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A Tour of the Displays

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Finlandia Hall was a hive of good humoured activity from early Sunday morning with members busy setting up displays, and our Finnish Seroptimist hostesses in their colourful regional costumes - all hand-made, many by their wearers - on hand to help.

The 'Continuous Help' Desk is open the whole time that the Hall is in use, and you can pick up copies of 'Arctic Circle' and 'Helsinki This Week'.

On the entrance floor, near the registration desk, is the Sydney 2003 SI Convention display. On the first floor, displays spread in both directions. Add your own Club's Best Practice to those already depicted on 'Seroptimists on the World Map'. See the displays prepared by SI Program Coordinators, SI Extension Coordinators, SI Extension Coordinators, UN Representatives, Unifem 'Women's Rights are Human Rights', 'Project Five-O' the Siam Project 1995-1999 and Limbs For Life 1999-2003. More displays on the top floor - including Open Heart Open Door (with application forms in 17 languages); entries for the SI/E Drawing Competition 'Children and Violence', SI Magadan's similar local competition; SI/E's 1999-2001 Federation project - 'Into the 21st Century with Youth', SI America Board; SI Europe Congress in Istanbul; the Silent Language of Pinkinys in Anatolia; and Women Behind the Veil.

Finnish Seroptimists have, in addition to all their other commitments, a bank of display boards depicting their work on the environment, for War Veterans, and against Drugs and Violence, and distinguished Finnish Seroptimists.

Don't miss any of these exciting depictions of our Seroptimist World and endeavours.

Lifting the Veil for the Afghan Women

Visit the exhibition on the second balcony, produced by Medicins du Monde, and promoted by EU Commissioner Emma Bonino. The exhibition is touring Danish Seroptimist Clubs who are advocating against the terrible conditions suffered by the Afghan women. For information contact Lisbeth Hass IGU Coordinator SI/E 1999-2001, or Hanne Jensbo, President Elect SI/E 2001-2003.

-- *Hanne Jensbo*