

## A Message From Our President: Cathy Leslie

Dear friends,

Welcome to 2019 and our first newsletter of the year. I am excited for this year at Engineers Without Borders International. Thanks to Oliver Nachevski's leadership, over the past two years we accomplished many items such as:

- A Global Forum in London, UK in 2017 with the theme "The Formation of Engineers: A Global Issue," which brought together 45 representatives from more than 20 member associations
- A [Virtual Forum in 2018](#) which provided educational presentations aimed to help our member associations excel by sharing best practices; these are captured on our website along with videos from previous Forums for your reference
- A [Presentation](#) at the World Engineering Congress in October 2018 titled "Around the world – inspiring people to become engineers, how future engineers are educated and how practicing engineers can apply their skills to make a positive contribution as responsible global citizens." Leaders from several member associations joined together to discuss the EWB movement.
- New Staff: Wendy Cowan, EWB-I Secretariat and Bronwynne Oosthuizen, EWB-I Relationships and Communicator
- A refreshed website with additional tools, such as [recorded webinars](#) from our Forums, an enhanced "[countries](#)" page with direct access to member association sites. The site was also reconfigured so it loads more quickly and has a fresher appearance.



I would like to thank Oliver for all his hard work and support to all the EWB/ISF Member Associations. While his term as President is over, he is still hard at work for EWB International and just recently represented us at a workshop for the International Grand Challenges Scholars Program which took place at the University POLITEHNICA and was hosted by the US National Academy of Engineering and the University POLITEHNICA.

I am looking forward to the remainder of 2019 as EWB-I will continue on its path to convene, collaborate, and catalyze conversations around our Vision: *A sustainable world where engineering enables long-term positive social and global development for the benefit of people and the environment everywhere*, and our Mission: *To be the beating heart of the engineering movement for sustainable global development, building and evolving engineering capacity throughout the world.*

In pursuit of this, I would ask that each Member Association undertake two actions in the next three months. They are:

1. If your Member Association has a project that you are particularly proud of or that you learned a lot on, let us know so that we can highlight your work through EWB-I.
2. Schedule and have a call with another Member Association to learn or share what each other is doing. And, let us know! We would like to see if there is something everyone wants to learn so that we can include that in our next Virtual Forum.

I would like to thank all of you for being a part of Engineers Without Borders International and for all the work that is happening in communities and universities around the world because of you. We are changing the world!

In partnership,  
Cathy Leslie  
EWB-I President

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## In Focus

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EWB-International has shared a new resources page. These resources were developed and shared publicly by several Member Associations and provide a valuable insight into the various activities and systems which have proven to be effective. To view these resources visit our [website](#)



EWB-International has hosted multiple forums where experts present on a variety of topics for the purpose of generating and transferring knowledge and opening up a platform for discussion between the Member associations around the world. To view these resources visit our [website](#)

## New Template Policies and Start Up Guides

EWB-International has included some resources for Start-Up National EWB Associations as well as some useful templates for Policies and Operation Guidelines.

These can be accessed on the EWB-International [website](#).

Should you wish to submit a resource you think might prove useful to other organizations please email us.

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

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## Spotlight

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Since establishing in earnest approximately one year ago, EWB-UAE are steadily building their member base and network in Dubai and across the UAE.

Early progress for the chapter has focused on university engagement, with partnerships being built with several universities including Herriot Watt (Dubai) and the Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani (Dubai Campus). Collaboration activities include providing guest lectures, suggesting student project topics, reviewing project outputs and presentations, student mentorship and shadowing, and directing students towards volunteering opportunities locally and internationally. Future plans include delivering a

seminar for professionals on EWB activities and aspirations, advocating engineering as a vehicle for positive change in the UAE, and supporting companies in the UAE in identifying and implementing community engagement projects.



EWB-UAE are also looking to grow relationships with other EWB chapters in the Middle East and beyond. Early discussions with EWB-UK have taken place, exploring how to support their “Engineering for People Design Challenge”, for example through remotely reviewing reports to give students a professional and real world perspective on their work. EWB-UAE would like to thank Arup for their support covering the chapters EWB-I annual subscription, and providing a venue for chapter meetings.



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## News From Our Network

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### **EWB-Canada**

[Spring Leadership Retreat and Day of Action.](#)

### **EWB-Kuwait**

["Launching Forum"](#)

[Ascension](#)

[انطلاق منتدى "ارتقاء"](#)



### **EWB-Hong Kong**

[Sowers Action x EWB Hong Kong "Building Better Children's Homes"](#)



### **EWB-New Zealand**

[Walk for Water 2019](#)



### **EWB-Netherlands**

[Designing Engineering Ideas for Africa](#)



### **EWB-Switzerland**

[Social Housing in Gradačac \(BiH\) - Project News](#)

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[Projekt News](#)

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