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In the Spotlight:

Two of WWEST's major October events have sold out!

Registration for both [Go ENG Girl](#) and the [Pro-D workshop for teachers](#) are full! Thanks to everyone who registered and helped spread the word!

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Oct 17: Registration Deadline for A Celebration of Persons Day

In 1929, five Canadian women, known as the Famous Five, advocated successfully to have women declared persons. We celebrate them each October on Persons Day. The celebration will include a Luncheon and guest speaker, Anne Giardini.

Any SCWIST attendee at the event will have their name put in a draw, and the winner will have their ticket reimbursed by SCWIST! Just email your proof of purchase to director-communications@scwist.ca!

This event will take place on Wednesday, Oct 22 at 11:30am-1:30pm. [Click here](#) for more information and to register. The deadline to register is Oct 17!

Oct 22: Conflict Resolution for the Professional Woman

The Brown Bag Series is a monthly event organized by the Society of Canadian Women in Science and Technology (SCWIST) whose purpose is to provide a place for learning and discussion of topics to help women in STEM fields advance their careers.

This month our guest speaker, Lindi Frost, will give us tips on conflict resolution for women working in STEM. As a Human Resources and Labour Relations expert with more than 25 years' experience, Lindi has worked extensively in the area of employment/labour law, contract negotiations and conflict resolution. During the course of her career, Lindi has led numerous negotiations on behalf of the University of British Columbia. She trains and coaches HR professionals and administrative leaders in the field of employee/labour relations work. Lindi also has significant experience working in the non-profit sector as a leader and board member, with a focus on organizations that work with those individuals who are on the margins. Lindi is a Certified Executive Coach and is currently pursuing a Master of Arts degree in Conflict Analysis and Management.

This event will take place on Wednesday, Oct 22 from 12:00pm-1:30pm, in Rm 224 of the Beaty Biodiversity Research Centre, UBC Vancouver.

Coffee, tea, and cookies will be served; please bring your own mug. To register, email scwist.brown.bag@gmail.com.

Oct 24: Girls Exploring Physics workshop

Girls Exploring Physics is a free workshop for girls in grades 9 and 10 held at the SFU Burnaby campus. This half day long workshop includes two hands-on activities in physics. There will also be a discussion of the career opportunities available to students who study physics at the university level. During the lunch provided to the participants, they will have a chance to interact informally with women physics faculty and students from SFU.

The next workshop will be held on **Friday October 24, 2014**. Please contact sjohnson@sfu.ca for more details. [Click here](#) to visit the website and register!

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

SCWIST will be hosting a 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. There is only room for 45 participants so register early!

Nov 14: Women's Voices: What Difference do they Make? (Update)

UBC and SFU will be hosting “Women’s Voices: What Difference do they Make?”, a conversation between [Informed Opinions](#)’ founder, Shari Graydon, and the Rt. Hon. Kim Campbell.

This event will take place on Friday, Nov 14, from 6:30pm – 8:00pm at SFU Harbour Centre, Vancouver.

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

Announcements & Articles

Article: Why women leave tech

Stories from 716 women who left tech show that the industry's culture is the primary culprit, not any issues related to science education. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

Article: 'Girllification' of engineering has failed, says expert

A new report shows that the number of female undergraduate engineering students in the UK is continuing to fall. A possible reason for this could be the attempted 'girllification' of engineering, which involves promoting engineering by using the colour pink, highlighting the science of lipstick, etc.

"We have to stop treating engineering like a hated vegetable, to be snuck in under a thick coating of sickly sauce, and talk to girls about engineering honestly and in a way that they conveys how relevant and exciting it actually is."

2014 Grace Hopper Celebration livestream

If you missed the livestream for the 2014 Grace Hopper Celebration which took place today, the videos for both the opening session and the 2014 ABIE Technical Leadership Award Winner are available to rewatch [here](#).

Reminders

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](#).

Oct 17: WING (Women IN Geothermal) Networking Event

The purpose of this WING event is to network, discuss industry issues, and discuss issues faced specifically by women in the industry. This will also be a great opportunity to meet companies in the Canadian geothermal industry and hear about the projects they are working on.

This event will take place on Friday, Oct 17 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm at the Vancouver Convention Centre. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Oct 22: A Celebration of Women in Engineering and Geoscience

Join APEGBC in celebrating the recent advancements of women in engineering and geoscience professions! This event will take place on Wednesday, Oct 22 at:

5:00pm - 7:00pm
Hyatt Regency Hotel
655 Burrard Street

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

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.

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

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