



International Leadership Association

## **Women and Leadership Affinity Group Annual Report of Activities 2012 - 2013**

The Women and Leadership Affinity Group has rapidly growing, and is thriving! Accomplishments this year, under the leadership of Carmela Nanton, WLAG Chair have been significant. This has been a year of many firsts for the Women and Leadership Affinity Group! Notable firsts and other significant accomplishments for the 2013 year include:

1. The Inaugural Women and Leadership Conference Building, Bridging, and Blazing Pathways for Women and Leadership: Celebrating the Past, Present and Future, was held in picturesque Asilomar, CA June 9 -12, 2013, with just under 200 participants; top scholars and thought leaders attended. The Asilomar Declaration and Call to Action document (see sidebar) was completed on October 1, 2013. A breakfast event entitled Asilomar Declaration and Call to Action on Women and Leadership: The Dialogue Continues! took place on November 1 at the conference in Montréal.
2. The launch of the Women and Leadership Book Series with Information Age Publishing and ILA. The first two volumes are centered on Women and Leadership in Higher Education and Global Perspectives on Women and Leadership with anticipated publication dates in 2014.
3. In the area of WLAG governance we developed a WLAG Position-Filling document which streamlined the nomination, selection, and process of filling WLAG Executive Leadership Team positions, and outlines terms and conditions of service. It was adopted for addition to our WLAG Charter in September 2013.
4. The first two Annual WLAG Awards were established and announced: one for excellence in Scholarship and the other for excellence in Leadership Practice. Consider nominating a colleague for one of these awards in the upcoming year.
5. The first WLAG-sponsored half-day pre-conference event (in Montréal) – “Connective Leadership: Female and Male Leadership for A Diverse & Interdependent World” – was held on October 30, 2013, and was well attended.
6. This year the fourth annual Women and Leadership Networking Luncheon with Table Talk discussions, was again sold out! It was followed by a thought-provoking panel discussion entitled Building, Bridging, and Blazing Pathways for Women and Leadership: The Conversation Continues, on November 1, 2013.

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If you would like to become a part of this dynamic and thriving group visit us at [www.ila-net.org/Communities/AG/WLAG.htm](http://www.ila-net.org/Communities/AG/WLAG.htm) and join us!

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