

## A message from our president: Oliver Nachevski

Dear colleagues, friends and supporters,

This, 13th issue of the EWB-I Newsletter is very special – in a new form, with more articles and with a lot of news! We hope it will reach more readers and initiate more interest and support for our activities.

The fresh wind comes from the new EWB-I Secretariat: since July 2018 we have on board two very motivated ladies – Ms. Wendy Cowan from USA and Ms. Bronwynne Oosthuizen from South Africa.

Ms. Wendy Cowan is leading the activities of the EWB-I Secretariat and support the capacity building of the EWB-I Executives Committee and the Member Associations. She is experienced executive with demonstrated success in association management, including serving as an executive director (American Society of Civil Engineers – ASCE; American Association of Engineering Societies – AAES, etc.).

Ms. Bronwynne Oosthuizen is acting as Relationship & Communications Consultant in the EWB-I Secretariat. She is results-oriented individual with excellent interpersonal skills and works as Manager of the Community Relations in EWB South Africa.

We are sure this additional support to the EWB-I Executive Committee will increase the global visibility of our network and attract new countries to join us. On the same time, it will offer bigger support to the all EWB/ISF Member Associations.

The first results are already there: refreshed EWB-I website is more vivid and interactive, the additional communication channels are opened, global presence of EWB-I on different events and initiatives: three representatives from EWB-I participated on the Global Engineering Congress in London from 22nd to 26th October 2018; for the second time EWB-I through the President (Oliver Nachevski) is one of the Jurors of the Siemens Stiftung empowering people. Network Award 2019.

The traditional Global Forum this year is virtual, to reach as much as possible participants, it lasts 3 days!

So, we are happy to be back in this new form. Your feedback is valuable. Please send us your comments and suggestions how we could make it better!

Sincerely,

Oliver Nachevski

EWB-I President



## In Focus



### EWB-I 2018 Virtual Forum

In late November, EWB-I hosted on its website the 2018 EWB-I Virtual Forum. This consisted of presentations from members of several EWB organizations, providing tips on different programs they have undertaken which may be of value to other EWBs.

The Arconic Foundation provided funding to put on this Forum and we are very grateful for their support.

The 2018 Virtual Forum will continue to be available for [viewing](#) on the EWB-I website. Content from previous Virtual Forums has also been posted to [the website](#).

### 2017 Annual Report Now Available

The Engineers Without Borders International 2017 Annual Report is available for viewing on the EWB-I web site. Previous year's reports are also posted on the web site

- Letter from EWB International President
- List of EWB Member Associations
- The new Executive Committee is known!
- EWB-International Global Forum 2017
- Support of EWB-International affiliates by Arconic Foundation and Bechtel Group Foundation
- Happy 15th Birthday EWB-International

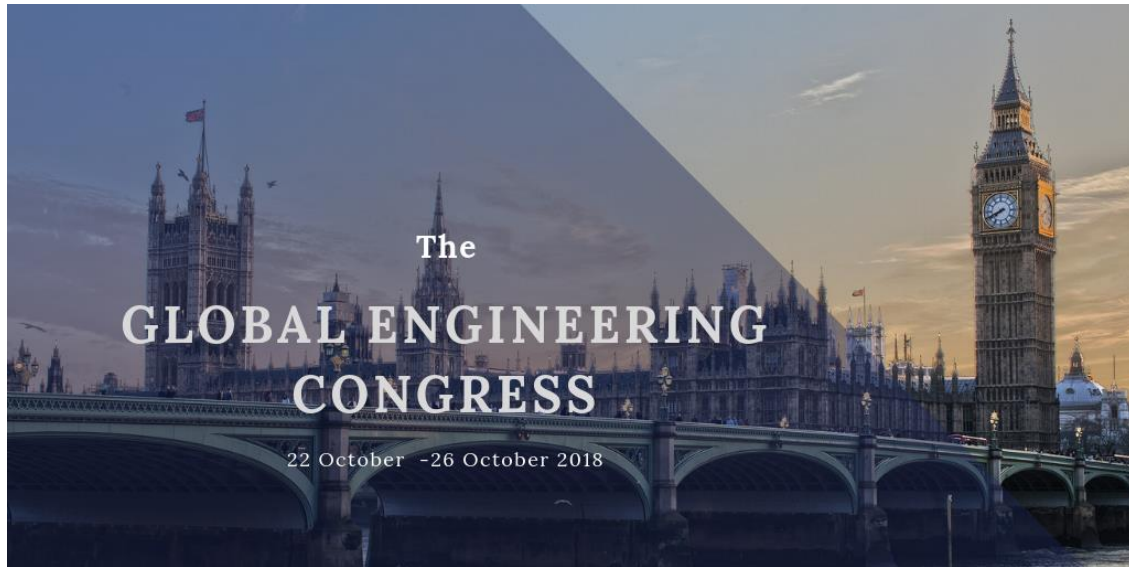
[View the report](#)

