



## LET'S MEET ELENI RIZIKIANOU

### IMAGE OF THE PROFESSION – WHITE PAPER

#### *1. Tell us about yourself (your background/journey/experience)*

I have lived all my life in Athens Greece and my roots come from the island of Crete. My personality is rather exuberant, and I love life with its countless possibilities. Being an administrative professional was a clear choice, that I made soon in my life, 27 years ago, as I wanted to be in the centre of the action.

I am a member of International Management Assistants (IMA) having offered service in several positions, nationally and internationally, and also, I am a member at large of International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP). Currently I work as an office manager. My primary goal as I walk several stages in life is becoming a better person. As a result, I become a better professional.

#### *2. What inspired you to support the WASummit?*

Attending WASummit was an opportunity to take part in a global gathering of administrative professionals, interact with them, learn, grow, evolve, network, represent my country and my profession to an international level, attend working groups and work on issues regarding the future of administrative professionals. As soon as I heard that it would take place in Europe, I knew it was my chance to participate and have my voice heard, but also taking the initiative and the responsibility to participate in team projects with global effect.

#### *3. Which Task Force are you working with/leading?*

I am the leader of Image of the Professional Task Force working on a global guideline for enhancing the identity and image of administrative professionals, along with 12 other colleagues from an equal number of countries across the globe.

#### *4. What do you see as the key aspects of your involvement with the WASummit?*

The variety of people involved in the WASummit is itself a challenge. Working with so many people from various countries, various backgrounds and know how, various cultures, various approaches, consists a source of knowledge and wisdom for every participant. I am more than honoured to be Greece's first ambassador to this global meeting and had the opportunity gaining a unique kind of experience.

#### *5. How do you plan on using your experience/platform to assist Administrators, and what would you personally like to achieve for the WASummit?*

My short-term goal is to deliver the project I undertook during the previous summit. I would like to continue being an active member of the WASummit from any position I can, assisting ongoing or future projects. The experience gained by participation in an international event as WASummit, which is not a conference but a big working group, is unique and valuable and helped me moved further out of my comfort zone.

#### *6. If there is one piece of information regarding WASummit that you want everyone to understand, what would it be?*

WASummit is the voice of Administrative Professionals of the World. It is our privilege and our duty to be involved in it.