WiSER Words – Spring 2010

Dear colleague,

In this edition please find the following news and events that may be of interest to you or one of your colleagues/students:

- Announcement of new College-wide Mentoring Initiative
- Invitation to launch of International Women’s Week 2010
- WiSER is partner in successful €2.75 million FP7 bid
- Come to the Campus Company celebration “Best Year Ever”
- Maths & Science Exploration Week is looking for researchers: can you take part?
- New Publications & Research:
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News & Events

Announcement: Mentoring for Early Career Academics now College-wide
The successful pilot WISER Mentoring Programme run in 2008-9 is now the basis of a new College-wide Early Career Mentoring Initiative for Academic Staff. WiSER will continue to support this programme, which is run by the Staff Development Unit and the Faculties.
Further details: http://www.tcd.ie/Staff_Office/mentoring

Invitation to the launch of International Women’s Week 2010: Monday 8th March, 11.00 am in the Sports Foyer (Click for map)
WiSER will be supporting the launch of International Women’s Week at a coffee morning in aid of Haiti hosted by the Mature Student Office & Trinity Access Programme. We look forward to seeing you there.
Further details: http://www.tcd.ie/equality/projects/IWD.php

WiSER is partner in successful €2.75 million FP7 bid
We are delighted to announce our involvement, together with the Science Gallery, in the FP7 TWIST: Towards Women in Science & Technology project. TWIST will develop and launch innovative public activities & exhibitions in science centres around Europe targeting the general public, school students, teachers and parents in order to challenge perceptions about science. To hear more about the project, we invite you to come and meet us at the International Women’s Week launch, which WiSER will be attending along with Lynn Scarff of the Science Gallery.

Around Campus
Come to the Campus Company celebration “Best Year Ever”: Thursday 11th March, 5.30 – 7.30 pm, O’Reilly Institute Foyer (Click for map)
Trinity Research & Innovation is hosting this event to celebrate the formal launch of 10 new Trinity campus companies. It will be a chance to meet the founders of the companies, learn from their experiences, and find out how you could form one of the next Campus Companies.
Further details: http://trinityenterprisenetwork.ie/wordpress/?p=223
Maths & Science Exploration Week is looking for researchers: can you take part?

**Monday 12th – Friday 16th April**

This annual event brings 6th class primary school children into Trinity to stimulate interest in maths and science. Trinity Access Programme is looking for academics & researchers to get involved by sharing their research. If you’d like to participate please contact Grace Edge in TAP at grace.edge@tcd.ie.

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**New Research & Publications**

**Mentoring linked to increased grant success**

Women with mentors have a 93% likelihood of receiving grant funding, compared to 68% for women with no mentors, according to a new study by the American National Academy of Sciences. [http://www.mentornet.net/documents/about/news/news.aspx](http://www.mentornet.net/documents/about/news/news.aspx)

**Signposting Career Paths for Postdoctoral Researchers**

This new guide, published by the Athena Forum, is available for download from their website: [http://www.athenaforum.org.uk/](http://www.athenaforum.org.uk/)

**Women & Men in Ireland 2009**

Women are more likely than men to have a third-level qualification, but still account for just 16% of engineering, manufacturing and construction graduates. Read about it here: [http://www.cso.ie/releasespublications/women_and_men_in_ireland_2009.htm](http://www.cso.ie/releasespublications/women_and_men_in_ireland_2009.htm)

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**Funding Opportunities**

**L’Oreal UNESCO UK & Ireland For Women in Science Fellowships**

Four Fellowships, each worth £15,000, will be awarded to outstanding female postdoctoral scientists to assist them with their research. Visit [http://www.womeninscience.co.uk/](http://www.womeninscience.co.uk/) to apply. Closing date for applications is midnight (GMT), 7th April 2010.

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To submit an item/event for inclusion in the next edition of WISER Words, please email the details to wiser@tcd.ie.

If you have a question or comment about anything mentioned in this email please feel free to email us at wiser@tcd.ie.

With best wishes from the WiSER team

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