May 2008

Dear all

In this bulletin, you will find information about:

Events in TCD

- Science Gallery event, Thursday, 22nd May, 7 pm – free tickets available
- Make Wednesday’s WiSER Seminar ‘Improving Your Writing Output over the Summer Months – Join WiSER’s Writing Group’, 11th June

Events in Dublin

- STEPS & Engineers Ireland, Friday, 23rd May, 9 am – 5.30 pm
  ‘Evaluating Science in Society: International Perspectives & Experiences and the Irish Context’

- Discover Science & Engineering, Could you be a science ambassador?’

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Events in TCD

Science Gallery – ‘Is Human Cloning inevitable?’
A raw debate about human reproductive cloning will take place on Thursday, 22nd May, 2008
in the Science Gallery. 15 free tickets are available for postdoctoral and academic staff in
Science and Engineering. Booking is required. To book a place please email to Lynn Scarff,
lynn.scarff@sciencegallery.com
Further details can be found by following this link:
http://www.sciencegallery.ie/gallery_events

Make Wednesdays WiSER Seminar ‘Improving Your Writing Output over the Summer Months – Join WiSER’s Writing Group’, Wednesday, 11th June, 12.45-2pm, venue TBC, lunch
provided

WiSER is hosting an informal seminar which introduces the idea of setting up a writing group
in order to improve your writing output, especially over the summer months. You will set
your writing goals, learn about different models of writing groups, discuss the benefits of
joining one and learn the practical guidelines of setting one up. Please email wiser@tcd.ie
to register your place.

Events in Dublin

STEPS & Engineers Ireland – SET Communication & Outreach Conference
STEPS and Engineers Ireland are organising the second annual SET communication and
outreach conference on Friday, 23rd May, 2008. The theme of the conference is: ‘Evaluating
Science in Society: International Perspectives & Experiences and the Irish Context’. Further
details can be found on WiSER website: http://www.tcd.ie/wiser.

Discover Science & Engineering – ‘Could you be a science ambassador?’
Discover Science & Engineering has vacancies on its Science
Ambassadors programme. This is for people working in science
who are enthusiastic about their careers and willing to spread the
word to others considering that career. It takes very little work
but can make a huge difference to students. Further information can be found by following

European Publication
Mapping the maze: Getting more women to the top in research
The Women In Research Decision Making (WIRDEM) expert group have produced a report
identifying and reviewing positive actions and gender equality measures at institutional and
national level which aim to promote women into senior positions in public research.
The publication can be downloaded from the following website:

In the Media
Some recent articles which might be of interest...

Women in 40s lose most from gender pay gap, The Guardian, April 15th 2008
The office of UK National Statistics shows that women in their 40’s working full time earn, on
average, 20% less than men. Fay Shlesinger in the Guardian suggests that this “motherhood
penalty” starts to appear 10 years after women start work. The smallest pay gap was for
professional occupations at 4%, rising to 23% for managers and 25% for women working in
skilled trades.
http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2008/apr/15/gender.equality

‘Positive discrimination’ needed for female scientists, EurActiv, April 15th 2008
Europe should not shy away from positive discrimination as a way to promote women
scientists as it will help tackle skills shortages in scientific disciplines, argues the author of a

**Women Scientists in the media, UK Resource Centre**
The UK Resource Centre for Women in SET (UKRC) has recently published a series of research reports and briefings on the representation of women scientists in the media. http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/resources/ukrc-publications/