WiN Global Conference 2018 in Bariloche

On behalf of WiN Argentina, we are pleased to invite you to participate in the 26th WiN Global Annual Conference, which will be held for the first time in our country.

The 26th WIN Global Annual Conference jointly organized with the International Youth Nuclear Congress (IYNC) 2018 will be held from 11 to 17 March 2018 in Bariloche, Argentina. The conference will provide a forum for women and young professionals from the nuclear field to discuss and collaborate on knowledge transfer, nuclear science and technology research and implementation, professional development, and communication. In particular, the conference will bring together young professionals looking to further their careers and senior leaders willing to share their knowledge and expertise with younger generations. As WiN and IYNC selected Argentina to host their 2018 conferences, we decided to team up and benefit from a unique opportunity to organize IYNCWiN18 together.

Important links:

- Promotional video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rvUkfM4OcDo&spfreload=5](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rvUkfM4OcDo&spfreload=5)
- Venue information: [http://www.iync.org/venue-information/](http://www.iync.org/venue-information/)

For more information, please contact us at the following email address: infowin@winargentina.org

We look forward to seeing you in Bariloche, **don’t miss the chance!**

WiN Argentina
Side Event

Women in All Things Nuclear

19. September 2017

During the General Conference of the IAEA, Mary Alice Haywood moderated a panel discussion on “The Added Value of Gender Parity” on Tuesday 19 September from 08:30–10:00 in the Mozart Room in the VIC Restaurant.

The impressive panellists included:

- Ms Thembisile C. Majola, Deputy Minister of Energy, Department of Energy, South Africa
- Ambassador Hammer, Permanent Representative of Australia to the IAEA
- Ms Cecile Kossoff, Director, Global Communications Excellence at McKinsey and Company

Dr Carol Burns, Deputy Principal Associate Director, Science, Technology, and Engineering, Los Alamos National Laboratory

Online via

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During this event, the panellists spoke about how diversity made organizations stronger, the importance of setting the tone at the top, what it could mean for an organization’s success and how we could think differently to provoke change.
The UN-NYG Pilot Mentoring Programme

The kick-off meeting of the UN Young Nuclear Generation took place on 26 September in the VIC, hosted by Mary Alice Hayward. Mary Alice strongly committed to this initiative, and mentioned about her own experience with mentorship and her hopes. Mentees and mentors met for the first time and were challenged by a quiz. The programme was launched with an agreement between the individuals on confidentiality, expectations and how to get started. Now it is up to the pairs to make the best out of the mentorship!

It is hoped that this initiative will not remain a pilot but will become a standing programme.
Visit to WiN Russia
21. September 2017, Moscow, Russia

During a business trip to Moscow, Gabi, the WiN Global President and WiN IAEA chapter vice-president, together with Natalia Semiochkina, WiN Germany member, used the opportunity to meet with the newly revitalized WiN Russia chapter in Moscow. At the invitation of the WiN Russia President Alena Yakoleva, who organized a workshop at Rosatom, Moscow, to gather women working in the nuclear field. Gabi gave a presentation on WiN in general and how women can contribute to communication with the public and to changing the negative perception of nuclear sciences. More than 40 women participated, also via SKYPE, in the workshop and reported on their activities. As a newly revived WiN chapter, WiN Russia is very eager to speed up and establish a proactive and successful chapter. One week later, Alena visited the IAEA where we could continue our discussions together with her vice president, Marina Nepeypivo, who presently works at the IAEA as a consultant.

Good start WiN Russia!
The 6th Fem’Energia Award Ceremony was held in Paris and is one of the highlights of WiN France. For more information visit: http://www.win-france.org/9ieme-ceremonie-de-remise-des-prix-femenergia/

On this occasion, the WiN Global Special Award 2017 was handed over to Ms. Dominique Mouillot, WiN France President who could not attend the WiN Global Conference in Beijing by Anne Marie Biraq.
Raise your Profile and Network to Success

16. October 2012, EUROFORUM, Luxemburg

This is an initiative of some European Commission DG Energy ladies working in the nuclear sector of the EC to work together to achieve gender parity and equal opportunities for women in European Commission institutions. The workshop was attended by around 50 men and women who are interested in building supportive networks and in joining WiN Global, and even in creating their own chapter WiN EC.

Three ladies of the company SCREENHOUSE from the UK emphasized the importance of networking, and conducted some exercises to help identify major connections and to improve support. Gabi gave a presentation about the WiN Global network and how the WiN IAEA chapter works. In addition, she distributed the brochures and flyers of WiN Global and WiN IAEA.

In summary: A stimulating and exiting workshop!
WiN Global meets WiN Germany and WiN Sweden

During the Annual Meeting of WiN Germany, hosted on 26 and 27 October 2017 by Biblis NPP-members, WiN Sweden and WiN Germany met to discuss the issues of decommissioning NPPs. WiN Global president Gabi presented WiN Global activities and reflected on the WiN Global General Conference 2017 in Beijing. The attending WiNners had the opportunity to visit the facilities.

