On December 11, WIA-E organised the special session “Women in New Space” in the frame of the first edition of the New Space Economy (NSE) European Expoforum.

“This international context was the ideal frame for us to invite a very diverse panel of speakers to share their views on the role of Diversity and Inclusiveness in the New Space Economy”, says Luisella Giulicchi, President of WIA-E.

The panel, moderated by Luisella Giulicchi, focused in particular on:

- opportunities and challenges in “New Space”, from the scientific, technological and economic points of view;
- the role of Diversity and Inclusiveness (D&I) in the evolution of the space sector;
- the role of “D&I” to foster innovation and growth;
- the importance of partnering with space faring nations and private space as well as non-space firms for achieving socio-economic impacts and global challenges;
- how young professionals can support the new space business in terms of D&I.

Speakers included:

- Maria Cristina Falvella President, Fondazione E. Amaldi;
- Agnieska Lukaszczyk, Senior Director for European Affairs, Planet Lab;
- Amanda Regan, Head of Invest Office, ESA;
- Luca Rossettini, CEO, D-Orbit;
- Joerg Kreisel, CEO, JKIC;
- Maria Antonietta Perino, Director Space Economy I-CIOS Program, Thales Alenia Space;
- Clementine Decoopma, Executive Director, SGAC.

The NSE Expoforum was organized by Fondazione E. Amaldi and Fiera di Roma in collaboration with Space Foundation and with the support of ASI and ESA. The NSE gathered together the main players of the New Space Economy including new industrial players, small and medium innovative companies, investors, startuppers, research centres and space agencies.

Organised by Fiorella Coliolo, WIA-E events manager, the panel “Women in New Space” was also an opportunity to promote WIA-E activities and to celebrate the 10 years anniversary of the association.
“To make real progress with diversity and inclusion in the workplace, we have to consider the human experience…” New York Times, Dec. 2019

“We need to celebrate diversity not equality”, highlighted Luca Rossettini, CEO of D-Orbit and President of AIPAS. “We all have a superpower that makes us special and different, and allows us to better perform our job”.

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