



WORLD FEDERATION OF ENGINEERING ORGANIZATION

Women in Engineering Standing Committee (WIE)

Activity Report

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Chair

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

The Standing Committee on Women in Engineering has a membership of 51 from 34 WFEO-FMOI member countries and some international organizations.

Members have been constantly reminded to confirm their nomination into the committee. However, some countries have not responded while 26 members have confirmed their nomination.

COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Committee Chair: Valerie Agberagba; Nigeria (doosh_ivy@yahoo.com)

Committee Secretary: Stacey DelVecchio; US (delvecchio_stacey_m@cat.com)

Committee Newsletter Editor: Reine Essobmadje; Cameron
(ree@evolvingconsulting.com)

Theme 1 Vice-Chair : Stacey DelVecchio; USA (delvecchio_stacey_m@cat.com)

Theme 1 Deputy Vice-Chair: Wen-Jean Hsueh; Taiwan (hsuehwj@gmail.com)

Theme 2 Vice-Chair: Yvette Ramos; Switzerland*
(yvette.ramos@swissengineering-ge.ch)

Theme 2 Deputy Vice-Chair: *open*

Theme 3 Vice-Chair: Ania Lopez; Italy (ania.lopez@cni-online.it)

Theme 3 Deputy Vice-Chair: *open*

Other Standing Committee participation:

Members are encouraged to participate in other standing committees.

WFEO WIE THEMES

THEME #1: Engineering Workforce Diversity

Theme 1 Vice-Chair: Stacey DelVecchio

Theme 1 Deputy Vice-Chair: Wen-Jean Hsueh

The Committee is working on feedbacks from Peru workshops.

THEME #2: Leadership and Empowerment

Theme 2 Vice-Chair: Yvette Ramos

Theme 2 Deputy Vice-Chair: *open*

THEME #3: Engineering Strategic Indicators

Theme 3 Vice-Chair: Ania Lopez

Theme 3 Deputy Vice-Chair: *open*

ACTIVITIES

The strategic report for Europe was presented by the Chair, Ania Lopez in Peru and it was commended. The Committee for Women in Engineering of the Federation of African Engineering Organisations (FAEO) have worked on Statistical Data for Women in STEM across three countries: Rwanda, Malawi and Nigeria and it is still work in progress.

WEBSITE

WiE page on the WFEO website has been updated with the membership nominations and their respective national members, minutes of meeting and Workshops presentations held in Lima, Peru, in December, 2016. Also uploaded on the website is the minutes of WiE meeting held in Amsterdam in May, 2017.

NEWSLETTER

The Committee has had challenges on the production of the newsletter through the year. Efforts are being made to resolve the issues at the Rome meeting.

EVENTS HELD

Summary of Peru Meeting

The Committee had two workshops in Lima along with the meeting session. The workshops were on two of the three themes:

- Leadership and Empowerment as an in-house workshop.
- Engineering workforce Diversity: The Executive committee led by the President Jorge Spitalnik, STC chairs and National members honoured our invite and were in attendance.
- There were a lot of discussions on the material used and suggestion on how to improve on the contents and presentation. The Committee will review all feedbacks and incorporate corrections as necessary. Further discussion will be in Rome, 2017.

PICTURE GALLERY



Fig: 1.0 Workshops on Diversity and Inclusion

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

March 8th was the United Nations International Women's Day. The Committee was in communication with members encouraging different activities to mark the day.

However, towards the programme, The Peru Engineers Association invited a 10minutes recorded message for the programme been organized to celebrate the Day.

The Chair of the Committee therefore recorded a message that was sent to all members to use in the respective programmes.

•kindly find the video link below

<https://youtu.be/RDOfrvpFmQ8>



Fig 2.0 The Recorded Broadcast at Peru

THE (WIE) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN AMSTERDAM.

The Committee held a meeting on 17th May, 2017 in Amsterdam. The meeting discussed ways of improvement specifically in the following areas:

- Communication: To improve on effective ways of communicating information among members.
- Member Engagement and Strategic Alignment: To establish focus topic for the year from around the WIE three Themes.
- Ways to drive consistent action year-round.

below is a link to an interview of some members of the committee during a networking event in Amsterdam.

<https://www.facebook.com/SWEEurope/videos/1369391603152072/>

Photo Gallery



Fig 3.0 WIE Meeting in Amsterdam

PARTICIPATION AT THE 61ST COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN EVENT OF THE UN

The Committee was represented by the Secretary, Stacey DelVecchio. Also in attendance was WFEO President-Elect, Marlene Kanga and Executive Committee member, Li Roumei (China)

DISCOVER GLOBAL MARATHON: FOR, BY AND ABOUT WOMEN IN ENGINEERING

The Chair (Women in Engineering) was invited as a Speaker/Mentor on the on-line global marathon programme with a huge online participation of young /middle level engineers. She was on air on the 9th March, 2017.

The comments and reports have been very encouraging. Feedbacks from the session have been overwhelming.

“Yours was a very powerful presentation:” Barbara Pontello, one of the organizers.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE MUMBAI

The Chair was invited by the World Trade Center, Mumbai as Speaker to the 6th Global Economic Summit on Women's Empowerment: Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Capacity Building. This was held from 27-29th March in Mumbai. The trip to the programme was sponsored by the Nigerian Society of Engineers.

4TH UNESCO ENGINEERING WEEK AND 2ND AFRICA ENGINEERING CONFERENCE

The Chair was at the 4th Unesco Engineering Week and 2nd Africa Engineering Conference from 25th to 29th September, 2017 in Kigali. The trip to the programme was sponsored by the Nigerian Society of Engineers.

Photo Speaks



Fig 4.0 The Chair (WIE) Presenting at the Africa Engineering Conference 2017.