

WiN Global Annual Conference 2017—Special Issue



25th WiN Global Annual Conference and General Assembly

Beijing from 28 August to 2 September, 2017

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The 2017 Annual Conference in Beijing is over! Everybody present enjoyed a wonderful meeting, a warm thank you again to our hosts and supporters in China, namely WiN China, CNS, SPIC and SNTPC. Sincere congratulations also to our two WiN Global award-ees: Mme Rong Feng (WiN China) and Mme Dominique Mouillot (WiN France/WiN Europe). Both contributed towards the goals of WiN Global and demonstrated outstanding leadership and commitment. The 25th WiN Global Annual Conference consisted of Chinese culture but also innovative nuclear sciences. Please read the impressions by Eva Gyane, our IAEA Chapter member and Treasurer, and her young mentee Huda from Abu Dhabi. Visit the WiN Global website and the WiN Global Facebook site for as well as the WiN China Conference website.



2018 will be the first joint conference co-organized with IYNC and hosted by WiN Argentina and IYNC Argentina in Bariloche from 11 to 17 March, the first annual conference organized in South America. I hope I see many of you there!

**Last not least: As of 22 August 2017 WiN Global is now a legally registered non-profit NGO,
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Huda Alkaabi at WiN Global 2017

My name is Huda Alkaabi. I am working at the Federal Authority for Nuclear Regulation as a Nonproliferation Engineer in the Safeguards Department in the United Arab Emirates. This year, I participated at the Women in Nuclear (WiN) Global conference that was held at the Chinese National Convention Centre (CNCC) in Beijing from 29 August to 30 August 2017 by a recommendation from my organization and the encouragement and the support of my respected colleague.

The annual WiN Global conference is an important opportunity for young female professionals to learn about the latest developments in the nuclear field and to enhance their technical knowledge by participating in the technical tours to different nuclear facilities offered during the conferences.

The conference programme consisted of the opening ceremony by high-level guests from the Chinese nuclear community and the WiN Global President; reports by the individual WiN chapters on their activities during the year and nuclear developments in their countries; panel sessions highlighting the role of nuclear energy in mitigating the effects of climate change and the importance of nuclear safety, security and safeguards; and the exhibition of about 100 posters on diverse technical subjects.

I participated in the poster exhibit under poster category Career Development of Women in Nuclear-Related Fields and Public Communication with my poster on the UAE's Nuclear Export & Import Control Regime. This was my first time participating in a professional conference. My poster won the best poster award and I was very proud of my accomplishment. At the same time this experience made me realize that I am capable of develop myself in various professional areas.

A technical tour to the CAP1400 Demonstration Project, the HTGCR site and the AP1000 Project in Shandong Province was held from 31st of August until 1 September, it was a great opportunity for me to participate in this tour, I had the chance to see and learn about different reactor designs.

There was also a culture tour to the Great Wall China and the Imperial Palace. The Chinese organizer made sure to show us the great history of China as a part of the conference agenda. I enjoyed learning more about Chinese history and culture. I enjoyed also having professional discussions with different great leaders in the nuclear sector.

I want to say thank you to Win Global, Win China and all the great ladies who were present and participated in this conference— it was my pleasure meeting all of you and I hope to get to meet you all every year.

WiN Global 2017

By Eva Gyane

Please see also the article of our WiN Malaysia member Sheriffah Noor Khamseah Al-Idid at

<http://www.bernama.com/bernama/v8/fe/newsfeatures.php?id=1395665>

After efficient, thorough and detailed preparations by WiN China, WiN Global 2017 was held at the Chinese National Convention Centre (CNCC) in Beijing from 29 August to 30 August 2017, with the theme of “Women, Nuclear, Cooperation and Harmony”. The actual conference was preceded by WiN Global Executive and Board meetings and excursions to the Great Wall.

During the Executive and Board meetings, held on the SNPTC premises, WiN Global President Dr. Gabi Voigt announced the registration of WiN Global as a legal entity under Austrian association law. This is a significant milestone in the development of WiN Global from a loose network to a non-governmental organization, which will facilitate its future activities and collaboration with other nuclear-related entities. Gabi Voigt welcomed WiN Russia, represented by President Alena Yakovleva, to the WiN Global community.

