



NEWSLETTER 2013-4

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



As 2013 is getting to its end, the Christmas break is usually the right time to sum up. This year, WIA-Europe has a lot of reasons to be proud of its achievements and accomplishments. With more than 300 individual members, 11 corporate members and even more in the pipeline, we went above our growth expectations, thanks to all of you.

The strategic plan approved in June by the General Assembly featured key strategic actions, which we are systematically implementing and we have changed the organization of the Board with new and different functions to better serve our members and match our goals. 2014 will mark our 5th anniversary and to grow and get empowered, WIA-Europe needs each of us. We will discuss our results, plans and expectations at the next General Assembly on June 2nd in Italy. Stay tuned, details will follow soon! Until then, please accept my best wishes for a great 2014!

December 2013, Simonetta di Pippo

President of WIA-Europe

Guided Tour at Cassidian Manching

Ever wondered how a fighter is built? On November 22nd, the WoMen@Cassidian Network hosted an event for WIA-Europe at the home of Cassidian's Military Air Systems Centre, located in Manching (Munich area). A group of about 30 people, including more than



20 people coming from WIA- Europe, were guided by Claudia Haubach-Lippmann, Head of



Aircraft Production and Hans-Christoph Oelker, Head of Staff Site Management. Highlights of the tour were the integration area of the Eurofighter, an explanation of the complex refueling-in-flight process, as well as the impressive AWACS maintenance area. After the tour, presentations were held about the activities at WIA-Europe and at Women@Cassidian, which sparked a lively exchange of personal experiences and a discussion about the different benefits of both associations. Clearly the diversity of participants – employees from different companies and divisions, students, pensioners, men and women – fostered this rich exchange.

Christmas Events of Local Groups

During this year's festive season, WIA-Europe local groups held several Christmas events across the continent: around 20 participants each at the Brussels (Dec 3rd) and Bremen (Dec 4th) Christmas dinner, 10 participants at the Munich Christmas Brunch (Dec 15th), around 20 in Rome (Dec 12th) and 24 at the Paris Christmas Dinner on Dec 17th. Apart from atmospheric ambiance of the holiday season, the events were also an opportunity to listen to and discuss with some interesting guest speakers. In Rome, the WIA-E members met career guide author Flaminia Festuccia. At the Brussels Dinner, Belgian Senator



Dominique Tilmans as well as Silvia Bartolini, team member of the European Commission Vice President Antonio Tajani, spoke a few words. At the Paris Dinner, Claude Dubreuil, General Counsel at Astrium, and Delphine Gillaizeau-David, Head of Staff at the French Parliamentary Space Committee, shared their experiences and ideas for WIA-Europe activities in 2014.



New Corporate Members

As the year draws to a close, WIA-Europe is pleased to welcome its two newest corporate members. PLANETEK, established in 1994, is a small Italian company, passionate and skilled in space solutions, universe exploration and Earth preservation. Planetek's main application fields are environmental monitoring, cartography, space software and ground segment systems, planetary exploration, security and defense. The other new corporate member, SERCO, is a global management and service company with over 35 years of experience in the space and IT business. The company provides highly specialized services in several fields such as Earth observation, meteorological services, technology, and human space flight, to programmes and satellite missions for the European Space Agency (ESA) since almost 20 years. Welcome to our membership, Serco and Planetek!

Grants for 2014

January 31st 2014 is the deadline for applications to our grant programme for the first half of 2014! The programme provides grants of €500 to cover attendance at space workshops and conferences and is intended to support new and young colleagues with their first experiences in presenting a paper in an international context. To apply for a grant, please send us a short CV and abstract of the paper. For more information, take a look at [our website](#).

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Are you travelling and don't want to miss out on WIA-Europe events? Even if you are away from your home local group, as a WIA-Europe member you are welcome to join any local group's activities. So, before your next business trip to Paris, Munich or Rome (or Brussels, or Bremen, or Leiden...), check our [events](#) on the website for dates coming up in the respective local group. Stay tuned also for more local groups coming up soon!



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