

# KWSE Newsletter

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## KWSE NEWS

### ▣ Attending INWES Regional Conference & Board Meeting

2018 INWES Regional Conference and Boarding Meeting were held in Tunis, Tunisia from May 11 to May 13.

More than 100 woman engineers and scientists from 19 countries attended the INWES Regional Conference held by INWES and hosted by ATFI (Tunisian Association of Women Engineers) with the theme of “Digital transformation opportunities for women engineers and scientists MENA region.” It was an opportunity for the attendants to share the latest trend and experience of digital transformation, which has become the key issue in the era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, and to interchange the information of policies for support and utilization of women in science and engineering. As this Regional Conference included the meeting to discuss organization of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) network as the fourth regional network of INWES, the attendants sought the opportunities to increase the voice of the woman scientists and engineers in the MENA region.

Twenty board members from 10 countries attended the 2018 INWES Board Meeting to review the annual report and discuss the INWES programs and current issues. Kong-Joo Lee (6th President of KWSE and Honorary President of INWES), Haryoung Poo (11<sup>th</sup> President of KWSE and Chairwoman of INWES Funding Committee), and Jung Sun Kim (Vice President of INWES) presented the international leadership and the cooperative programs of KWSE. They also discussed the way to extend the Asia and Pacific Joint Survey that KWSE has been conducting from 2014 to a country in Africa this year.



▲ 2018 INWES Regional Conference



▲ 2018 INWES Board Meeting

**■ First Smart Sister Program Meeting for 2018 held in Busan-Ulsan-Gyeongnam Region**

The first 2018 SSP meeting in Busan-Ulsan-Gyeongnam region was held in Busan UN Memorial Cemetery on Friday, May 25. It was attended by 10 mentors and 9 next-generation woman scientists and engineers from 5 countries (Morocco, Sudan, China, Indonesia, and Korea). The attendants broadened their understanding of international culture through the guided tour of the UN Memorial Cemetery symbolizing the world peace and freedom. They discussed the academic and career paths of foreign women in science and engineering and shared the cultural differences they had experienced in Korea. They also discussed ways to participate in SSP programs more actively.



▲ The First Meeting for 2018 Smart Sister Program in Busan-Ulsan-Gyeongnam Region

## ▣ First Smart Sister Program Meeting for 2018 held in Gwangju- Jeolla Region

The first 2018 SSP meeting in Gwangju-Jeolla region was held in Gwangju Bium Museum on Friday, May 25. It was attended by 4 mentors and 16 next-generation woman scientists and engineers from 3 countries (Vietnam, China, and Korea). The meeting began with a brief introduction of SSP while the attendants drank traditional Korean tea, and it was followed by a valuable time to explore life science and traditional culture of Korea. After the tour of the museum, the attendants had the networking time to introduce themselves and get to know each other. They concluded the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting with the discussion of the plan for the 2nd meeting.



▲ The First Meeting for 2018 Smart Sister Program in Gwangju-Jeolla Region