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## **Message From R10 WIE Committee Chair**

### **2019**

IEEE WIE is one of the world's leaders in changing the face of engineering. Currently 12,000 WIE members are active and distributed among 410 Affinity Groups (42 Sections/Council and 368 Student Branches as of January 2019) in Region 10. I am delighted to work with you all, 8 committee members & supporting volunteer members, affinity group chairs and active WIE members in R10.

Region 10 WIE Committee promote activities relevant to female professionals/students such as leadership skills, personal development and knowledge sharing for professional development. Our objectives are: (1) Promote women involvement in science and engineering in R10, (2) Facilitate the development of supporting program and activities of WIE in R10, (3) Enhance networking and knowledge sharing of WIE, (4) Recognize WIE's outstanding achievement in R10 and promote nominations for MGA awards from R10.

### **Activity Plans in 2019:**

- 1. WIE Engagement Project:** We have 17 sections without WIE Affinity Group in R10. WIE Engagement Program is aiming to promote R10 Section WIE Affinity Groups initiates as well as WIE membership development and retention. We will support the establishment of new WIE Affinity Groups, and motivate and guide less active or inactive groups in performing activities. We will also encourage and guide inactive WIE affinity groups and engage them in activities via networking and connecting with each other through website and social media.
- 2. WIE Change Makers - Opportunities to attend WIE ILS (partial travel funding):** We will offer partial travel funding to WIE volunteer members for attending IEEE WIE International Leadership Summit 2019 in Bangalore/Beijing/Islamabad. This will provide opportunities for active volunteers to meet & learn from successful people, especially from women who have successfully built their careers. It is also hoped that attendees will take back the knowledge gained at the summits to implement best practices in their Sections, Student Branches, and Affinity Groups.
- 3. WIE Visibility Enhancement through R10 Events:** We will promote networking, sharing of knowledge and launch new initiatives to support R10 WIE objectives through R10 flagship conferences. We will support WIE track at TENCON/TENSYMP/HTC and WIE track across sections.  
\*\* Based on R10 Strategy in 2019, R10 WIE Committee will NOT provide WIE Support Fund for single section events/projects.
- 4. 2019 IEEE R10 WIE Awards:** IEEE R10 WIE will identify outstanding WIE Affinity Groups, Student Branch WIE Affinity Groups and outstanding WIE volunteers (student/professional) for IEEE R10 WIE awards. 2019 R10 WIE awards are for activity/contributions during 2018.

Let us all work together to change the world!

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