tripoli during the late 1940's.