



President's Message

Women in Aerospace Canada is celebrating its 5th anniversary!!! We are very proud that our organization is continuing to grow in both individual and corporate memberships. Our associates in Quebec are running a full program with 50 people attending their events. The Maritimes have a spring kick off planned with Eva Martinez at the helm. Our goal is to have a more balanced representation of men and women in the aerospace sector in Canada. WIA Canada is looking forward to an exciting and event packed 6th year. Watch your email for our 6th Annual Christmas Party on December 9th, the Annual Mentoring Event in January and our Career Day planned for May 27th, 2016. We would once again like to thank our members and corporate sponsors for their efforts; without their continued support we would not be able to provide such a dynamic program.

Val Wilson
President, Women in Aerospace Canada

Upcoming Events

Bring Your Boss to Work Event, Bombardier November 7, 2015



Join Women in Aerospace Canada at Bombardier's Downsview facility for a special feature lunch and tour event on Thursday, November 5, 2015. With a focus on Developing Oneself and Developing Others, guests are encouraged to bring their boss and collectively uncover ways to accelerate your career. The lunch and learn event will be followed by a plant tour of Bombardier's manufacturing facility where the Global 5000 & 6000 business jets and the Q400 regional turboprop aircraft are assembled.

Ticket information at <https://wianov2015.eventbrite.ca>

WIA Lunch & Learn, Quebec – November 10, 2015

Join Women in Aerospace Canada for a Lunch & Learn event on November 10th at the PricewaterhouseCoopers office in downtown Montreal. Guest speaker, Michael Kamel, Ing., PMP, PhD Associe, Strategie, PwC; will lead a discussion on the key strategic challenges in the aerospace industry.

Ticket information at <http://wiaqoct2015.eventbrite.ca>

WIA Annual Christmas Party – December 9, 2015

**Women in Aerospace's
6th Annual Christmas Party**
Wednesday, December 9th
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

**Culinaria Restaurant
Elliott House
5732 Kennedy Rd,
Mississauga, ON**

Hands-on cooking with Professional Chef,
Sommelier & Craft Beer Master

[Click here to register](#)

WIA-Canada wishes to thank Messier Dowty Inc.
(SAFRAN) for their continued sponsorship
of this annual event

Register early to avoid disappointment of a sold out event.

Please make plans to join Women in Aerospace Canada on Wednesday December 9th for the Annual Christmas Party to be held at Culinaria Restaurant, located in the historic Elliott House, a renovated farmhouse built in the Georgian style between 1836 and 1850.

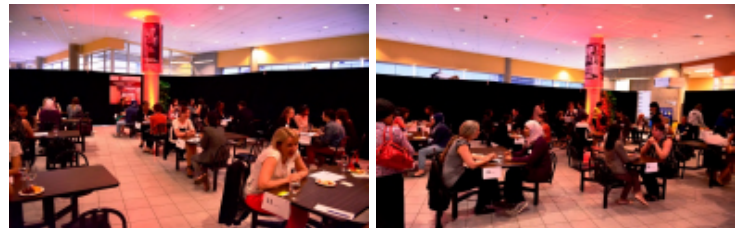
Roll up your sleeves, put on an apron and cook with colleagues, WIA members and friends in an enjoyable, hands-on team cooking experience. Upon arrival we will break into teams and take instructions from the Professional Chefs, the Sommelier and the Craft Beer Master, all while enjoying a cocktail. When we have finished our learning and tasting we will be directed into our private dining room where we will be served the delicious meal we have helped create.

Ticket information at: <https://wiachristmas2015.eventbrite.ca>

Recent Events

Speed Mentoring in Quebec – May 7, 2015

After a grand success in 2014, in collaboration with Heroux Devtek, the following entities: Women in Aerospace (WIA)in Québec, l'École de technologie supérieure (ÉTS) and the Polytechnique of Montreal, hosted an important Speed Mentoring event on May 7, 2015. The event brought together 23 local university students, all interested in learning more about the pursuit of careers in aerospace, from men and women already in the industry. With professors, mentors and volunteers, more than 50 participants took part in this second edition. The event was held at the ÉTS, Pavilion B Hall. The venue and the format, a combination of 5-minute rounds of one-on-one discussions, were suitable for sharing personal career stories, and establishing contacts for future networking. With the growing demand and other universities wishing to join the initiative, the 2016 edition should definitely be engaging for most.



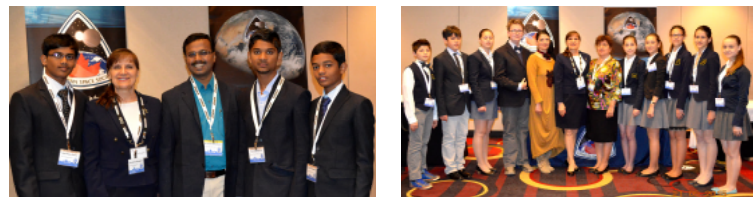
The National Space Society's 34th International Space Development Conference – May 20-24, 2015

The National Space Society's 34th International Space Development Conference, co-hosted by The Canadian Space Commerce Association (CSCA) was held in Toronto on May 20-24, 2015.

