

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2015

Dear WISTA NWA Presidents and Contact persons,

We look back at a very successful 35th WISTA International Conference in Istanbul with 270 attendees from 26 countries. All the pictures and presentations will be uploaded onto our website soon, so please make sure to have a look.

Thank you once again for joining us at the conference and creating such a positive energy, which really inspires all of us.

Kind regards,

Karin Orsel



WISTA Presidents' Round Table Discussion

During the Presidents' Round Table, Blank Rome LLP's Business Director, Megan Hudson, conducted a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis based on the NWA's initial written feedback and the top two thoughts from each area were voted on. This SWOT analysis followed on the one conducted by Megan at the ExCo Spring Meeting in May in New York. Megan is preparing a report, which will be circulated to the NWAs and which will include follow-up action items and suggestions for ExCo.



WISTA CONFERENCE 2016!

The 2016 WISTA International Conference will be held aboard Holland America Line's newest cruise ship, the *ms Koningsdam*, which will depart from Fort Lauderdale, Florida on November 9, returning November 13. The website for the Conference is scheduled to go live on November 2, 2015.

[Click here for the movie.](#)



WISTA Personality of the Year Winner 2015

The collective membership from WISTA HELLAS was voted the winner and their presentation can be found on our website via clicking on the following link:

http://www.wista.net/en/news/news/news_id.2327/personality-of-the-year-2015

ExCo Spring Meeting 2016

The ExCo received and accepted an invitation from **WISTA Sri Lanka** to host the ExCo Spring Meeting during the week of May 2, 2016. Our aim is to have members from the region join us. Ideas are currently being discussed amongst WISTAs UAE, Sri Lanka, and India, with interest also expressed from WISTAs Hong Kong, Singapore and New Zealand.



Good Friends Never Say Goodbye... They Simply Say "See You Soon."

Consuelo Rivero and Tosan Edodo-Emore, our outgoing ExCo members, received a standing ovation by the attendees for their service on ExCo and were thanked on a personal note by ExCo, which gave them a WISTA ship model as a small token of our appreciation.



ExCo Elections

On October 7, during the WISTA International AGM, the following people were elected into the International Board (ExCo)

Naa Densua Aryeetey, Ghana, as member of the ExCo - for a 1st term

Jeanne Grasso, USA, as member of the ExCo - for a 2nd term
Despina Panayiotou Theodosiou, Cyprus, as Secretary - for a 1st term
Karin Orsel, the Netherlands, as President - for a 3rd and final term



During the AGM, ExCo member Jeanne Grasso, WISTA USA, introduced a WISTA Code of Conduct, which is attached for your reference. The Code of Conduct was circulated to the NWAs for comment and any comments received were incorporated. ExCo adopted the Code of Conduct and encourages all NWAs to implement this Code at the national level.



WISTA ALARM ("Agile Logistics Aid Relief Model")Project:

At the Presidents' Round Table, Birgit Liodden, WISTA Norway, and Gertrud Hermansen, WISTA Sweden, made a presentation on a new project and requested that WISTA consider forming a committee that will work on a transportation/logistics model to cooperate with the Red Cross in order to use WISTA's strength, shipping, to get goods delivered to areas of the world where there may be crises. The Presidents agreed to form a committee and we will send out a separate note requesting participation, including their presentation, on short notice.



"Cutting the Cake Turkish style" by using a sword during the galadinner in a unique location called Adile Sultan Sarayi in Istanbul. This was a perfect closure of the Conference. **Once more THANK YOU to Halime Can Yorulmaz, President of WISTA TURKEY and the whole conference organizing team.**

We do hope you enjoyed reading this newsletter and please visit our website at www.wista.net or follow us on social media (Facebook, Twitter or LinkedIn) for the latest news.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments.

Karin Orsel
President WISTA International,
On behalf of the ExCo

