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## Interview with Engr. Mrs. Bashaver I. Al-Awwad, Chairwoman, WIE of WFEO

Engr. (Mrs) Bashayer I. Al Awwad, is the Chairwoman, Women in Engineering (WIE) Standing Committee of World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO). She is a Computer Engineer and she is from Kuwait.

**E-Newsletter:** How did this organization (WIE) come to be?

Engr. Bashayer: I have been in this organization since 2007. It was during the conference which was held in 2007 in Tu- Bashaver Al-Awwad nisia that we had a deceleration that we

have to establish a committee for Women in Engineering in WFEO. The approval was granted and we establish the committee in 2008. The committee was hosted by France for some years since the WFEO office is in Paris. I was on stage in Tunisia in 2007, where I read a declaration that says that "we want to estab-lish women in engineering" and I represented other engineers at help each other. If we are doing well in our own countries we that time. That was how we came about the election. Myself from have to share our experience with other countries that have chal-Kuwait and my colleague from France contested for the Chair. I lenges. We have to make other countries benefit from our experiwon the election by 37 votes against 24 to France. There has ences and make them to reach our present level or may be better. been positive increase in membership and we have international relations with the UNESCO, IEEE, ITU and others. **E-Newsletter:** What is the mission of the organization?

Engr. Bashayer: Our mission is to take care of women before, during and after engineering. Before, is to encourage young women to get into engineering field. During, is to focus on the challenges they face and try to solve such challenges while they are in school. After, is to make sure that they proceeds with the engineering career when they graduate because most women engineers work outside the engineering field after graduation. So we encourage them to continue in the engineering field.

E-Newsletter: Looking at the mission of Women in Engineering, how do you plan to make impact in Africa?

Engr. Bashayer: This is what we are doing. We hold conferences, workshops and discussion forum. In Singapore, we had discussions and women forum. We had speakers from different parts of the world. We had women engineers who had worked in different regions who talked on what they did as projects or programs to promote engineering for young girls and also on the

## 11th National Civil Engineering Conference & Annual General Meeting "Garden City 2013" 6-8 November 2013



The 11th National Civil Engineering Conference and Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 6th-Friday 8th November 2013 in Port Harcourt, Nigeria.

An election was conducted to elect the new Executive Committee members of the Nigerian Institution of Civil Engineers (NICE).

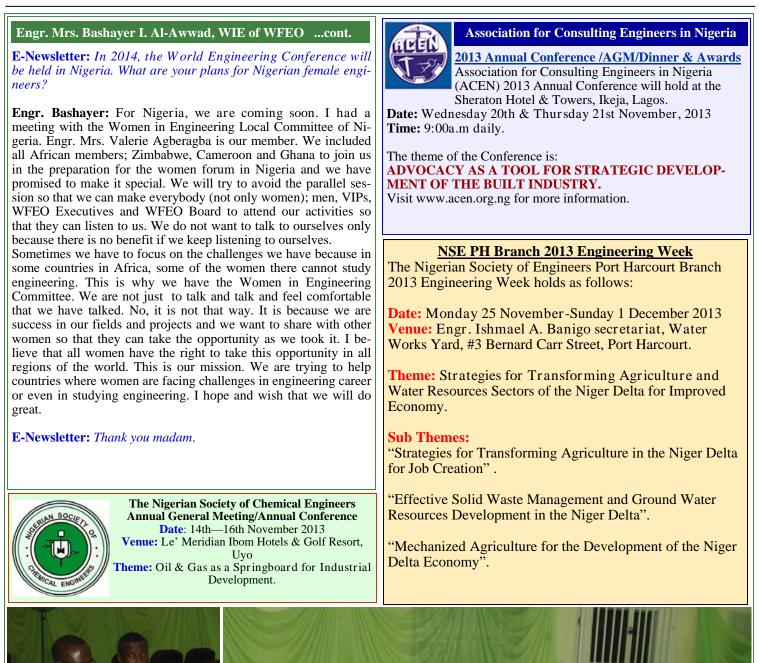
The conference was rounded up with a dinner on Friday 8th November 2013 at Hotel Presidential. Port Harcourt.

Photo: Members of the high table during the opening ceremony of NICE conference.



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The Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch Executive Committee meeting was held on Thursday 7th November 2013at Engr. Ishmael A. Banigo secretariat. The meeting was chaired by the Branch Chairman Engr. Denis A. A. Dania (left).



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