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WWEST is hosting a Marketing for Social Media workshop!



WWEST will be presenting a Marketing for Social Media workshop on Sept 15 at UBC for all applicants for WWEST Partners, as well as past Partners. Please RSVP by Sept 5 by emailing [wwest@mech.ubc.ca!](mailto:wwest@mech.ubc.ca)

If you are applying to be a [WWEST Partner](#), remember to send in your application form by Sept 15!

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Women InTM is an annual luncheon that recognizes and celebrates women working in non-traditional fields. Each year, they honour four extraordinary

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women who have made an impact in their communities through leadership, excellence, philanthropy and service. Do you know an outstanding woman working in the field of Energy? Nominate her for a Women In™ Energy award! The Call for Nominations is open and will close on September 26, 2014. Award honourees and finalists will be announced at the luncheon on November 26, 2014.

[Click here](#) for more information.

[Oct 24: BC Economic Forum: Women as a catalyst for growth](#)

The [WEB Alliance](#) will be hosting a large scale working forum to develop recommendations to support women in business resulting in economic growth in BC. This interactive event will take place on Friday, October 24, at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver.

Use the promo code "WEBEARLY" prior to August 31 to register at a special rate! For more information about the forum and to register, [click here](#).

[Nov 6: Power Up: Mental Fitness and Resilience-Building in Life and Work](#)

SCWIST will be hosting a one-hour workshop led by Michelle Sangster, who will lead participants through an interactive, playful, and informative series of activities to help participants build confidence in life and work through learning resilience. This is followed by a panel discussion by four scientists who share their stories of resilience and confidence-building.

The workshop will take place on Thursday, November 6, 2014 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at:

YWCA Downtown Vancouver
535 Hornby Street
4th floor Welch Room

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Announcements & Articles

[Congratulations to ABIE Award Winner Dr. Anne Condon!](#)

UBC's Computer Science Department Head Dr. Anne Condon is the recipient of the 2014 Grace Hopper Celebration Technical Leadership ABIE Award. The award recognizes female computer scientists who demonstrate leadership through their contributions to technology and achievements in increasing the impact of women on technology.

For more information about the ABIE awards and awards winners, [click here](#).

[Government Report: Good for Business: A Plan to Promote More Women on Canadian Boards](#)

The final report of the Government of Canada's Advisory Council to promote women on boards has been released. The recommendations include aspiring to 30% of boards comprised of women over five years.

For the full report, entitled Good for Business: A Plan to Promote More Women on Canadian Boards, can be found [here](#).

[Article: Many women leave engineering, blame the work culture](#)

A recent study has found that out of the respondents in the study, only 62% of women with engineering degrees are currently working in engineering. Respondents said that the engineering workplace was unfriendly and hostile to women, and that companies did not provide opportunities for women to advance and develop.

[Click here](#) to read the full article.

[Article: Small changes produce dramatic results for women in engineering](#)

A recently published study by faculty in the University

of Waterloo found that female engineering students who attended an hour-long session during their first year in a male-dominated engineering program, had an average that was 10 per cent higher than young women who didn't attend, and also had a greater sense of belonging in the engineering program.

[Click here](#) to read the full article.

[Article: Fields Medal mathematics prize won by woman for first time in its history](#)

Maryam Mirzakhani, an Iranian maths professor at Stanford University, has been awarded the highest honour a mathematician can attain. This is the first time in history that the Fields Medal (considered the Nobel prize for mathematics) has been awarded to a woman.

To read the full article, [click here](#).

Reminders

[Aug 27: Women in STEM Summer Social](#)

BCWEN and Women in Mining BC are hosting a summer social where you will have the opportunity to meet and connect with women from STEM sectors around Vancouver.

This event will take place on August 27 at 5:30pm – 7:30pm. Tickets include dinner and a drink.

For more information and to buy tickets, [click here!](#)

[Aug 29: Deadline to apply for E-Series North – Empowering Entrepreneurship in Northern BC](#)

The Forum for Women Entrepreneurs (FWE) is hosting a one day workshop about economic opportunities for female entrepreneurs in northern BC, followed by a reception. It will take place on Oct 15, 2014 at the Ramada Hotel Downtown, Prince George, BC. Applications to attend the workshop are due on Aug 29, 2014.

For more information and to buy tickets, [click here](#).

[Sept 9: Who's in charge: Why aren't there more women in leadership roles?](#)

UBC Dialogues: Vancouver will be hosting a panel and discussion about the causes of gender imbalance in senior leadership positions. Profiles of the esteemed panelists and more details about the discussion can be found [here](#).

The event will takeplace on:

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

6:30-9:00pm

Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown

1128 West Hastings Street

Vancouver, BC

Be sure to RSVP before Wednesday September 3!

[Sept 15: WWEST Partners Call for Proposals](#)

WWEST is currently accepting applications for potential partners! The WWEST Partners program brings together training, resources and funding from the WWEST program with both established and un-established community organizations that are undertaking activities to promote outreach, recruitment and retention for girls, young women and industry professionals in engineering science and technology. For more information and access to the application, [click here](#).

Please note that this will be the last year for WWEST Partners funding. The application deadline has changed this year to September 15. Early application is encouraged!

[Sept 15: Registration deadline for Step Up: A Promotion Workshp for Female Faculty](#)

Your NSERC Chairs for Women in Science and Engineering invite you to attend this unique workshop and to learn from female Full Professors about what

worked for them, gain insights from those who have served as Dean or Department Chair, and leave with a draft plan for your own career advancement. This workshop is primarily aimed at Associate Professors – Assistant Professors are welcome and will also benefit from attending. This is a great opportunity to get the support and encouragement you need to Step-Up!

This workshop will take place at:

8:00am - 4:30pm
Friday, Oct 3, 2014
The Westin Hotel
1181 Hollis St, Halifax
Harbour Suites A/B

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

[Sept 18: Ashlu Creek Small Hydro Tour](#)

BC Women in Energy Network (BC WEN) will be hosting a tour of the Ashlu Creek small hydro project, providing an up-close look at run-of-river hydro operations. The tour will take place on September 18 from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

For more information and to buy tickets, [click here](#).

[Oct 16-17: International Conference on Women's Education for Sustainable Human Development](#)

Registration is now open for the International Conference on Women's Education for Sustainable Human Development (ICWESD)! The conference will take place in Winnipeg, Manitoba on October 16-17, 2014. Early bird registration is available until Sept 24, and there is also a discounted price for students.

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

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