

## **Women in Engineering Committee Event**

***Speaker Allison Corabatir, P.Eng., Director Lean Manufacturing and Six Sigma, Magna Exteriors and Interiors***

**September 13, 2011, Mississauga Central Library**

Approximately 30 participants attended the speaker event by Allison Corabatir, P.Eng. on "Managing Change". Ms. Corabatir spoke on two topics: highlights from her career and profile of Magna International Inc.

In highlighting her career in changing manufacturing environments, Ms. Corabatir highlighted key moments of truth from her personal life and career then shared her strategy for adapting and thriving in uncertain conditions. Key takeaways from her presentation included:

- Always have an updated resume
- Have something valuable to offer
- Be energetic and positive
- Leave your comfort zone
- Ask questions – ask for help
- Don't be afraid of stepping down or taking a lateral position

In profiling Magna International Inc., Ms. Corabatir demonstrated the global presence of this corporation and how it has truly diversified beyond its origins as a car parts manufacturer. Magna has 269 manufacturing operations and 84 product development, engineering and sales centres in 26 countries on five continents as of Q2 2011. She highlighted Magna's unique global structure and company culture (Magna's Corporate Constitution, Employee Charter). Ms. Corabatir also indicated that Magna is again seeking to recruit qualified candidates. She encouraged participants to apply through the Magna website at the "Careers" tab.