### 2017 Annual Report

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*Develop  
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## **GEC The Engineers Without Borders Movement**

From October 22 through 26, the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) and the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO) brought together a worldwide community of thousands of engineers in London to share ideas of how we can create real change to address the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

EWB-I was asked to make a presentation about the Engineers Without Borders Movement. Eleanor Loudon, Executive Director of EWB-Australia, Katie Cresswell-Maynard, Executive Director of EWB-UK, and Cathy Leslie, Executive Director of EWB-USA, all also members of the EWB-I Executive Committee, partnered to discuss the vision and mission of EWB-I and to highlight some of the activities being undertaken by various EWB organizations.

You can watch the taped presentation [here](#)

## **EWB-I Endorsements**

During a recent EWB-I Executive Committee meeting, there was discussion of various documents, statements, tenants the organization might consider endorsing. An endorsement by EWB-I would indicate that Engineers Without Borders International supports and believes in a specific document, etc. EWB-I would share its endorsement with its member organizations and ask that they also consider endorsement, but an EWB-I endorsement would not in any way bind its member organizations or imply their endorsement.

EWB-I's Executive Committee is reviewing documents such as the [Earth Charter](#), the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#), the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#), and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. If there are other documents, statements, tenants, etc. which you feel the Executive Committee should consider, please email

[Admin@ewb-international.org](mailto:Admin@ewb-international.org)

## **EWB-I's new vision and mission**

After significant work and input of member organizations, the EWB-I Executive Committee has adopted a new vision and mission for the organization.

### **Vision**

*"A sustainable world where engineering enables long-term positive social and global development for the benefit of people and the environment everywhere."*

### **Mission**

EWB-I seeks to promote collaboration so that collectively we can achieve more than the sum of our parts and fulfill our mission

*"To be the beating heart of the engineering movement for sustainable global development, building and evolving engineering capacity throughout the world."*

The new vision and mission are prominently displayed on the [EWB-I website](#).

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## Spotlight

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EWB-SA started the year off on a high note with the 7th Annual EWB-SA Leadership Summit, which is possibly the biggest event of the year for our student chapters.



The Summit which welcomed 28 student delegates from eight university student chapters was held from the 22 to 26 January 2018 at Anglo American's Centre for Experiential Learning (CEL).

The 4day Summit, themed 'It begins with me' led by Nomathemba Magagula was filled with informative sessions and fun activities. The sessions included inspiring speeches, engaging discussions from various prominent South African leaders, insightful project and discussion sessions. An additional educational component was the practical (experiential learning) sessions from the CEL's resident experts and the EWB-SA volunteers.

At the Summit Gala Dinner, the chapters presented a reflection of the previous year. It was evident from their reflections, that despite failing, they remained resilient, resourceful and results driven.

EWB-SA has been working with student chapters for seven years and has realised the importance of allowing students to fail forward as it creates a group of young resilient and resourceful professionals.



EWB-SA prides itself on being a safe place for practicing leadership while simultaneously trying to reach out to local communities, hence focusing on empowering engineers so that they can grow empower communities.

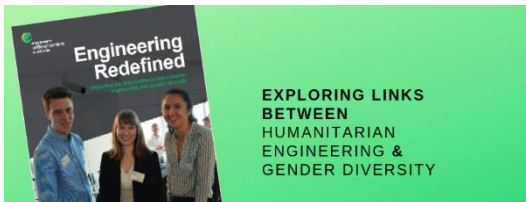
This was followed by the SAIChe IChemE EWB-SA Event in February, giving SAIChe IChemE members a chance to find out more about the organisation.

Read more here: [EWB-SA 2018: Review and Reflections](#)

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## News From Our Network

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EWB-Australia  
[Engineering Redefined Report](#)



EWB-USA  
[Engineering students use geospatial technology to help developing-world communities access water](#)



ISF-Belgium  
[PRESENTATION OF THE PRIX INGÉNIEURS SANS FRONTIÈRES-PHILIPPE CARLIER AND INGÉNIEURS CITOYENS 2018: 11/12 AT 18:30 IN GEMBLoux](#)



EWB-UK  
[A debrief with our returned volunteers](#)



[BOUNDLESS CITIZENSHIP IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD](#)



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Happy Holidays

