

## **Women in Aerospace Launches Two New Global Markets**

### **WIA Japan and Mexico officially established**

The Space Foundation was pleased to provide the forum to officially announce the Women in Aerospace (WIA) global expansion with WIA Mexico and Japan being officially established. Mexico and Japan join the strong global network with WIA Europe, Canada, and South Africa.

The formal announcement ceremony was held at the inaugural Women's Global Gatherings, which took place during the Space Foundation's 33<sup>rd</sup> Space Symposium in early April, in Colorado Springs. The Gathering, which had more than 250 attendees, included a luncheon, followed by a panel of senior leaders, sharing their insights into the important role of women in the exploration of space.

Space Foundation COO and Acting CEO, Shelli Brunswick, serves as the Chair of the WIA Board of Directors. WIA is dedicated to expanding women's opportunities for leadership and increasing their visibility in the aerospace community. Their membership – comprised of both women and men – shares an interest in a broad spectrum of aerospace issues, including human space flight, aviation, remote sensing, satellite communications, robotic space exploration, and policy issues surrounding these fields.

WIA has more than 2,000 individual members, representing 250 companies, and including more than 80 corporate members. One of WIA's strategic goals is to position the organization to implement its mission globally.

"In space, there are no glass ceilings. WIA is committed to fostering the growth of our industry by empowering and inspiring women around the world," said Brunswick. "Through global networks, we can build a collaborative environment where men and women from all countries can connect and make a difference. The aerospace industry is truly a global partnership. WIA is pleased to be at the forefront of this movement."

WIA offers an annual application process for additional global networks to be considered for formation.