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Dear Friends and colleagues,

On this special day dedicated to women, we organized a webinar about an under-researched topic: female suicide. This webinar benefited from a grant from Ozark Fiber Fling (US based) in memory of their friend, "Jill." [\(Click here for her/their story.\)](#)

Suicide is still far more common among men than women and rates are increasing in both genders. However, the rate of increase is higher for women. The US Center for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics found that suicide rates for women rose 45 percent from 1999 to 2014, compared to 16 percent for men. Moreover, suicide is the leading cause of death among young women in India, and rates for young and middle-aged women rank the highest among countries with similar demographics.

You could find the videos of the webinar on the Members Only page our website (www.iawmh.org).

I take this opportunity to encourage you, if you are not already, to become a member of our association, We provide special discounts which will give you the opportunity to benefit from reduced registration fees for our next World Congress. This congress will be held in Maastricht (The Netherlands) in September 2022. You will also have access to future webinars which will be free of charge for our members.

I wish you a happy 2021 International Women's Day.

With my best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'F. Thibaut'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Prof. Florence Thibaut
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