



## **WWW Center Hosts First ITF Summer School**

The International Federation of Transport Workers (ITF), the global federation representing 4.5 million union members in 148 countries, held its first-ever Women's Summer School the week of June 15 – 21, 2008 at the William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center in Southern Maryland.

Forty-two women from 26 countries, including Mongolia, Kenya and India have gathered at the WWW Center this week to strengthen their leadership skills and develop strategies to increase women's participation in unions. Among the goals of the week-long school is to share experiences and develop steps to combat the transnational companies that regularly pit workers against each other in their quest for the lowest wages and loosest environmental standards.

“Millions of women work in the transport industry and have first hand knowledge of the negative impact of deregulation, privatization and globalization,” said Transportation GLR Carla Winkler, who chairs the Civil Aviation Committee Sector. “This school is also an opportunity for these 42 women to share and learn from their extraordinary experiences in organizing, bargaining and problem solving under pressure.”