

## WiN-France, Women in Nuclear - France



**Dominique Mouillot, President of WiN-France**

**EPWS: If you wanted to describe your association in one sentence, what would you say?**

WiN-France offers to every woman working in all nuclear sectors a unique trans-disciplinary network.

**EPWS: What are the objectives of your association?**

Our objectives are the following:

- to inform the public, and more particularly women and young people, about jobs and applications in the nuclear sector that are relevant to their expertise and professional experience;
- to encourage young women to choose scientific or technical careers;
- to strengthen the visibility of women in the nuclear business sectors (energy, medicine, research, etc.);
- to develop collaborations and partnerships with other French and foreign associations

**EPWS: In a few words, what is the history of WiN-France,?**

At the beginning of the 1990s, various surveys exploring public opinions established that nuclear based activities encountered more difficulties when communicating with women than men; this was particularly the case in certain countries, such as Sweden and Switzerland.

It was for this reason that a European programme 'Women and nuclear energy' was launched within the framework of the European Nuclear Society (ENS), by women working in the nuclear power field. This programme led to the creation in 1992 of Women in Nuclear (WiN). Soon after, the French Nuclear Society (SFEN) created the WiN-France branch and organised the first international annual meeting of WiN, in Paris in 1993.



2016 General Assembly of WiN-France



Women in Nuclear and French Nuclear Society teams at World Nuclear Exhibition – June 2016

WiN-France is co-founder of WiN Global ([www.win-global.org](http://www.win-global.org)) and, more recently, of WiN Europe ([www.win-europe.org](http://www.win-europe.org)).

**EPWS: Could you explain the organisation of your association?**

WiN-France is governed by a board, under the guidance of a President. The board includes a Vice-President, a General Secretary, a Treasurer and the Presidents of the local chapters. The 2016 General Assembly was held in Cadarache in Southern France.

**EPWS: What are its recent achievements?**

Among our achievements I would choose two which are worthy of emphasis:

- In 2015, WiN-France assembled a detailed overview of a 'Declaration for the Climate'.

After endorsement by WiN Global, this was presented at the Climate Conference COP 21;

- in 2009, with the support of Electricité de France, WiN-France launched the 'Fem'Energia' award, which aims to recognise the exceptional contribution made by female students and professional women to nuclear activities in France and elsewhere in Europe.

**EPWS: What is your agenda for the coming months?**

This is a very busy period, especially in our actions to inspire and involve young girls and boys. We are invited to participate in job forums and events, to explain the interesting nature of scientific and technical studies across the range of nuclear sectors.

**EPWS: Are you collaborating with other EPWS members?**

Not directly, though some of our members are also involved with other EPWS associations.

**EPWS: What do you expect from EPWS? In what ways can it help you develop your action?**

Help in communicating details of the Fem'Energia award would be valuable. The 2017 call for participation has been available since the end of March 2017 and this year a new category, to recognise the contribution of a team of women, will be instituted.

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