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Spring Meeting

The 2022 Spring Meeting and 18th Global Congress on Process Safety was held from April 10-14 in San Antonio, TX. WIC hosted two major events: a ticketed breakfast with keynote speaker and a panel session.

The keynote breakfast featured Cristina Thomas, Global R&D Services Director/R&D Global Process Owner(GPO) at 3M (pictured below). Attendance was capped at 50, and all seats were filled. Cristina gave an inspiring and empowering keynote address! AIChE President Christine Grant also attended the event and provided a few remarks.

Later that day, WIC hosted a leadership panel with three amazing panelists from industry. The panelists included Saadet Ulas Acikgoz from Honeywell, Wendy Young from Chemstations, and Jennifer Mize from Eastman. The leadership panel was attended by approximately 30 people. The panelists shared their own experiences with the audience on how they achieved success in industry and integrated work and life. The audience was fully engaged, and everyone walked out of the event with new allies. In addition to these two events, WIC presented a poster during the IDEAL poster session to promote WIC to AIChE members.

It was great to see the community together in person!

Thank you to Nehal Abu-Lail and Elizabeth Houghton for serving as Spring Meeting Co-Chairs and organizing a successful program.

Apply for WIC Awards

WIC has two award categories that will be presented at the Annual Meeting in Phoenix, AZ.: the Travel Award and Mentorship Excellence Award.

The WIC Travel Award supports travel to the Annual Meeting for female graduate students, postdocs, early career individuals, and young professionals (<35 years old). This award provides \$800 per awardee toward registration, travel, and hotel costs. Nominations are due Sept. 15.

The Mentorship Excellence Award recognizes women who have contributed to the development of the next generation of chemical engineers through outstanding mentoring. This year, WIC Awards Chair Soumya Srivastava expanded the Mentorship Excellence Award to include three categories: industry/national labs, academic professors, and graduate students/postdocs. There will be one award winner for each category. Nominations are due Sept. 20. Apply today!



Keynote speaker Cristina Thomas pictured with WIC members Hang Loi and Spring Meeting Chair Nehal Abu-Lail.

Member Spotlight



Anne Grillet, Past Secretary

Anne is a Distinguished R&D Engineer at Sandia National Laboratories and an AIChE Fellow (2021). Anne was recently featured as a Chemical Engineering LGBTQ+ Ally. Read her interview here: <https://www.aiche.org/chenected/2022/06/anne-grillet-featured-chemical-engineering-lgbtq-ally>

Member Spotlight



Sheryl Ehrman, Past Treasurer

Sheryl is the Don Beall Dean of the Davidson College of Engineering at San Jose State University and was recently elected as an AIChE Fellow (2022).

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