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## Newsletter 2013/3

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### Message from the President



So far, 2013 has been a great year for Women in Aerospace Europe! After having officially launched the Brussels and the Paris chapters, we had a successful launch event in Rome on October 18th. With more and more local chapters, we have been able to increase the individual membership while the corporate membership has also been growing. We are also happy to announce that at the IAC 2013 in Beijing, the International Astronautical Federation approved during its General Assembly WIA-Europe as a member. What great news! With this membership, we are entering the inner circle of the influential organizations of the aerospace sector and we have no intention at all to stop our journey there. This is only one of the first steps on our path to becoming the preferred organization for women, and not only women, in the aerospace field who want to contribute to the progress of humankind. WIA Europe is your association, if you want to contribute to reaching a balanced gender representation in our society and if you advocate that aerospace is an important source of benefits for the humankind.

November 2013, Simonetta di Pippo  
President of WIA-Europe

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## Launch of WIA-Europe Rome Chapter

The WIA-E launch event for the local group in Rome on the 18th of October was a great success. More than 150 people attended, of which 90% were women. All participants of the aerospace community were represented, from industry to universities, from research centers to government institutions. The event was organized



by WIA-E members Cristina Valente and Paola Belingheri, in cooperation with FILAS, the Financial Development Agency of the Region Lazio. The mission of FILAS is to guide the economy of the Lazio Region and to promote development and innovation, especially

through the adoption of new technologies. FILAS manages tools related to innovation, new technologies and the net economy in order to strengthen the competitiveness of regional small and medium enterprises both in terms of regional product growth and external investment incentives. Participants enjoyed speeches from Simonetta Di Pippo (WIA-E President), Enrico Saggese (ASI President), Paolo Nespoli (ESA Astronaut) and Monica Pesce (President Professional Women's Association Milan). The event was moderated by Paolo Gaudenzi, professor for structures and aerospace systems and musical entertainment was provided by Ettore Perozzi with his show

"Rock Around the Planets". A great surprise for all was a special video from the ISS with Astronaut Luca Parmitano greeting the audience and stressing the importance of associations such as WIA-E for the advancement of women in their careers. The event continued with a networking cocktail in the beautiful cloister of the Aerospace Engineering Faculty. For coming events of WIA-Rome please check our website or contact the local group by email.



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## Breakfast and Networking Event in London

Around 20 earlybirds turned out for the European Planetary Science Congress 2013 Women in Aerospace (WIA)-Europe Breakfast, sponsored by Astrium. Over coffee, croissants and bacon rolls,



participants had a chance to network and learn about WIA-Europe. Lisa Peacocke welcomed participants on behalf of Astrium, which is a Corporate Member of WIA-Europe. Frances Westall, of CNRS, spoke of the importance of networks like

WIA-Europe in providing support and mentoring for women and offered advice - 'be stubborn!' - to those present. Fiorella Coliolo, Membership Director for WIA-Europe and Anita Heward, Press and Outreach Officer for Europlanet, expressed the intention of the two organizations to build a close collaboration into the future. Jean-Luc Josset highlighted the importance to the whole planetary research community of retaining the skills and knowledge of women at senior levels in both academia and engineering.

## World Space Week at ESTEC

On Sunday 6 October, the WIA-Europe Leiden group was present at the ESTEC "Open Day" with a dedicated stand as part of the exhibition "Netherlands in Space". The ESTEC open day was attended by 8500 visitors who took the opportunity to tour the European Space Agency's largest establishment located in Noordwijk. At this occasion WIA-Europe was approached by a large number of people, both aerospace professionals as well as general public.



## IAC 2013, Beijing

During the International Astronautical Congress in Beijing, China, the traditional Networking Breakfast of WIA-Europe together with the International Astronautical Federation IAF again offered an excellent



opportunity to reach out to different stakeholder groups. With more than 180 participants, this was the most successful WIA-Europe event in the frame of the IAC so far. Andrea Boese, WIA-E Director International

Relations, welcomed the participants and introduced the two speakers, IAF President Kyoshi Higuchi and the Chairman of the German Aerospace Center and Head of the German Space Agency, Johann-Dietrich Woerner. The fruitful cooperation with the IAF will be continued with networking events during the upcoming Spring Meeting in March and the 65th IAC in Toronto in September 2014.

## Winetasting in Bremen

Knowing about good wine contributes to a good business education. Therefore on Tuesday September 24th, WIA-Europe in Bremen organized a winetasting event at the “Finndorfer Weinladen” to get to

know the basics, such as: the differences between champagne and prosecco, traditional manufacturing processes, red wine can be made only from red berries but white wine from both....

In addition to this interesting information the wine tasted great and the networking was a lot of fun.





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## Upcoming Events

**Darmstadt, 13 Nov 2013, 12h** – Presentation about WIA-Europe by Claudia Kessler, at Eumetsat “Treffpunkt”: Atrium, Eumetsatallee 1

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## Local Groups - Upcoming Events

**WIA-Europe Bremen ([wia-bremen@gmx.de](mailto:wia-bremen@gmx.de))**

27 November 2013, 19h – Christmas Dinner

**WIA-Europe Brussels ([wibrussels@gmail.com](mailto:wibrussels@gmail.com))**

December 2013 - Networking Dinner

**WIA-Europe Leiden ([wia.leiden@gmail.com](mailto:wia.leiden@gmail.com))**

28 November 2013: Peer Review (Barbara ten Berge – HE Space)

**WIA-Europe Munich ([wia.munich@gmail.com](mailto:wia.munich@gmail.com))**

9 November 2013, 16h - Guided visit for WIA-E to the European Space Expo - Discover what Space Brings to Your Life

22 November 2013, 15h – Guided visit to Cassidian Manching

**WIA-Europe Paris ([fcoliolo@exoworld.net](mailto:fcoliolo@exoworld.net))**

5 November 2013, 20h - 3D movie “Gravity” at the private cinema of Warner Bros at Neuilly sur Seine, in the presence of the ESA astronaut Jean-François Clervoy and the French novelist & screenwriter Tiffany Tavernier. To register, contact [fcoliolo@exoworld.net](mailto:fcoliolo@exoworld.net).

**WIA-Europe Rome ([wiarome@gmail.com](mailto:wiarome@gmail.com))**

28 November 13, 19h30 – Aperitivo Caffè delle Arti, Via Gramsci 73

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