



## **Together we can change everything!**

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**(left to right) Keynote speaker and Zontian Karin Nordmeyer; District 27 Governor Francine Dieltiens; Seminar Chairman and Zontian Anna Lukasiak; Stana Buchowska; Zontian Luba Maksymovych; Olga Skalska; Anna Szul-Szywala; and Zontian Victoria Onishuk.**

**About 50 Zontians from Poland, the Ukraine, Sweden, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxemburg, France and Germany met in late April in Krakow, Poland, for the District 27 seminar on "Trafficking in Women from Post-Communist Countries as a Source of Income."**

In her opening speech, District 27 Governor Francine Dieltiens welcomed Zontians from all parts of her very international district as well as guests from neighbouring districts.

Karin Nordmeyer, President of UNIFEM Germany, gave the audience an overview of the problem of trafficking and her activities as the representative of an NGO in the preparatory work for the Convention of the European Council. Meanwhile the "Convention on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings" was passed by the Council of Europe and signed by prime ministers and leaders of the 46 Member States of the Council of Europe at their May meeting in Warsaw. (<http://www.coe.int/>)

Trafficking of women from post-communist countries as a source of income was chosen as one special aspect of Zonta International anti-trafficking efforts of the current biennium, which is of great relevance to women in Poland and the Ukraine. But it does not stop at the borders of these two countries.

Stana Buchowska, representative of the "Foundation Against Trafficking in Women," Warsaw, Poland, defined the various aspects of trafficking as:

- a violation of Human Rights
- an aspect of migration