
Newsletter 2013/2



Message from the President

As we move towards the second half of the year, I look backward and I see a lot of accomplishments this year, but I expect even more successes from now on. Thanks to all the strategic actions we put in place early 2013, and thanks also

to the approval of the WIA Europe 2013 strategic plan, we expect to reach 300 individual members and our Corporate Members are increasing in number and scope. We need the involvement of everyone who feels concerned in the process we support, devoted to increase the presence of women in the aerospace sector and therefore in the society. Join and support WIA Europe: Together we can!

General Assembly 2013

On June 10th, our 6th General Assembly was held at Dutch Space in Leiden. The Assembly was attended by 20 enthusiastic members. In this newsletter, you will find more information about some topics discussed on June 10th.



Paris Launch



On May 24th, WIA-E has officially launched its Paris Chapter. The event brought together more than 100 people from space agencies, industries, research and scientific institutions, from other women networks and from the art's world.

Simonetta di Pippo, President of WIA-E, opened the event presenting the association and its objectives.

Four speakers were invited to highlight the multiple role of Space around the theme "Space for Inspiration and Women Leadership": Frances Westall, Astrobiologist, Director of Research, CNRS, talked about "A Geologist in Space", Simonetta presented "Space Women", Jean-François Clervoy, ESA astronaut, shared his experience about "Flying in Space" and Richard Clar, Space Artist, talked about "Space as an Artistic Medium".

This inaugural event was an ideal platform for WIA-E to reinforce its network, to attract new members and discuss future activities.



Fiorella Coliolo, the organiser of that event, will be the Coordinator of the WIA-E Paris Group.

Board of Directors

During our General Assembly, a new formation of the Board has been made. Angie Bukley (Treasurer), Bérengère Houdou (Director of Membership), Tina Büchner Da Costa (Director of Programmes) and Ariane Cornell (Secretary) ended their terms on the Board.

We want to thank them for their contribution to the Board of the last years.

Four other accomplished women have now been elected to serve on the Board of Directors of WIA-Europe.



Anna Schubert



Luisella Giulicchi



Fiorella Coliolo



Diana Pueyo

WIA Europe's Board of Director will be from now on:

Simonetta Di Pippo	President
Claudia Kessler	Chair of the Board
Anna Schubert	Secretary
Luisella Giulicchi	Treasurer
Andrea Böse	Director of International Relations
Lesley-Jane Smith	Director of Legal Affairs
Paola Belingheri	Director of Membership
Fiorella Coliolo	Director of Corporate Memberships
Agnieszka Lukaszczyk	Director of Communications
Diana Pueyo	Director of Local Groups/Training
Maria Cristina Falvella	Director of Mentoring

New Honorary Member

WIA Europe is very proud to inform you about the appointment of its newest Honorary Member, Jean-François Clervoy.



Jean-François Clervoy, ESA (European Space Agency) astronaut from France and brigadier general from DGA (Defense procurement agency) was born in 1958. JFC graduated from Ecole Polytechnique in 1981, from SupAero college of Aeronautics in 1983 and from Test flying school in 1987.

He flew on three missions aboard the space shuttle: in 1994 to study the atmosphere, in 1997 to resupply the Russian space station Mir, and in 1999 to repair the Hubble space telescope. JFC works as senior advisor for the ESA human space flight programs and as chairman of Novespace which organizes weightlessness parabolic flights aboard the ZERO-G airbus. He is member of several organizations for the promotion of space exploration and for the protection of planet Earth.



Events

Since our last newsletter, WIA Europe has organized some interesting (local) events and dinners. Please find a short summary below.



09 April	Local Dinner	WIA-E Bremen
17 April	Local Dinner	WIA-E Munich
25 April	Training: How to Manage your boss	WIA-E Munich
15 May	Local Dinner	WIA-E Munich
21 May	Brussels Space Policy Roundtable	WIA-E Brussels
24 May	Launch event Local Group WIA Paris	WIA-E Paris
08 June	Women and Work Fair in Bonn	WIA Europe
10 June	General Assembly 2013	WIA Europe
10 June	Networking Dinner	WIA Europe
11 June	Aerospace Women's Day	WIA-E Leiden
18 June	Lunch at ESA ESTEC in Honour of Valentina Tereshkova	WIA-E Leiden
18 June	Valentina's Space Night	WIA-E Bremen

Upcoming events

Of course we are also busy with organizing events for the next couple of months. Please find them below. If you want to be informed about the events of your area, please subscribe to the mailing list of your local group*.



08 July	Leadership Opportunities for Women in Aerospace	WIA-E Paris
17 July	Creating a company, why not?!	WIA-E Munich
30 July	Networking Dinner	WIA-E Bremen
04 Aug	Networking summer brunch	WIA-E Munich
29 Aug	Career of a Researcher	WIA-E Leiden
Sept (tbc)	IPAZIA movie night	WIA-E Leiden
Sept (tbc)	Wine tasting event	WIA-E Bremen
14 Sept	Munich Women's Run	WIA-E Munich
26 Sept	Networking training Warm-up	WIA-E Leiden
28 Sept	Training – How to manage your boss?	WIA-E Munich
18 Oct	WIA Europe Rome chapter official launch	WIA-E Rome

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Awards

WIA-Europe would like to recognize the achievements of outstanding individuals in aerospace and upcoming talents - young professionals and students alike - and for this we set up our awards programme.

Participation in the event demonstrates your commitment to WIA Europe's mission: to expand women's opportunities for leadership and increase their visibility in the aerospace community. The 2013 ceremony will be held in November.

We would like to remind you that our call for 2013 nominees is still open, so please send your nominations and applications to info@wia-europe.org. The deadline for this year is **October, 31**.

Please visit [the awards section of our website](#) for more information.

Publications



Simonetta Di Pippo, President of Women in Aerospace Europe, gave an interview to the Raumfahrt Concret about her insights into the general situation of women in space industry and space organizations.

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Claudia Kessler, Chair of Women in Aerospace Europe, wrote an article on the 50 Years of Women in Space and the Culture of Results.

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