

Dear WISE member,

We are pleased to share with you our WISE newsletter for the period March-September in Academic Year 2022/23. In this edition you will find:

- Upcoming events
- WISE Lunchtime Talks
- Looking back: Writing Retreat, Interactive Session with Female Associate and Full Professors
- Our new Board members

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### Upcoming events

- **Annual Event, 10/10/2022, 13.30-17.00, Filmzaal de Zwarte Doos**  
Our [Annual Event](#) will take place during the Diversity Week.  
We will discuss the theme "Solidarity in Science" with national and international speakers and panelists. Afterwards you are all welcome for drinks and a buffet in Cafe de Zwarte Doos. More detailed information about speakers and the program will soon be available on our website. Registration for the event is already possible using [this form](#). We look forward to seeing everyone of you!
- The **Diversity Week** will take place on October 4-11
- **Lunchtime Talk by Dr. Mary Tolikas, 22/09/22, 12:30-13:30, online**  
In her talk "When fear lifts, we are alive", [Dr. Mary Tolikas](#), Senior Vice President and Chief Innovation Officer at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, will discuss non-linear career trajectories in science, and thriving in its uncertainties. The session will be interactive, and we look forward to a lively discussion!

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### WISE Lunchtime Talks

The WISE network organizes Lunchtime Talks throughout the year to connect TU/e members with inspiring figures from industry, academia, research management and whatnot. At these meetings selected speakers talk about their career experience or a topic related to professional growth that is relevant for them.

- On June 16, **Adriana Creatore**, professor in the Plasma and Materials Processing group at TU/e and new Chair of the WISE Board, reflected on her experience in building a successful academic career.

The Lunchtime Talks are being received as an open platform for discussion on themes relevant for all campus members.

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Make sure to sign up for our upcoming [lunchtime talk with Dr. Mary Tolikas](#) (via email to [Wise-network@tue.nl](mailto:Wise-network@tue.nl)).

Would you like to suggest a speaker that you are interested in hearing? Let us know via email ([Wise-network@tue.nl](mailto:Wise-network@tue.nl)).

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## Looking back

- In the week of 4 to 8 July we held our third **WISE Writing Retreat**. We are very happy to have facilitated the work of 13 female researchers on their focused-writing projects – which are so important for career progress and job satisfaction, but so difficult to make time for. We once again saw that some simple rules – like committing to blocks of time without distractions, alternated with generous breaks – and a sense of community, can be very effective in getting writing done. Keep an eye on our newsletter for announcements of our next retreat, or feel free to organize your own!
  - On April 12, the WISE **Interactive Session with Female Associate- and Full Professors** took place. Associate and Full Professors from multiple departments took part in an open conversation about the role of WISE for members of our organization who hold important leadership positions. Follow-up sessions will be planned.
  - [Mindlab](#) The Mindlab theater performances took place between July 4 -8, with great success with the audience. At WISE, we are proud to have contributed to the input on which Mindlab was introduced to TU/e, and we look forward to the next performances.
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## New Board members!

In the last months we have welcomed many new Board members:

- **Adriana Creatore** (Applied Physics), our new Chair
- **Maureen van Eijnatten and Iris Kolenbrander** (Biomedical Engineering)
- **Lily Frank** (Industrial Engineering and Innovation Sciences)
- **Xin Guan** (Applied Physics)
- **Anja Palmans** (Chemical Engineering and Chemistry)
- **Elisabetta Peri** (Electrical Engineering)

The new [Board](#) members join Diletta Giuntini (Mechanical Engineering), Nathalie Kerstens (Innovation Space), Irina Kostisyna (Mathematics and Computer Science), Lenneke Kuijer (Industrial Design), Sandra Simaria De Oliveira Lucas (Built Environment) and Evelyn Douw (Secretary). We look forward to the next years of work together!

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## Women InSpired



Our pick for this edition of our Women InSpired series is **Kati Kariko**, a Hungarian-American biochemist who specialized in RNA-mediated mechanisms – the basis for two of the COVID-19 vaccines. She started her career as a PhD student and postdoc in Hungary. In 1989, as her lab stopped funding her research, she moved to the United States with a postdoctoral fellowship. At the University of Pennsylvania, she proposed mRNA-based gene therapy and collaborated on the development of RNA-induced immune reactions. In 2013, she decided to apply her experience with mRNA to create a new generation of vaccines. Karikó is currently Senior Vice President at BioNTech, the company that partnered with Pfizer to make the first COVID-19 vaccine to get emergency authorization in the US.

If you like to propose the next pick for the Women InSpired series, please send an email to [e.peri@tue.nl](mailto:e.peri@tue.nl) or [d.giuntini@tue.nl](mailto:d.giuntini@tue.nl).

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