Special Session
Informatics Europe Activities

Committee on European Computing Education (CECE) – Jan Vahrenhold and Michael Caspersen

Working Group Women in Informatics Research and Education – Lynda Hardman

Report Key Data Informatics Education in Europe (2016 Edition) – Mehdi Jazayeri

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Online Activities

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Working Group Women in Informatics
Research and Education

Lynda Hardman, on behalf of Jane Hillston

ECSS 2016
ELTE - Budapest, Hungary
What is WIRE?

• WIRE is a working group of Informatics Europe, aiming to raise awareness and promote good practice with respect to women in Informatics.

• The current working group members are:
  • Gyöngyi Bujdosó, University of Debrecen, Hungary
  • Carlo Grezzi, Politecnico di Milano, Italy
  • Lynda Hardman, CWI and Utrecht University, Netherlands (Past-Chair)
  • Jane Hillston, University of Edinburgh, UK (Chair)
  • Maria Letizia Jaccheri, NTNU, Norway (ERCIM representative)
  • Hélène Kirchner, Inria, France
  • Cristina Pereira, Informatics Europe, Switzerland

• Ex-officio the group also includes Reyyan Ayfer, Chair ACM-W Europe, Bilkent University, Turkey
WI RE Objectives

• The purpose of WI RE is to promote actions that help improve gender balance at all stages of the career path in Information and Computer Sciences.

• We seek to support members in their own efforts to improve equality and diversity within their institutions.

• Where possible and appropriate we strengthen our efforts by working with partner organisations such as ACM-WE.
2016 Initiatives: The Minerva Informatics Equality Award

- Launched in 2016, with sponsorship from Google, the Minerva Informatics Equality Award is a new award for departments or faculties who are able to demonstrate successful initiatives to encourage and support the careers of women in Informatics research and education.

- The theme this year was developing the careers of female faculty, including retention and promotion.

- The international panel, chaired by Prof. Micheline Beaulieu, were impressed with the quality of submissions.

- The Award will be presented tomorrow.
2016 Initiatives:
The WomENcourage conference

- WomENcourage is an annual celebration of women in Computer Science and Informatics in Europe organised by ACM-WE.
- We offer support through sponsorship and publicity for the event.
- We enable a number of free registrations for students of Informatics Europe member institutions, allowing female students at all stages of their careers to benefit from the inspirational talks, workshops, career fair and networking opportunities on offer.

At WomENcourage 2016, in Linz, Austria, in September, Informatics Europe President, Lynda Hardman, gave a keynote address.
2016 Initiatives: Active advocacy

- We raise the profile of the topic through interviews and participation in publications.
- For example this year, there was
  - An article in Amsterdam Science on Promoting Women in Science
  - A special section of ERCIM News on Women in ICT Research and Education
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In 2016 we have revisited the booklet, revising and updating its content. A new edition will be issued to all member departments soon.
Minerva Award 2017

• We are already planning for the Minerva Informatics Equality Award for 2017.

• The topic will be Supporting the transition for PhD and postdocs into faculty positions.

• The panel chair will be Prof Christine Choppy, of LI PN, Paris 13, and the rest of the panel will be announced shortly.

• The call will be issued early in 2017.