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Families in Global Transition leads the worldwide community in empowering families and those who serve them in global transition. FIGT is the premier advocate and educational resource for families, organizations and service providers.

DATES FOR THE NEXT FIGT CONFERENCE HAVE BEEN FINALIZED!



Families in Global Transition

We are delighted to announce that the 2015 conference date and location has been set. This year, we will again be holding the conference in Tyson's Corner, near Washington DC, on March 6-8, 2015.

Our theme will be "Finding 'Home': Amidst Global Change."

Currently, the programs committee are working hard behind the scenes, expect to see an announcement about the Request for Proposals in the next newsletter. Follow #FIGT15 on social media.

Become an FIGT Member Today!

In March 2012, FIGT launched a new membership program, [click here](#) to learn more or join today!

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NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

We are pleased to announce that the election process has closed and that FIGT now has five new Board Members that will be taking up their positions starting 1 October.

We welcome the following Newly Elected FIGT Board Members who have been confirmed to serve the Organization for the 2014-2016 term:

- Linda A. Janssen
- Michael V Pollock
- Emily McDermott
- Claudia Koerbler
- Rebecca Grappo

They join the following continuing Board members for the 2014-2015 term:

- Kilian Kroll
- Katarina Holm-Didio
- Ghadeer Hasan
- Ellen Mahoney
- Julia Simens
- Rachel Yates
- Norman Viss
- John Liang
- Anne Vinson
- Mary Margaret Herman
- Maryam Afnan



The new Board will meet for the first time in October 2014, when the roles of each new and old Board Member will be defined as the Board sets the goals for the next year and begins its work.

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LEADERSHIP CHANGES!

The Board wishes to thank **Peggy Love**, our outgoing President who has served the Organization with excellence and dedication for the last five years and now leaves the Board.

Thank You Peggy!

Confirmed through the election process, **Kilian Kroll** will take on the leadership of the organization as President, starting October 1, 2014. **Kilian** has been involved with FIGT for several years and brings a wealth of experience and vision to this role.

In addition to **Kilian**, the Executive Committee of FIGT, which leads the work of the Organization, now includes **Katarina Holm-DiDio** as the new Vice President, **Rachel Yates** continues to serve as Secretary and **Norman Viss** continues in his role as our Treasurer.

Finally, the strength of the Organization is an active and involved membership. We encourage all members of FIGT to be involved in the work of the organization through the affiliates, or by volunteering and participating in the conference, just to mention a few ways to participate. Do not hesitate to reach out to the Board with questions, comments and suggestions.

NEW ON THE FIGT BLOG!



Accident Identity Confusion

What can you tell from my face?

My clothes?

My movements?

How much can you know before we speak?

Female. White. Young. Pretty.

Well-dressed. Confident. Wealthy.

Worthy? [Read more . . .](#)



Working Virtually Across Cultures

When communicating with colleagues around the world, email, teleconference and phone calls are the most common methods.

What happens, though, to the communication when those colleagues speak different languages, use different patterns of communication or have diverse work style preferences? [Read more . . .](#)

Contribute to our blog

Share your expertise and boost your social media reach by submitting to our blog. The blog is a showcase of FIGT Members' written work, focusing on the issues we study, the best practices we share and the strategies we provide to support the entire expatriate family.

Contributions of existing published work (eg blog posts, articles) or original work, are welcome from current members. Please submit links and a brief bio (see [our blog](#) for examples) to blogeditor@figt.org.

BOSTON AFFILIATE NEWS

The Boston FIGT affiliate will continue its regular meeting schedule in September with a discussion of members' immigration stories.

We meet in members' homes on weekends, with time for social connecting and a formal presentation. All in the FIGT community are welcome.

Please contact **Tina Quick** (tinaquick@comcast.net) to join our mailing list and hear about upcoming meeting details.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you have news to share?

Are you working on a new project, relocating, looking for feedback from the FIGT community?

Members are invited to submit no more than 250 words announcements to execdirector@figt.org for upcoming newsletters no later than the following deadlines:

September 1, 2014

September 22, 2014