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Open Letter

Dear Mr Battistelli,

In 2014, the European Platform of Women Scientists EPWS wrote to the European Patent Office (EPO) to express its concern about the absence or the paucity of women awardees at the European Inventor Awards (EIA). EPO answered in 2014, 2016 that EPWS should participate in this event announcement to increase the number of women candidates, which we did. And two EPWS members from different countries are now taking part in the EIA selection procedure.

The 2018 EIA ceremony just took place and EPWS is particularly happy of the large number of women inventor awardees, evidencing their huge creativity. They are great models for younger women scientists and for girls considering entering science and technology studies. Hopefully in the coming years the EIA prizewinners lists will confirm this tendency.

EPWS will continue to promote the EIA competition, which is an excellent way to show that Europe can rely on both women and men talents, to fulfill its excellence and innovation objectives.

Best regards,

Prof. Claudine Hermann
EPWS President