

Women in Engineering Day 2019

On Thursday 28th March, The New South Wales Chapter of Institution of Engineers Sri Lanka held its inaugural Women in Engineering (WIE) Day at the Harricks Auditorium of Engineers Australia in Chatswood.



Seated left Eng. Dr Samanthika Liyanapathirana, Eng. Rajanthi Ravindra, Eng. Dr Marlene Kanga, Eng. Maya Amaraweera, and Eng. Julia Ratnayake; **Standing left** Miss Navya Jayawardena, Miss Naduni Obadage, Eng. Dr Ana Heitor, Eng. Chamindi Jayasuriya, Eng. Gowri Pincombe, Eng. Dr Sujeewa De Silva, Eng. Amali Wickramasinghe, Eng. Varuni Fernando and Eng. Nilindu Muthubandara

The event featured an inspiring speech by Eng. Dr Marlene Kanga, The President of the World Federation of Engineering Organisations and other thirteen speakers from diverse cross section of Women in Engineering including university students and graduates. Eng. Julie Mikhail, former President of Engineers Australia Sydney Division too shared her experiences in being a woman engineer and her inspiring journey.

WIE day aimed to highlight some of the amazing work by women in engineering and allowed everyone to join in and celebrate the achievements of our outstanding women engineers and be inspired with their career journey.

Chapter Chair introduced during his welcome speech, notable woman engineers in Sri Lanka,

First Woman Engineer: Eng. Dr Premalal Sivaprakashapille Sivasegaram,

First Woman IESL President: Eng. Lanka Hathurusinha,

First Woman Engineering Professor: Eng. Prof. Niranjanie Ratnayake and other notable women engineers.

Dr Kanga emphasised about the key role that engineers have in solving some of the most pressing problems that the world is now facing including water shortages, climate change impacts, natural disasters and increasing costs of energy in her presentation.

The speakers took the opportunity to share their experiences of being an engineer and the path they navigated during their career development. Overall the night was a great success and an enjoyable way to acknowledge the leading role of women in engineering. The speakers' profiles can be read [here](#). The live broadcast can be watched [here](#).