

ENGINEERING EDUCATION ABROAD: A REALITY FOR WOMEN

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Suzanne G. Brainard received her Ph.D. from Ohio State University in Educational and Developmental Psychology in 1972. She is the Director of Women in Engineering at the University of Washington in Seattle. She is the President and one of three co-founders of WEPAN and Executive Director of the Western Regional WEPAN Center. She served on the Penn State Advisory Board for Women in Engineering and chaired the Advisory Board for Women in Engineering at the University of Colorado, Boulder. She currently serves on Dow Chemical Company's Academic Advisory Counsel and the American Women in Science Advisory (AWIS) Board on Mentoring. She serves as a consultant and peer reviewer on organizational and gender equity issues to several higher educational institutions, private foundations and federal agencies, serves on several local community boards, and makes numerous invited presentations to national and international organizations.

As Director of Women in Engineering, Dr. Brainard manages all program, research and fundraising activities. She manages four full-time staff members, six graduate students and fourteen undergraduate students. The Women in Engineering (WIE) Initiative is recognized as a national model Women in Engineering Program. The WIE Initiative provides a collaborative learning environment in its Center, and offers a comprehensive set of academic and retention programs to increase the recruitment and retention of women in engineering. It focuses on women at all levels, including freshmen, pre-engineering, undergraduate majors, and graduate students. The students are culturally and ethnically diverse and many are community college transfer and returning students.

Presenters:	Marilyn Berman, Ph.D. Associate Dean College of Engineering University of Maryland	Gertrud Humily, Ph.D. Delegate French Ministry of Defense
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