During the World Space Week at Osimo (Italy), special attention has been devoted to the role of women in the STEM field. One of the central contributions on this topic was the talk “Women and Science, the perfect binomial”, delivered by Francesca Faedi, astrophysics from Warwick University. After the lecture given by Umberto Guidoni on the 6th of October, the following two days focused on women, among others with presentations by Annamaria Nassisi and Ersilia Vaudo, titled “The other Half of the Sky” and “Space to the future... of Marche” respectively. In their contributions they discussed the furtherance of female professionalism, reviewing the specific female experience in this field, and taking a look at the future of both, the role of women and the space/astrophysics.

On October 7th, a round table of women with outstanding careers in the industrial and scientific sectors offered a long excursus on the space ecosystem.

Round table with distinguished women employed in STEM, industrial and institutional fields:
Moderator: Claude Ngirumpatse, Internationalisation expert
And the following speakers
• Meri Marziali, Equal Opportunities Regional Commission President;
• Francesca Faedi, Astrophysics Warwick University; Premio Donna dell’Anno 2019
• Maria Massi, Astrophysics Max Planck Institut fur Radioastronomie;
• Francesca Micozzi, Centre of Innovation and Entrepreneurship of the University “Politecnica delle Marche”;
• Giorgia Pontetti, Aerospace Engineer, CEO Ferrari Farm;
• Teresa Cecchi, I.T.T. Montani di Fermo.

Agenda:
Keynote speech: Annamaria Nassisi, THALES ALENIA SPACE (Manager Strategic Marketing OEN), WOMEN IN AEROSPACE EUROPE (Chair a.i. and Director of Communications). Annamaria delivered a speech on the space industry (based on her long experience as an employee of Thales Alenia Space) with a special focus on the role of women in STEM, supported also by the Women in Aerospace association.
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