

## **Closing Message**

*By Violeta Passerini*

Good morning.

First of all, I would like to congratulate all the mothers today. Today is Mother's Day.

Thank you for all the nice words, very heart-fattening indeed – almost too good to be true.

However, let me share the compliments to each and everyone of you who participated because, for what is a party without the guests, be it simple or lavishly prepared. I truly believe that the success of the consultation lies, among others, in the simple fact that all of us did our part. Without your participation, we would never have enjoyed so much those three days and we would have missed out on an experience we will always remember. For us, your presence and active participation over the past few days was enough a reward. To my fellow group mates, we can say that, after all, it was worth all the effort. The satisfactory comments/ passing remarks outweigh all the kinks and glitches we had in the preparatory work.

To all our outside guests, we hope you had a memorable and productive trip and that you will return to your homes with many fond memories of your stay here in Aeschi. Further, I would like to take this chance to thank all our supporters, speakers and friends. Most of all, to our families for all their valuable contribution and understanding to our Igorot cause.

A very special thanks to Yvonne Belen for her dedicated effort as our adviser and her guidance in making the program. Many thanks also to Jürg Hafner for his countless support to the group. You made things easier for us. Lastly and foremost, our thanks to Kabunian for without His blessings, benevolence and guidance, none of these would have been possible.

Dakami ay i-Busa ya i-Pingad, no waday bisita wenno kabagia-an si parubuatanmi et kananmi en "adiyo linglinglingan dakami, manpahyal kayo abe kahin." In this case, goodbye is not the fitting word. I would rather use and say our Swiss dialect "uff Wiederluege," see you again.

Have a safe journey home. Until we meet again in Ireland.