Dear all,

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**WiSER Events**

**International Women’s Day: ‘Women Shaping Progress’**
Engineers Ireland, Friday 7th March 2008

WiSER will contribute to a seminar for second-level students organised by STEPS. Following presentations from WiSER and female engineers from different disciplines there will be a reception to allow the female engineers of tomorrow to meet women already in the sector. While the event is primarily targeted at second-level students, there is an open invitation to all third and fourth level students who would like to attend. If you have an experience of studying or working in the area that you would like to share or if you are keen to promote engineering to the next generation of students please come along.

Where: Engineers Ireland, 22 Clyde Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4,
Presentations: 10am
Reception: 12pm
Information: www.steps.ie

**POSTERS: Men and Women in Ireland in 2008**
College Wide, All Week

Look out for the posters illustrating the gender balance in various aspects of life in Ireland. WiSER, the Centre for Gender and Women’s Studies and the TCD Equality Office with support from DUGES (Dublin University Gender Equality Society) have commissioned the posters that, using statistics from the Central Statistics Office Publication “Women and Men in Ireland: 2007”, provide interesting insights into *Women & Men in Decision Making,*
Qualifications & Earnings, and Parents & Employment. There are 10 in total so make sure you spot them all!

WiSER Programmes

Springboard Registration
The third course of the highly acclaimed personal and professional development programme ‘Springboard’ will start on April 3rd. The course comprises four full-day sessions that will take place once a month. Places are limited so early registration is advised. For further information, and to book your place, go to http://www.tcd.ie/wiser/activities/springboard.php.

Writing Groups
Writing a book or a journal article? It can feel like a solitary and isolating process if you’re going it alone. A bit of support, advice and constructive reading from others going through the same experience can be just what it takes to get you motivated again.

WiSER has a number of writing groups which can be of use whether you are a first time article author, writing a book chapter and even taking on a whole book. Groups typically have 8 – 10 members, are open to all scientific and engineering disciplines, and meet at regular intervals to review each other’s progress.

To join a group or request more detailed information contact wiser@tcd.ie or at ext 3508.

Funding

WiSER Awards 2007
Congratulations to Fiona Walsh (Clinical Microbiology), Bridget Kane (Computer Science), and Rachel McDonnell (Computer Science), the three recipients of WiSER’s inaugural Postdoctoral Awards. Here’s hoping this marks the start of successful funding bids for each of you and we are proud to be able to support such exciting work.

New Funding Opportunities
The L’Oreal UK and Ireland Fellowships for Women in Science
Four fellowships, each valued at €20,000, are available to outstanding female scientists at any UK or Irish university or research institution to support 12 months of post-doctoral research in the life and physical sciences.

L’Oreal UK and Ireland is offering the fellowships in partnership with the Irish National Committee for UNESCO.

Further details can be found at www.unesco.org.uk/For_Women_In_Science.htm or at www.loreal.co.uk.
Application deadline is Wednesday 2nd April 2008. Please contact WiSER on ext. 3508 or wiser@tcd.ie if you would like to discuss the process or get some advice.

Events in Dublin

International Women’s Day
WiTS Ireland is hosting an event for International Women’s Day at which Minister for Education & Science Mary Hanafin will be unveiling a plaque to Anne Jellicoe, Educationalist, on Thursday 6th March at 3pm.

Further details are available from www.witsireland.com/

In the Media

Some recent articles which might be of interest...

From Science|Business –
‘Women in the UK academic medicine workforce’
http://bulletin.sciencebusiness.net/ebulletins/showissue.php3?page=/548/2589/9011

From EUROPA:
‘EU researchers earn less than their counterparts in the US, Australia, Japan and India’

From University of Melbourne:
‘Women scientists produce higher quality work, but men produce more early in their careers, new study reveals’
http://uninews.unimelb.edu.au/articleid_3965.html