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# IWIRC NEWSLETTER

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Connecting Women Worldwide



IWIRC Top 10 in 2019

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*As the year comes to a close, IWIRC has much to celebrate. Please join us as we review the fabulous events and accomplishments of the past year and look ahead to more to come in 2020.*

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**Silver Celebrations:** over the past year, IWIRC celebrated its 25th Anniversary. IWIRC was founded as the first professional association dedicated to enhancing the professional status of women in all disciplines of insolvency and restructuring. Its first member joined in 1994. It now connects more than 1,600 professionals globally through 44 networks in 13 countries. Take a walk down memory lane and check out some favorite flashbacks shared on social media! #fbf #iwirc #iwircfirst

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**Laissez les bon temps!** IWIRC leaders from around the globe spent three terrific days in July in New Orleans networking, promoting the growth and development of IWIRC, celebrating the 2019 Founders Award Winners, and catching up over Cajun delicacies and while parading through New Orleans' famous French Quarter. Prepare to make memories at next year's Leadership Summit in Minneapolis, MN from July 29-31, 2019!



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**Radiant Rising Stars:** our 2019 Rising Star nominees gathered with nominees from past years at the Fall Conference in Washington, DC. The semi-finalists and finalists enjoyed catching up and celebrating this year's impressive class. Read more about them [here](#).



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**London Leads the Way:** the London Network has flourished to become IWIRC's third largest network in less than a year, since its inception in 2018. The newly formed IWIRC London Network is undoubtedly a fast-growing, dynamic, and leading network in the global IWIRC organization. In July, the Network was recognized for its incredible accomplishments when it received the Ryan Award at the Leadership Summit in July.

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**WOYR Asia:** The Asian IWIRC networks named Jacqueline Walsh of Borrelli Walsh the 2019 winner of the IWIRC Woman of the Year in Restructuring (Asia) Award. The award complements IWIRC International's Woman of the Year in Restructuring Award and celebrates an inspirational woman who has displayed exceptional leadership and made an extraordinary contribution to insolvency industry in Asia, where IWIRC continues to innovate and shine.



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**Beijos from Brazil!** The Brazil Network launched at the end of last year and has had a busy first year hosting events and connecting women in the region. In September, the network hosted a brunch at Sao Paolo's most luxurious hotels.



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**Goodness Grapes!** For the second year, IWIRC members gathered on the west coast for IWIRC on the Vine. This regional conference saw over 40 women gather in the Okanagan Valley of British Columbia, Canada, for a weekend of great programming and wine tasting. Next year's conference is being planned for Santa Barbara, California.



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**Remembering a Legend:** Selinda Melnik, IWIRC's founder, passed away last November after battling cancer, but her legacy of connecting women lives on through all IWIRC members. The Fall Conference included a lovely tribute to Selinda. You can listen to Martha Fetner's touching remarks [here](#).

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**IWIRC Launches an Advisory Council:** The [2020 IWIRC Board of Directors](#) will start their new roles on January 1, 2020. The composition of the Board highlights the breadth of talent in IWIRC's membership worldwide. The 2020 Board will also include a new IWIRC Advisory Council, made up of four leaders of the profession who will help the IWIRC Executive Board to accomplish new endeavors through their guidance and commitment to IWIRC's core values. These new roles will provide an opportunity and a platform for continued stewardship of the IWIRC mission all over the world.

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**Top Things to Look Forward to in 2020:** there are a number of tremendous events lined up for 2020 and surely something for everyone. Once again, the **Spring Conference** will take place in Washington, D.C. on April 22-23, 2020. The **Fall Conference** is slated to return to sunny San Diego, so pack your shades and plan for another fantastic event October 12-13, 2020. And, while the cold consumes much of the country this spring, plan to head south for the inaugural **[IWIRC in the Blue Ridge Mountains](#)** in Asheville, N.C. on March 19-20, 2020. This event will feature everything - interesting and informative programs, the opportunity to unwind together with Yoga, and a chance to enjoy bankruptcy babble over brews at one to the area's top breweries.

Be sure to share your submissions to [news@iwirc.com](mailto:news@iwirc.com) and **connect with IWIRC** on social media including [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and now [Instagram](#)! You can learn about the latest and greatest from our Networks around the globe and connect with members near and far.

**Happy holidays and happy new year!**



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