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SPRING 2021

WOMEN IN MATERIALS,  
MINERALS AND MINING

Happy  
New Year!

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SECURING A NEW ROLE IN 2021  
29 JANUARY 12.00PM

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## A WORD FROM OUR CHAIR

It is with great pleasure that WIM3 have produced a newsletter to make it easier to show what we have been getting up to, and what we have in store. Across the world, we are in challenging times during the pandemic, but in the face of adversity, many have used this time for reflection and opportunity; WIM3 are no different. In the past year, we have re-branded from "WIM" to "WIM3" in order to be more inclusive across the wide network of women in IOM3. We also had a steep learning curve to hold our first ever webinar in June 2020, and plan more in 2021 while we wait for the world to come back to "normal". More information about that below.

I have no doubt that we will emerge stronger in a new and improved world with unique situations to overcome, but we are all in the same circumstances and I hope that everyone is safe and making the most out of challenging and new conditions. Although many are not allowed to leave their homes, the world has become more accessible through various video and conferencing platforms, so maybe this is the start of bringing the world together. I hope that you are all safe and well, and if you are interested in any of our activities, you are welcome to join online from your sofa / home office / work desk.

Dr Margaret Wegrzyn  
Chair, WIM3

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## WE'VE REBRANDED

As of June 2020, we are no longer the 'Women in Materials' Committee, but instead the 'Women in Materials, Minerals and Mining' Committee. It's a bit more of a mouthful, so you can call us WIM3! We hope you like our new logo in line with the new IOM3 branding!



Our new web pages are now live on the new IOM3 website and we would love you to visit these and also "join" our Group – this is an indication that you want to be associated with WIM3 and get regular updates from us. Once you have joined the group, you will be able to access the pages directly from your profile on My IOM3. Please join us at <https://www.iom3.org/group/women-in-materials-minerals-mining-wim3.html> - please note that you have to log in to see the JOIN button!



JOIN WIM3 ONLINE

## NOMINATE A COLLEAGUE FOR AN IOM3 AWARD BY 5PM ON 31 JANUARY



We are particularly keen to increase the diversity of the IOM3 annual award winners and ensure that women are well represented for their contributions! The IOM3 awards and prizes cover a wide range of categories, for individuals at different career stages, organisations, IOM3 Members and non-members. The awards recognise personal achievement, published work or contributions to the profession. Please consider nominating a colleague or someone who deserves recognition before it's too late!

Women are statistically known not to voice their own successes, so it may be time for you to use your voice for them – scan the QR code to the left, or visit: <https://bit.ly/38Bg2ul>

## 2021 EVENTS OVERVIEW

### SECURING A NEW ROLE IN 2021

At the end of this month, we're delighted to host our second ever virtual event (in collaboration with the SECC)!

Join us for a 90 minute lunchtime session at **12pm on 29th January**. You'll get the chance to ask all questions you have for HR professionals regarding applying for new roles, making lateral transfers or transferring industries. Tune in for some top tips on CVs, interviews and more!

This is open to non-Institute members, so feel free to invite friends, associates and colleagues. [https://bit.ly/SECC\\_WIM3event](https://bit.ly/SECC_WIM3event)



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## EVENTS COMING SOON!

Stay tuned for our communications about:

**8th March** - Spring Seminar 2021

**23rd June** - INWED 2021





# 2020 EVENT OVERVIEW

## INWED 2020

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual International Women in Engineering Day event on 6th June 2020. Entitled, 'Challenges and Opportunities for Women in Our Industry During COVID-19', it was our first virtual event, and we were delighted to have many of you join for the afternoon webinar and panel discussion. The WIM3 committee exists to advocate for Women in IOM3, to create events that bring us together and to sign post to resources which will support us in our professional and personal pursuits. If you want to watch back the recording of the event, and check out the resources sent out afterwards, you can do so via this link: <https://bit.ly/38RH7tR>



## SPRING SEMINAR 2020

Our last in person event was our annual Spring Seminar on 11th March 2020. The seminar took place at The University of Manchester (our event sponsor) with speakers including our WIM3 Chair. It was chaired by Fiona Robinson (University of South Wales). If you didn't manage to attend the event, some of these speakers will be part of our new podcast project – more details below.

### Speakers:

- M. Grace Burke, Professor of Materials Performance, Materials Performance Centre (Keynote Speaker)
- Polly Greensmith, Technical Manager for laboratories and facilities at the University of Manchester's National Graphene Institute
- Dr Rachel Saunders, Snr Experimental Officer for the Digital Fabrication Centre
- Adele Royle, Co-Director of Honeycrown Rubber Products Ltd
- Dr Margaret Wegrzyn, Business Development Manager at Zotefoams plc, and Chair of WIM3

## WIM3 PODCAST

Did you know we're creating a podcast? Our very own Fiona Robinson has been interviewing interesting women from across the fields of Minerals, Materials and Mining. Stay tuned for its release in the near future!



## MEMBERS UPDATE

We're delighted to welcome Maria Holloway-Strong to the committee. You can read about her in her bio and find a list of our current committee members on our website.