The dates and venues of the next WiN Global conferences were announced as follows:

11-17 March 2018: WiN Global 2018 in Bariloche, Argentina, together with IYNC

June 2019: WiN Global 2019 in Madrid, Spain

October 2020: WiN Global 2020 in Canada (venue TBD)

2021: WiN Global 2021 in Sharm Al-Sheikh, Egypt (proposal)

(WiN Japan recently also offered to hold the 2021 conference as a tribute to the 10 year Fukushima anniversary)

The conference was attended by some 350 Chinese and foreign representatives from 32 countries and regions. The opening ceremony on 29 August saw welcome and keynote speeches by honorary guests from the China Atomic Energy Authority, the Chinese Nuclear Society, the State Power Investment Corporation, the State Nuclear Power Technology Company, the IAEA, and WiN Global.

Almost 30 WiN chapter presidents or their representatives reported on nuclear developments and WiN-related activities in their respective countries. While there are a few newcomer countries in the WiN Global community (the UAE, Turkey, Egypt), it was at the same time disheartening to note the decline of the nuclear industry and beginning or ongoing phase-out in countries such as Germany, Japan, Sweden, Switzerland and most recently South Korea. Concerted efforts by the WiN community will be needed to underline and communicate the significant role nuclear

The WiN Global general assembly concluded the first day of the conference. In the evening the gala dinner was held in one of the festive halls of the CNCC. The programme included traditional music by a ladies' band, a Tai Chi session and a surprise show by (almost real) two Chinese dragons. During the dinner, this year's WiN award was given to Ms Fang Rong, Chief Economist of SNPTC, and the honorary award to Ms Dominique Mouillot, the former Vice-President of WiN Global and the former President of WiN Europe (accepted on her behalf by Anne-Marie Birac). The conference participants continued the WiN tradition of closing the gala dinner by dancing to disco music.

The second day was devoted to five panel sessions, highlighting the charm of nuclear, nuclear safety (and security and safeguards), women in nuclear, nuclear cooperation and harmony in nuclear. Several presentations brought facts about nuclear energy, which could be used for communicating the benefits of nuclear energy as a clean source of energy.

More than 90 posters were exhibited on both days of the conference and poster awards were finally given to the best ten posters. After the passing of the WiN Global flag to WiN Argentina, WiN Global President closed the conference by thanking WiN China and their sponsors and supporters for the excellent organization of the conference. In the evening, conference participants were given the opportunity to visit the Big Show at the Beijing Liyuan Theater.

On 31 August, conference participants were offered an optional technical tour to the Center of Excellence on Nuclear Security and a cultural tour to the Imperial Palace. Participants in the technical tour in Shandong province departed for Yantai in the evening. On 1 September they visited the CAP 1400 Project and the HTGR reactor in Rongcheng and the AP1000 Project in Haiyang, which left them deeply impressed with the developments and the progress of the Chinese nuclear industry, in particular in the area of advanced passive nuclear power technology.

WiN Global 2017 provided a wonderful opportunity for mostly female nuclear professionals to meet and network, to discuss technical topics of common interest and to learn about latest nuclear developments in many countries of the world. At the same time, WiN Global 2017 also highlighted the need for its members to continue communicating the benefits of nuclear energy to the wider public in order to oppose increasing efforts by the anti-nuclear community to eliminate this source of clean energy from countries' energy portfolios.

Owing to the efforts by WiN China and its supporters, WiN Global 2017 was a great success and it has left all participants with lasting memories of China, its culture and the many advancements in its nuclear technology.

Next year's WiN Global conference, to be held in Bariloche, Argentina, from 11-17 March 2018, will be jointly organized with IYNC (the International Youth Nuclear Congress). Preparations are already at an advanced stage, so make sure to check out the WiN Global web site for more information.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank WiN IAEA for sponsoring my participation in WiN Global 2017.



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