“WIE Build a Brighter Future” hosted by IEEE Women in Engineering Winnipeg Section

The IEEE WIE Winnipeg Section hosted their kick-off event on June 28, 2016. This was an informative session with an introduction to WIE’s vision and mission, guest speeches by two successful women engineers, followed by networking at the end. The event commenced with the welcome speech by Dr. Witold Kinsner, the IEEE Canada president. The two guest speakers of the event were Dr. Zahra Moussavi, Ph.D. P. Eng., a professor at the University of Manitoba and Canada Research Chair in Biomedical Engineering, and Ms. Elan Swatek, P.Eng., Radio Access Network Manager at Manitoba Telecom Services (MTS). They shared their personal experiences on various challenges faced by women engineers, and how to become successful women engineers while maintaining a work-life balance. Event registration was open for students and professionals, as well as IEEE members and non-members.

The event was a success with 65 participants from universities, colleges and the industry in Winnipeg. The event participants got the opportunity to network and share experiences with fellow students, engineers and scientists. Some participants posted their achievements or challenges that they face as women engineers in one word on the bulletin board displayed during the event. This event was sponsored by IEEE, WISE Kid-Netic Energy, Internationally-Educated Engineers Qualifications Program (IEEQ), University of Manitoba Students’ Union (UMSU), University of Manitoba Engineering Society (UMES), and University of Manitoba Dining Services and Degrees restaurant.