

FIDAPA BPW Italy

FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA DONNE ARTI PROFESSIONI AFFARI

International Federation of Business and Professional Women

Presented by Giovanna Gattuso

FIDAPA BPW Italy (Italian Federation of Women, Arts, Professions and Business) is an association made up of about 11,000 members in Italy and belongs to the International Federation of Business and Professional Women (IFBPW).

It is divided into 300 Sections distributed throughout the national territory, grouped into 7 Districts.

According to art. 3 of its Statute, FIDAPA BPW Italy is an independent movement of opinion; it is non-profit making and pursues its objectives without distinction of ethnicity, language, and religion. The Federation aims to promote, coordinate, and support the initiatives of women working in the field of Arts, Professions and Business, autonomously or in collaboration with other Bodies, Associations and other subjects.

FIDAPA MISSION

- a) to enhance the skills and preparation of societies by directing them towards social and cultural activities that promote the improvement of women's lives, including work;
- b) to encourage women to a continuous commitment as well as a conscious participation in social, administrative and political life, working to remove remaining obstacles;
- c) to be the spokesperson for women working in the field of Arts, Professions and Business, in national, European and international organizations and institutions;
- d) working to remove all forms of discrimination against women, both within the family and in the workplace, in full compliance with current legislation on equal opportunities;
- e) promote friendly relations, mutual understanding and fruitful collaboration among people all over the world. The Sections, following national and international directives, are committed to share these

intentions and to disseminate them in accordance with the founding principle of FIDAPA as a movement of opinion.

Giovanna Gattuso intervened in our meeting to represent the Roman branch of Fidapa.

Giovanna Gattuso is an esteemed teacher of vocal technique and an eclectic singer. She teaches in Italy, Canada, and the U.S.A. He developed a personal method of singing which is the fusion of a musical experience in an international and cosmopolitan environment combined with 20 years of teaching with students and singers of jazz, pop, rock and classical extraction, with conducting choirs and orchestras.

She conducts moreover choirs and orchestras.

Giovanna Gattuso joined our meeting specifically to present us the Fidapa initiative that she directs: *The Rome Fidapa Singing Sisters*. An initiative to allow non-professional singers to perform in public. A path of individual growth that allows women who participate in to develop both musical and relational skills.