



## President's Report 2019

The last WiN Global Annual Conference was held jointly with the IYNC in Bariloche, Argentina in March 2018. This WiN Annual Conference was notable for being the first one to be held in Latin America and the first joint one with the young nuclear generation. For all of us it was a special challenge and great excitement. All went well and I am confident to announce that it was a very successful conference. As usual before the conference the Executives and Board members met to prepare the agenda items for the General Assembly of 2018, where the Chapter reports were given jointly with the young nuclear generation, also the first of its kind in WiN history. Those who could manage to attend in Bariloche, experienced excellent meetings including cultural and technical highlights. Again, many thanks go to WiN Argentina, namely Juana and her WiN members for their efforts, and to IYNC Global and IYNC Argentina, and especially to all our sponsors. The efforts were highlighted by a special award presented to Melina Belinco, Denis Janin, Christian Vega and myself on behalf of the joint organizing team during the WNE exhibition in Paris in June 2018. The last Executive and Board meeting of 2018 was held in conjunction with Fem'Energia 2018 and the celebration of WiN France's 20-year anniversary in October in Paris as well.

As announced in Abu Dhabi 2016, when I took over from Se Moon, my priorities were and are the maintenance of WiN Global as a legal entity, the strengthened use of social media, and mentoring & communication. The committees have started their work; the Mentoring Committee chaired by Heather Kleb, the Communication Committee by Hasna AlBlooshi, replacing Susan Brisette whom I want to thank for her long-term dedication. Hasna was already very active as a new Executive to produce a new WiN flyer and WiNFO design, and to provide the WiN present boxes you have been given today in Madrid. I want to thank both ladies and their management heartily for this commitment and support. The mentoring is becoming a standing item on the agenda of each WiN Annual Conference as you can see from the programme in Madrid.

I also succeeded to gather some Strategic Committee members in Vienna to discuss how we can improve WiN and our branding and outreach options. We gathered 1) to revise the Charter to take account of the minor necessary changes according to the legal registration requirements without compromising the WiN Global Charter we know and have adopted and 2) to reflect on our WiN activities and revisit our Strategic Plan. The last revision of the Charter has been cross checked by Melissa Denecke, and approved by the Executives and Board Members, and is ready for your approval now. The Strategic Plan is the next document which needs reviewing and updating which will be a task for the new President.

Committee work is rather difficult as meetings span across the world via the different time zones and availabilities and travel and cost restrictions of its members. Especially our young WiNners come with great new ideas and initiatives. Thank you all for your dedication to contribute to a modern and professional WiN.

The WiN bank account at Bank Austria with Eva Gyane as treasurer is not empty anymore, and our two auditors have been active (Jasmin Crawford Hill and Ludmilla Kiss Zoltanne). Eva will present an overview of our present financial situation which has improved a lot. However, I urge all WiNners, who can afford to donate some money to our account for the benefit of other WiNners to:

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Again, thanks to our donors who have submitted donations already. The available amount enables WiN to establish a new award for young nuclear female scientists which will allow for her participation at the next WiN Global conference as outlined in the corresponding document. In addition, a strategic paper has been written for your approval, with clear instructions on how to use the money available on the account. Further we are still trying to explore options how to raise money via sale of scarves etc. to avoid any membership fee.

In my role as President I have received official invitations to present WiN at several occasions (eg EC and IAEA) and recently WiN was invited to contribute to NICE (Nuclear Initiative for Clean Energy) and WINS (World Institute of Nuclear Security). You might have seen the announcement on webinars and interesting information already on facebook and LinkedIn. During the last year, I also attended other events to represent WiN Global, either as a keynote speaker or panel member providing and distributing information material in Vienna, Paris, Johannesburg, Abu Dhabi, Munich, Brussels, and Vancouver (CEM) most recently. I have also received an invitation to the next IRPA meeting in Seoul next year as a round table panel member, which will help to revitalise our MoU with IRPA. WiN Global as a registered NGO is again officially invited to the IAEA events and the General Assembly this year – as usual I will ask the WiN IAEA Chapter to support a booth and side event jointly with WiN Europe. I would also like to inform you that last year WiN Global together with WiN France organized a visit to ITER in Cadarache, I intend to organize one this year to Cologne to the DLRZ and will ask soon for registrations.

For the next WiN Global annual meetings, I am pleased to inform you that WiN Canada is well prepared to host the WiN Global Annual Conference in Niagara Falls in October 2020. For 2021 WiN Japan volunteered to organize the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of WiN Global as a tribute to the anniversary of the Fukushima accident. The following 2022 Annual Conference will then be organised in Egypt and 2023 in Moscow hosted by WiN Russia.

It is also my pleasure to inform you about our membership status. Around 500 new members joined WiN Global since the last General Assembly, mainly from African and Latin-American countries, including some men! In addition, new Chapters have been founded increasing our chapters to 45 and there are still some in the making. Presently WiN Global has over 12000 members and is steadily increasing. We are in the process of creating a regional Africa Chapter and the IAEA is ready to support such initiative. You might note that a special side event during our annual meeting is held in this context

Finally, I take great pleasure to announce the recipients of our two WiN Awards for this year. The WiN Annual Award goes to Maria Luisa Castano of WiN Spain for her tremendous efforts to promote and mentor ladies in the nuclear field in Spain. The 2019 WiN Honorary Award is granted to Eva Gyane, previous President of the WiN IAEA Chapter and our treasurer, an active member also of our committees for many years and a strong supporter of WiN. I take this opportunity to thank the Awards Committee for their efforts and timely actions. The awardees are honoured during the closing event together with the poster awards.

My term as President will come to an end in 2020, thus next year we will call for proposals and applications for the next President and Vice President of WiN Global. I take this opportunity to thank all WiNners for their commitment and activities on behalf of WiN, specifically Agneta Rising of the World Nuclear Association for hosting the WiN Secretariat and providing our administration, design, IT and server support. WiN will count on all of you also in the future.

RESPECTFULLY submitted by

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