

IAC 2019

21-25 October 2019, WIA-E delegates attended the [70th International Aeronautical Congress](#) (IAC), an annual event that was held in Washington D.C. this year. Next to attending all of the [IAF "3G" IDEA Events](#), representatives of WIA-E joined the "Networking Reception with WIA Global Networks", organised by [WIA](#) with the aim to strengthen the relations between all WIA groups on a global level, and explore new opportunities for collaboration between the various branches of the association.

With the 60th anniversary of the first moon landing this year, the IAC 2019 has dedicated special attention to the event that has for decades captured the imagination of people everywhere around the world, and is now back on the agenda of space agencies worldwide. The events at IAC 2019 focused particularly on the collective, on the international story of limitless exploration, the inspiration, promise and discovery as well as collaboration and cooperation of a global community.

The centre of attention and the key narrative throughout the congress was the Artemis programme (named after Apollo's sister) that aims to bring the US and their partners once more to the Moon by 2024. The crew will consist of two women and two men. The emphasis on gender equality throughout the event was impressive and unprecedented. Its crucial importance was repeatedly stressed by speakers in the course of the congress, among them by honourable Mike Pence, Vice President of the United States as well as James Bridenstine Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Exciting years are ahead for the "Artemis generation"!