



Headline News

History in the Making for Women in the Canadian Aerospace Industry

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Monday July 19th, 2010 will be an exciting day for Women in Aerospace (WIA). At the Farnborough International Air Show, WIA Canada will announce it is joining the global network of Women in Aerospace. The announcement will take place at the Ontario Reception, which will be held at the Ontario booth at the air show (Hall 4, C18) from 3:00-4:00pm. The two signatories presiding at the event will be WIA Canada's president, Valerie Wilson, Vice President, Dishon Limited, and WIA's Vice Chair of the Board, Sandy Coleman. Also present at this auspicious occasion will be a representative from WIA Europe.

Originally founded in the US in 1985, WIA is dedicated to expanding women's opportunities for leadership and increasing their visibility in the aerospace community. In 2009, WIA Europe joined WIA as the first sister organization. WIA Canada is thrilled to become the second partner in this global network of women and shares the same goals and mission as its American and European counterparts. The Ontario Aerospace Council (OAC) is a strong supporter of WIA Canada and will help to promote WIA Canada while the group is in its initial phase.

As WIA Canada is a relatively new organization, it will benefit from the experience gained from WIA over the past 25 years as well as the formative lessons learned from WIA Europe. The WIA global network will give the women and men of WIA Canada a diverse platform which can bring opportunities for members to take them to a new level in the Aerospace industry. WIA, WIA Canada, and WIA Europe may share ideas and experiences at major Industry events like Farnborough, Paris Le Bourget, ILA, Berlin, and the International Astronautical Congress (IAC). Each independent WIA organization will also host networking, educational, and mentoring events in each of their homelands. WIA Canada invites the press to the Ontario reception at Farnborough to celebrate this landmark event for Women in Aerospace.