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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
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Abstract:	The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) held the first International Conference of Women Engineers and Scientists (ICWES) June 15-21, 1964, to coincide with the SWE National Convention and the 1964 World's Fair in New York City, New York. Although ICWES planners originally estimated 300 participants, the conference brought together over 500 people from more than 35 countries to discuss the role of women engineers and the future of engineering. Following the success of the first ICWES (later referred to as ICWES I), women's science and engineering societies have hosted a total of 14 ICWES conferences in 11 countries. The materials in these records document the origin and development of ICWES, as well as the technical and sociological subjects discussed at the conferences. Compiled from members of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE), these records document the planning and execution of the the first and seventh ICWES conferences (ICWES I and ICWES VII) held in 1964 and 1984, which were hosted by SWE. The records also document SWE's involvement with ICWES conferences hosted in other countries. Records include correspondence, reports, clippings, proceedings, and bound volumes.

Citation Style

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History

The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) was only 8 years old when its New York Section proposed hosting an international conference of women engineers concurrent with its national conference. Originally planned for 1963, the date of the first International Conference of Women Engineers and Scientists (ICWES) was changed to June 15-21, 1964, to coincide with the 1964 World's Fair in New York City, New York. To fund the conference, SWE received grants from the National Science Foundation, the Asia Foundation, the Engineers Joint Council, several companies, and donations from numerous SWE members. Although ICWES planners originally estimated 300 participants, the conference brought together over 500 people from more than 35 countries to discuss the role of women engineers and the future of engineering. The conference featured a trip to the New York World's Fair and a Parade of States and Roll Call of Nations for ICWES delegates, professional tours, technical presentations and papers, SWE meetings and awards banquets, and other events. Following the success of the first ICWES (later referred to as ICWES I), the Women's Engineering Society of Great Britain volunteered to host a second conference in 1967 in Cambridge, England. An International Continuing Committee with ten area representatives was formed to determine the location of each successive conference, which have generally been held triennially. Building on a resolution passed at the 1999 UNESCO World Science Conference to create a global network of women engineers and scientists, in 2001 the Canadian Commission for UNESCO organized a founding meeting for the International Network of Women Engineers and Scientists (INWES). A resolution was passed at ICWES XII in 2002 to transfer administrative functions from the International Continuing Committee to the INWES Board of Directors, and INWES is now responsible for the organization of ICWES conferences. The ICWES conferences held thus far have been: 1964 – New York City, United States (hosted by SWE) 1967 – Cambridge, England 1971 – Turin, Italy 1975 – Krakow, Poland 1978 – Rouen, France 1981 – Bombay, India 1984 – Washington, D.C., United States (hosted by SWE) 1987 – Abidjan, Ivory Coast 1991 – Warwick, England 1996 – Budapest, Hungary 1999 – Chiba, Japan 2002 – Ottawa, Canada 2005 – Seoul, Korea 2008 – Lille, France 2011 – Adelaide, Australia

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Scope and Content

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transferred to the SWE Photograph Collection. Important Subjects: Engineering Engineering – Societies, etc Engineers International Conference of Women Engineers and Scientists Science – Societies, etc. Scientists Society of Women Engineers Women Engineers Women Engineers – Congresses Women in engineering Women in Science Women Scientists Women Scientists – Congresses Important Names: Patricia Brown Aileen Cavanagh Lillian Moller Gilbreth Beatrice Hicks Naomi McAffe Ruth Shafer Barbara Wollmershauser

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Arrangement

Folders in Boxes 1-4 are arranged chronologically by conference year and then alphabetically by subject. Bound volumes in Box 5 are arranged chronologically by conference year.

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Publication Statement

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Acquisition

Records from the International Conference of Women Engineers and Scientists were first deposited in the Walter P. Reuther Library with the Society of Women Engineers National Records in March of 2001. Additional records were deposited in 2003 by Helen Marie Chapman and in 2004 by Beverly Grossmeyer and Joan Schubert.

Processing History

Finding aid written on December 18, 2008 by Troy Eller. The International Conference of Women Engineers and Scientists Records were opened for research in January 2009.

Access

Collection is open for research.

Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials."

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Related Materials

Related Materials

SWE collections

Transfers

Society of Women Engineers National Records. Photographs were transferred to the Reuther's Audiovisual Department. Guides or inventories are available.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Women
- Women in engineering

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ICWES I: Correspondence, United States, 1961-1964	Box 1	Folder 6-9
ICWES I: Directory of Delegates, 1964	Box 1	Folder 10

ICWES I: NSF Grant, 1962-1965	Box 1	Folder 11
ICWES I: Proceedings, 1964	Box 1	Folder 12
ICWES I: Programs, 1963-1964	Box 1	Folder 13
ICWES I: Public Relations, 1963-1964	Box 2	Folder 1
ICWES I: Reports, Committee, 1964, 1968	Box 2	Folder 2
ICWES I: Reports, General, 1964	Box 2	Folder 3-4
ICWES I: Reports, International Delegates, 1964	Box 2	Folder 5-6
ICWES I: Reports, Public Relations Committee, 1965	Box 2	Folder 7
ICWES II: Correspondence, 1966-1967	Box 2	Folder 8
ICWES II: International Council, 1966-1967	Box 2	Folder 9
ICWES II: Programs and Proceedings, 1967	Box 2	Folder 10
ICWES II: Publicity, 1967	Box 2	Folder 11
ICWES III: Correspondence, 1969-1972	Box 3	Folder 1
ICWES III: Proceedings, General Reports, 1971	Box 3	Folder 2
ICWES III: Proceedings, Sociology Papers, 1971	Box 3	Folder 3
ICWES III: Proceedings, Technical Papers, 1971	Box 3	Folder 4-7
ICWES III: Program, 1971	Box 3	Folder 8
ICWES III: Publicity, 1971	Box 3	Folder 9
ICWES IV: Correspondence, 1972-1975	Box 3	Folder 10-11
ICWES IV: Program and Proceedings, 1974-1975	Box 3	Folder 12
ICWES V: 1976-1979	Box 4	Folder 1
ICWES VII: Correspondence, 1980-1984	Box 4	Folder 2
ICWES VII: Planning, 1982-1984	Box 4	Folder 3
ICWES VII: Program, 1984	Box 4	Folder 4
ICWES VIII: 1987	Box 4	Folder 5
ICWES IX: Program and Report, 1991-1992	Box 4	Folder 6
ICWES X: Program and Proceedings, 1996	Box 4	Folder 7
ICWES XI: Brochure, 1999	Box 4	Folder 8
ICWES XIII: Brochure, 2005	Box 4	Folder 9
INWES: Newsletter, 2004	Box 4	Folder 10
Proceedings of the First International Conference of Women Engineers and Scientists, 1964	Box 5	Folder 1

Proceedings of the Second International Conference of Women Engineers and Scientists, 1967	Box 5	Folder 2
Proceedings of the Third International Conference of Women Engineers and Scientists, 1971	Box 5	Folder 3
Proceedings of the Fourth International Conference of Women Engineers and Scientists, 1975	Box 5	Folder 4
Programme and synopses of Sixth International Conference of Women Engineers and Scientists, 1981	Box 5	Folder 5
Proceedings of the Seventh International Conference of Women Engineers and	Box 5	Folder 6
Abstracts of the Ninth International Conference of Women Engineers and Scientists, 1991	Box 5	Folder 7
Demographics of the Ninth International Conference of Women Engineers and	Box 5	Folder 8
Proceedings of the Ninth International Conference of Women Engineers and Scientists, 1991	Box 5	Folder 9