

for the WABA Secretariat, Sarah Amin, Susan Siew and Anwar Fazal. I've learned so much. May you never stop doing this outstanding work, so necessary to men, women, babies and the world.

Denise Arcoverde, former WBW Coordinator and SC member

I worked with Denise Arcoverde of ORIGEM, Brazil, our enthusiastic and creative national contact, to develop WABA's first webpage and put WABA on the Internet in 1996. During the first WABA Global Forum in Bangkok, Denise and Cecilia Muxi were sending daily Forum activities and programme discussions to their counterpart in Brazil (webmaster of the WABA website), to upload on the WABA Forum website. It enabled many to follow the Forum proceedings worldwide. It was considered very advanced by 1996 standards when not many organisations, especially NGOs, had websites.

Susan Siew, Former WABA Co-Director

I was privileged to work on breastfeeding in the past 40 years on different levels and perspectives: mother-to-mother support (Amningshjälpen in Sweden), national level, international level, research, and training at the university. When working with Amningshjälpen and communicating with mothers – that is the real world where you recognise

the need for knowledge, support, and resources. With this awareness you know what is important to lobby for at the national level. At the global level you get the perspective on what is REALLY important. The global initiatives from WHO and UNICEF, and the information disseminated from WABA and IBFAN give strength to the work at the national level as well to mother-to-mother support, such as the World Breastfeeding Week. This connection to global networks like WABA benefit national-level advocacy and gives credibility to breastfeeding work while encouraging mother-to-mother support activities at very local levels.



- Elizabeth Kylberg, WABA International Advisory Council (IAC)