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## *Award Ceremony Women of Aviation Worldwide Week 2016 Awards*

This year is the second year that Turkish aviation and aerospace organizations participated in the "**Women Of Aviation Worldwide (WOAW)**" Week organized by "**Institute for Women Of Aviation Worldwide (iWOAW)**".

Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week is a global outreach initiative that takes place annually during the week of March 8, anniversary date of the world's first female pilot license since 1910 and International Women's Day since 1914.

The week is designed to raise awareness of aviation opportunities available to girls of all ages while celebrating the accomplishments of past and present women of aviation.

120 venues in Africa, America, Europe, and Oceania hosted activities aimed at advancing gender balance in the air and space industry during the 6th annual Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week, a global aviation awareness week for girls of any age, founded and managed by the Institute for Women Of Aviation Worldwide (iWOAW). 44,000 participated. With 27 venues, France led the way for most venues in one single country closely followed by Turkey with 26.

- On Pink Paper Plane Day, March 8, 1,343 individuals working in teams ranging from 15 to over 500 built 11,447 Pink Paper Planes within 15 minutes towards iWOAW's Guinness World Records attempts.
- The Fly It Forward® Challenge is a call to action urging pilots to help close the wide flight introduction gap between genders by introducing girls of all ages to flight during The Week. This year, 8,418 girls discovered flying as part of the initiative.





iWOAW identifies the Week's activities that most effectively engage guests while generating high satisfaction levels among its volunteers. It uses these measurements to award the "Most Acclaimed Organizer Worldwide" titles. The awards went to Can Erel, Aeronautical Engineer and the head of CE - Technology, Business, Education & Communication Solutions, Ankara - Turkey, in the non-flying event category.

The names of the 2016 winners in other categories were:

- **South Texas International Airport**, Edinburg, Texas, USA: "**Most Female-Pilot-Friendly Airport Worldwide**",
- **Dianna Stanger**, Port Lavaca, Texas, USA: "**Most Dedicated Female Pilot Worldwide**",
- **Yves Barbeau**, Lachute, Quebec, Canada: "**Most Supportive Male Pilot Worldwide**"
- **Marguerite Varin**, Lachute, Quebec, Canada: "**Most Productive Organizer Worldwide** (activity including Fly It Forward® flights)",
- **TUSAŞ Engine Industries (TEI)**, Eskisehir, Turkey: "**Most Productive Organizer Worldwide** (other activity)",
- **Central West Flying**, Bathurst, New South Wales, Australia: "**Most Acclaimed Organizer Worldwide** (activity including Fly It Forward® flights)",
- **Can Erel**, Ankara, Turkey: "**Most Acclaimed Organizer Worldwide** (other activity)".



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-  TAV Airports for flights,
-  OZTURK Tourism for transfers,
-  Turkish Aerospace Industries for accommodations,
-  ONUR Air for activities and socials.

Thanks for all who have participated and supported in the WOAW week and related events.