Approximately 700 attendees, students and more than 50 National Space Society chapters from the United States, Canada and around the world gathered for this exciting and historical event to exchange innovative ideas for the advancement of Space Travel and Settlement.

Some of the brightest minds and forward thinkers gathered for this event. Those sharing their history and their stories included; Buzz Aldrin, Astronaut, Explorer, Rocket Scientist; the Hon. Marc Garneau, Member of Parliament, Former President of the Canadian Space Agency, First Canadian Astronaut in Space; and Anousheh Ansari, the First Astronaut of Iranian decent and the First Muslim woman to visit space.

The 35th Annual International SPACE Development Conference, "A Bridge to Commercial Space" will be held at the Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel & Casino in San Juan, Puerto Rico on May 18 - 22, 2016.



WIA June Gala – June 7, 2015

WIA Canada held its annual spring event June 7, 2015, at the Armour Heights Officers Mess at the Canadian Forces College in Toronto. This networking cocktail reception was a wonderful opportunity to meet the newly nominated Board of Directors, connect with old friends, meet new friends, and network. A special tribute and plaque was presented to Eva Martinez as she prepared to move to Halifax for an exciting new opportunity. As a member of the Board of Directors, Eva has been instrumental in growing Women in Aerospace Canada to what it is today. In Nova Scotia, Eva will be launching Women in Aerospace Canada (Maritimes) in an effort to continue to grow the movement beyond the Greater Toronto Area and Quebec.



Paris Air Show – June 15-21, 2015

This year at the Paris Air Show, Women In Aerospace – Europe hosted the annual event with a Networking Breakfast at the European Space Agency booth. Kiyoshi Higuchi, President of the IAF welcomed us to the booth and spoke briefly about the progress the European Space Industry is making in the area of diversity in the work place. As Grandfathers and Fathers of daughters are on the Boards of major corporations and organizations changes in the hiring process is inevitable. We all enjoyed networking and visiting with friends and acquaintances that we only have the luxury of seeing at international shows.

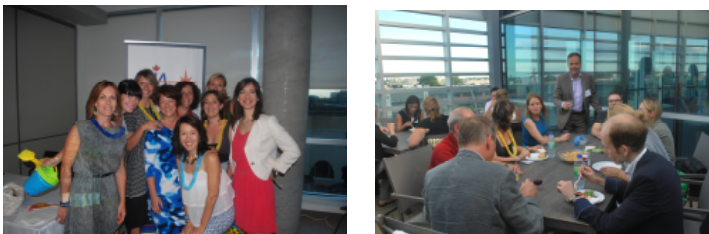


WIA Networking, Quebec – August 20, 2015

WIA Québec continues its mission of providing networking opportunities for all in the aerospace industry; the latest edition took place on August 20th at the Desjardins Aerospace Financial Center, in Ville Saint-Laurent. More than 60 people attended the event. Once again the networking activity allowed all participants to make new contacts or consolidate existing ones in the industry.

For this edition, we are thankful to Héroux-Devtek for sponsoring the entrance fees of several students from ÉTS, Polytechnique de Montréal, Université de Montréal and Université de Sherbrooke.

Furthermore, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to our financial sponsor: Caisse Desjardins des Travailleurs Unis, which allowed us to use free of charge their beautiful terrace, in addition to making a financial contribution to help develop further our organization within Québec.



Northern Lights Award Gala – October 3, 2015

The Northern Lights Award Foundation (NLAFF) held its annual award banquet at the Toscana Banquet and Conference Center in Vaughan to recognize outstanding achievements of women in aviation and aerospace in Canada.

Since its inception in 2009, the program has grown from one to six separate award categories that now include: Flight Operations/Maintenance (Judy Cameron), Business (Tracy Medve), Government (Sgt. Andreena Clifford), Education (Jill Oakes), Pioneer (Dawn Bartsch) and Rising Stars (Claire Lemiski, Erin Grant). The keynote speaker was LCol Maryse Carmichael, Military Flight Instruction Specialist, CAE.

To learn more about the Northern Lights Award Foundation, the Awards Dinner, the 2016 call for nominations and to see full biographies of the 2015 winners, visit www.northernlightsaward.com



World Space Week at MDA – October 7, 2015

WIA Canada celebrated World Space Week (Oct 4-10) with a Lunch and Learn at MDA in Brampton, ON. MDA's robotic systems have enabled human spaceflight for over three decades, assembling space infrastructure, servicing space assets, and supporting spacewalks.

Natalie Panek, Rocket Scientist, Explorer and Engineer in MDA's Robotic and Automation Division was our key note speaker. Natalie moderated a panel discussion with Sheila Huang, Holly Johnson, and Melissa Cass about the next generation robotic technologies being developed for future international missions to the Moon, Mars and beyond. The Canada Arm video showed once again Canada is a partner in the Space World.

Winner of post event survey Jody McClean.



Membership and Benefits

The benefits of membership with Women in Aerospace Canada are numerous.

Networking

Programming

Career Resources

Professional Development

Recognition of Contribution to Aerospace

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