WiN Germany faces similar problems to those of WiN IAEA: shortage of funds, lack of members to actively contribute to the chapter activities and the false perception of nuclear topics in public and politics. Gabi continues to liaising with the chapters and encourages joint events of chapters. Next annual meeting of WiN Germany will be hosted in November 2018 at the Garching research reactor station near Munich, an opportunity for WiN IAEA members to join?
The Science Pool

Head first into the world of Science!

by Susan Cohen-Unger

Would you like to play a laser harp, watch a Lego robot solve a Rubik’s cube or enjoy a pancake made by a 3D printer? Or meet Walter, the trained therapy dog who can show you how to communicate with canines?

You can do that and much more at Science Pool — an association right here in Vienna that teaches science to young people aged 4–19. It is much used and appreciated by local schools and kindergartens but, until recently, the international community didn’t seem to be aware of it. Well, not until WiN invited Gerlinde Heil, its founder and director, to hold a lunchtime presentation on 22 November about Science Pool and its cooperation with schools. The event was well attended by 15 WiN members and visitors, including a teacher organizing after-school programmes, kindergarten and primary school parents, a journalist and a hospital director.

Gerlinde and her colleague Philip Greiner described Science Pool’s activities and enlightened the audience about their innovative and captivating teaching approach. They then demonstrated it to us with a hands-on experiment — with total audience participation, including that of someone’s four-year-old grandson — to view the spectrum contained in white light. With the help of a tiny sheet of folded paper, blunt kindergarten scissors and a scrap of cellophane, we each created a prism and saw a rainbow.

How does Science Pool work? It boosts and supports school science programmes; it does not attempt to replace them. Its researchers and educators will visit your school or kindergarten. School groups can arrange to visit Science Pool’s headquarters with its zoology lab and the other projects and displays. With her 120 co-workers, Gerlinde runs summer schools in Vienna and other parts of Austria for both primary and secondary pupils. Per year, 40 000 children benefit from Science Pool’s programmes. Also, Science Pool co-organizes major public events — such as the annual Lange Nacht der Forschung (Long Night of Research) — involving thousands of participants.

At an open day I attended recently at Science Pool’s headquarters, I saw several projects from different branches of science — some demonstrated engineering principles; others showed phenomena of light and sound. Many were computer activated and all were spectacular. They were being operated by children, who were obviously fascinated and having a lot of fun. I guess the youngest would have been about four, many were of primary school age and some were in their teens. Each table had one or two scientists describing, explaining and supervising their project and encouraging the kids to try it out — or, more often, to wait their turn.
Science Pool (continued)

What impressed me at the open day — as well as the sheer visual beauty, acoustic effects and powerful kinetics of the projects — was the clarity and cohesion of the accompanying language. Both the supervisors and the display texts used child-friendly language but did not dumb down the science. They conveyed complex processes and principles clearly and articulately in words that children could understand and relate to.

Gerlinde Heil is a remarkable woman. Having completed three doctorates in vastly different disciplines — education, veterinary science and law — she escaped from academia and established an association dedicated to bringing science to children of all ages. Science Pool has something of interest to offer all young learners — from kindergarten to senior high school — that will enthuse and inform them.

At our WiN event, Gerlinde’s goal was to inform members of the international community about Science Pool’s existence and what it could offer to schools. The audience were interested and impressed and some have already told their kids’ teachers about it. WiN has put Science Pool in touch with INMM’s Vienna chapter, who would be happy to have its support and participation in the upcoming Science and Engineering Fair in April 2018. On all counts, the event was a resounding success.

A visit to Science Pool’s informative website (http://www.sciencepool-vif.org/) will reveal more details. An English translation can be found at: https://translate.google.it/translate?hl=it&sl=de&tl=en&u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.sciencepool-vif.org%2F.

Science Pool can be contacted at: office@sciencepool-vif.org, +43 1 743 1559
Annual WiN IAEA Assembly and Christmas Cocktails in the Melia 57 Bar, DC Tower

Our Annual Meeting was organized for 4.12.2017. and attended by 14 IAEA WiN- ners. The President Frances reflected on the past year's activities, on the General Conference in Beijing and the events plans for 2018. Gabi added WiN Global updates. The Christmas cocktails were gulped high in the sky over Vienna on the 57th floor in the DC Tower Bar.
Miscellaneous

- As WiN IAEA thrives from active members, please consider becoming engaged in one of the working groups. We need more volunteers urgently!
- WiN IAEA offers free memberships to interns and encourages them to join!
- Do not forget to pay your membership fee of €40 for 2018!

Upcoming Events

- WiN retreat in February
- Visit to the IAEA NA Laboratories
- INMM Science Fair 2018 hosted by the Vienna International School 21.3.2018 (Judges still needed!!!)
- For more, contact the event’s team (a.roca-jachmann@iaea.org)

A warm welcome to all our new members!

PLEASE BECOME ACTIVE AND GET INVOLVED