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Passing the baton. New president and new committee elected at the « Career Women's Forum » (CWF), Geneva.

Since 33 years, the CWF promotes networking, support and advancement of women in their careers. Three generations of professional women are working together for a more inclusive economy.

Hélène Gache president CWF 2013-2015 passing the baton to Valentina Gizzi, newly elected president CWF 2015-2016

The 33rd General Assembly of the Career Women's Forum took place at the Metropole hotel in Geneva on April 20th. The presidency, until then assumed by Hélène Gache (IBM), was passed on to Valentina Gizzi (DuPont).

Forum member for already several years, Valentina Gizzi rejoiced "it is with great pleasure that I assume the presidency of the CWF, supported by an enthusiastic committee. With over 230 members, including 15 corporate members, our objective is to continue to promote the



advancement of women in the economy. We aim to build on the CWF's strategic levers: to inspire with our members' success, to support professional women in their career advancement; to leverage our diversity; with our members and for our members." The president continued, "And we will focus on offering high quality events for our members to connect and advance personally and professionally."

f.l.t.r.: Anne Dafflon Nouvelle (consultant), Silvia Schaub (Alcoa), Kathryne Bonvin-Bercel (Von Rohr & Associates),

Silvia Stanciu (Lexmark), Annabella Cardon (JV IBM & BNP Paribas), Valentina Gizzi (DuPont) et Patricia Legler (Fondation Zdenek et Michaela Bakala).

Valentina Gizzi will start her presidency surrounded by Patricia Legler (Zdenek Bakala Foundation and Michaela) Kathryne Bonvin-Bercel (Von Rohr & Associates), Annabella Cardone (IBM & Joint Venture BNP Paribas), Silvia Stanciu (Lexmark), Anne Dafflon Nouvelle (Consultant) and Silvia Schaub (Alcoa).

The previous 16 presidents have developed a network of over 230 members and launched initiatives such as mentoring, women on board, 50+ otherwise, corporate memberships,



theme events, workshops and the highly appreciated luncheons featuring inspiring speakers of all nationalities.

The outgoing president, H el ene Gache (IBM), concludes: "We are very proud of the work achieved by the committee, which we managed in parallel to our busy professional lives. We wish much success to the new committee and the newly elected president to perpetuate the outstanding reputation of the Career Women's Forum."

Career Women's Forum

The Career Women's Forum (CWF) was created in 1982 for independent career and professional women. It consists of more than 230 active members from over 30 nationalities. Its goal is to engage with professionally active women to promote networking and gender equality along with women advancement in various sectors of the economy, politics and society.

Over time, the CWF grew more and more present at the top of large corporations, therefore CWF created the "Corporate Member" (CM) offer. Today 15 Corporate Members sponsor up to 10 women executives within their companies. It is a way for those members to acknowledge the high potential of their female executives and to enhance their visibility within the economic community

The corporate members are : ALCOA, Bacardi, Banque Cantonale de Gen ve, Banque Pictet & Cie SA, Comit  international de la Croix-Rouge (CICR), Deloitte, DuPont de Nemours, Firmenich, IBM Switzerland Ltd., Kudelski Security, Lexmark, Oracle Switzerland, Procter & Gamble, PwC, Richemont International SA

Attachements :

- Group picture (CWF committee 2015). D.g.a.d: Anne Dafflon Nouvelle (Consultante Ind pendante), Silvia Schaub (Alcoa), Kathyryne Bonvin-Bercel (Von Rohr & Associates), Silvia Stanciu (Lexmark), Annabella Cardone (Joint Venture IBM & BNP Paribas), Valentina Gizzi (DuPont), Patricia Legler (Fondation Zdenek et Michaela Bakala).
- Biographies des membres du comit  CWF 2015.

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