



Zonta International District 13 Conference Vilnius, Lithuania, September 4th – 7th 2025

Theme “Leading with purpose – Rising together – Empowering D13 Zontians”

The venue of the Conference is Holiday Inn Vilnius Hotel ([LINK](#)). Social events will take place at various locations in Vilnius. Registration page including the link to registration at the online platform NemTilmeld coming soon at the District website <https://zonta-district13.org/>. – stay tuned!

Participation in a District conference is important. The purpose of the Conference is to promote the objectives and programs of Zonta International and to conduct the business of the District. At a District Conference every member has a voice, and every club has a vote.

The District conference is our opportunity to:

- Meet other Zontians from Denmark, Lithuania, Iceland, and Norway
- Get new ideas for our Zonta work from experiences from other clubs
- Participate in inspiring workshops
 - Core values of Zonta – a good club life in a volunteer organization leads to success
 - Orange Days – 16 Days of Activism – inspiring for powerful activities by sharing tools and successes
 - How does the future Zontian look like and how do we empower (young) Zontians to work for women’s rights?
- Enjoy the beautiful city of Vilnius and surroundings

Market Square

The local clubs will present their merchandise at the “market square” for sale. Make your way to the Market Square in the breaks and support the projects of the Zonta Clubs in Lithuania.

Important information – Delegates and motions from Clubs.

Each club in good standing is entitled to one delegate and one alternate. Clubs with more than 30 members are entitled to two delegates and two alternates. If a club cannot send a delegate to the conference the club should ask another club to carry a proxy for the club.

The delegates shall register in the registration platform no later than the 5th of August 2025.

Proposals from clubs shall be sent to the Governor at ruta.jasione@gmail.com and to the secretary at zonta4womensrights@gmail.com no later than June 5th 2025.

Questions regarding the conference shall be sent to the secretary PIP Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard, zonta4womensrights@gmail.com, tel. +45 2275 4420.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Vilnius.

Warm regards

Ruta Jasioniene – District 13 Governor, 2024 – 2026

Price for registration, which covers the Business sessions including materials, coffee breaks and lunches:

Early bird registration before Sunday 6 th of July	190 €
Late registration after Sunday July 6 th	250 €
Youth registration (participants under 35 years of age)	75 €
On-site registration	275 €

Price for additional activities:

Welcome ceremony, Thursday 4 th of September	45 €
Dinner with other Zontians, Friday 5 th of September	50 €
Conference dinner, Saturday 6 th of September	100 €
Excursion, Sunday 7 th of September	50 €

Hotels:

A list of hotels will be provided later.

If the participants want to stay at the Conference hotel, **Holiday Inn Vilnius Hotel** ([LINK](#)).

Please use the discount code ZONTA, which gives you 10% discount..

- Single room: 86 € with the discount code (normal price is 96 €)
- Double room: 99 € with the discount code (normal price is 109 €)

Other Hotels:

- 500m distance- approx. 80/85eur per night (for single and double room) - <https://www.booking.com/hotel/lt/calvary-amp-restaurant-vilnius.html>
- 700m distance- approx. 80-90eur per night - <https://www.booking.com/hotel/lt/ibis-vilnius-centre.lt.html>
- Also plenty fo choices for apartment rent via booking and Airbnb within small distance from Holiday inn.

Preliminary program

Thursday, 4th of September 2025

17:00–18.30 **Welcome reception.** Guests are also welcome to attend

Friday, 5th of September 2025.

Venue: The Holiday Inn Hotel, Columbus Hall

08:00 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:30	First timer's orientation – Ragna (MJLØ asks)
09:30 – 11:00	Opening Session: Governor's welcome Welcome to Vilnius Message from the International President Salla Tuominen: Online 5 min International Representative: Sandy Venn Brown Entertainment
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:30	Keynote speech including Q&A
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch & Market Square
13:30 – 16.00	Business session 1 Election of the moderator Adoption of the legitimacy of the meeting Adoption of the agenda Election of two meeting secretaries, timekeepers and tellers Governor's report on the state of the district Lt. Governor's report AD's reports
16:00 – 16:15	Remarks from Governor Ruta
19:00 – 20:30	Dinners at Zonta Homes/restaurants/doing something together.

Saturday, 6th of September 2025

Venue: The Holiday Inn Hotel, Columbus Hall

08:30 – 09:00	Memorial Service
09:00 – 10:00	Business session 2 Treasurer's report on the audited accounts/balance sheets Adoption of the budget Adoption of the dues amount Election of governor, lieutenant governor, treasurer, treasurer alternate, auditor, auditor alternate and nominating committee
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break
10:30 – 12:30	Workshops
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch & Market Square
13.30 – 15:30	Business session 3 Proposals (from the District Board, from the B&RC, other committees) Proposals from the clubs Selection of the recipient of the surplus of the Conference if any Any other business
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 16:45	Key-note speaker
16:45 – 17:00	Final remarks
19:00 – 22:00	Closing banquet. Fine dining, entertainment, lottery and good company

Sunday, 7th of September 2025

Excursions in Vilnius

Draft Agenda for the Business sessions:

1. Election of the moderator.
2. Adoption of the legitimacy of the meeting.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Election of District Conference 2 secretaries, timekeepers and tellers.
5. Governor's report.
6. AD's reports
7. Treasurer's report on the audited accounts/balance sheets.
8. Adoption of the budget.
9. Adoption of the dues amount.
10. Election of governor, lieutenant governor, treasurer, treasurer alternate, auditor, auditor alternate, nominating committee.
11. Proposals from the District Board and from District Committees
12. Proposals from the Clubs.
13. Selection of the Zonta for Women Foundation Fund to donate the surplus if any.
14. Any other business.

Presentation of Keynote Speakers

Razan Haugaard



Razan Haugaard was married at the age of just 13 to a Kurdish freedom fighter and had to leave her hometown in Iraq to live in the Kurdish mountains, where she soon became a mother. Pursued by Saddam Hussein's troops, the family fled first to Iran and then via human smugglers to Europe, and finally to Nykøbing Falster.

In Denmark, a new chapter began for Razan, where she eagerly learned Danish, started her education and began to find her place in society. The challenges with her husband, who could not adapt to a strong and independent wife, led to tensions and later a divorce.

Razan shares her personal journey through marriage and divorce and talks candidly about her time at a shelter and the challenges she faced during a life marked by violence. In her talk, she will delve into topics such as escape, love, betrayal and grief, and how she has had to navigate between two cultures.

Today, Razan uses her rich experience and strength to help other women in difficult life situations, especially immigrant women seeking integration into Danish society. Her work and her ability to use her own experiences to make a difference for others is a source of great joy.

Second keynote speaker to be introduced later