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Editorial

Dear Readers,

On 1 November 2008 EPWS formally entered its administrative and financial independence. On 31 October 2008, the FP6 Specific Support Action scheme under which the Platform has been established since 2005 – won and coordinated by the Center of Excellence Women and Science in Bonn, Germany – came to a close. These dates mark the end of the crucial start-up phase of the Platform and signal the beginning of what we hope will be an exiting new chapter in the life of EPWS being increasingly recognised as voice of women scientists in Europe based on

- over 150 members among which more than 95 organisations together representing more than 12.000 women scientists from all over Europe and from all disciplines
- an active membership of networks of women scientists and networks promoting women scientists, foundations, major European research centres and companies convinced that the goals of the Platform needed to be supported
- an international Board of Administration of 12 highly committed high-profile women scientists from all over Europe and a well-established Secretariat in Brussels
- members on two high level European Commission consultative bodies: EPWS President Adelheid Ehmke on the *European Research Area Board* (ERAB), run by DG Research, and Brigitte Mühlenbruch on the *Network of Women in Decision-making in Politics and the Economy*, run by DG Employment and Social Affairs
- continuous requests as desired expert partner for participation at international conferences and their co-organisation
- financial supporters among national authorities and research institutions, acknowledging the role of the Platform in dialogue with the promotion of women in science at national level

Strengthened by its success and by further co-financing support of the European Commission within the FP7 Science and Society Work Programme, EPWS aims to consolidate and expand its activities and striving for the impact

desired by its members, the scientific community and European and national institutions.

The beginning of a new phase in the development of EPWS is also an excellent opportunity, we thought, to propose a new design for the EPWS Newsletter hoping to render your reading even more pleasant.

In the name of the EPWS Board of Administration and the Secretariat in Brussels, we thank you for your support and input in 2008. We will need and count on it in the future and hope to successfully continue our collaboration.

Have a peaceful season and a good start to the New Year 2009!

Adelheid Ehmke, *EPWS President*

Brigitte Mühlenbruch, *EPWS Vice President*

Mineke Bosch, *EPWS Treasurer*

Maren Jochimsen, *EPWS Secretary General*

BE HEARD AT EUROPEAN LEVEL, BECOME A MEMBER OF EPWS!

EPWS offers a vibrant forum for sharing experiences and knowledge, and envisioning new tools and directions for change towards gender equality in science and research policy.

More information and the application forms are available in the Membership section of the EPWS website:

www.epws.org

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CEWS: Thank you for your collaboration!

Until 31 October 2008, the European Platform of Women Scientists was administered as an EU FP6 Specific Support Action PLATWOMSCI with the Center of Excellence Women and Science CEWS in Bonn as Project Coordinator. At the end of this initial project phase, EPWS would like to address the Platform's special thanks to Brigitte Mühlenbruch, Former Managing Director CEWS, Jutta Dalhoff, Head of Unit CEWS, and PLATWOMSCI project coordinators Isabel Beuter and Anke Lipinsky as well as the rest of the CEWS team and their colleagues at GESIS-IZ Sozialwissenschaften, the CEWS parent organisation, in Bonn for their pioneering work, their input, support and constructive collaboration.

Brigitte Mühlenbruch



Brigitte Mühlenbruch, at that time Equal Opportunities Commissioner at the University of Bonn, first planted the idea of an umbrella institution for those active in changing the conditions for women in science at European level at an international conference in Brussels in 1998. Under her directorship (2000-2005) CEWS applied for and won the Commission grant to establish the European Platform of Women Scientists. In 2005, she became the Platform's first Vice President and has since then been actively involved in shaping the Platform's activities and further development.

"The European Platform of Women Scientists has been set up to bring together networks of women scientists and organisations committed to gender equality in scientific research. There was and still is a need for a framework under which to exchange experience and good practice while facilitating co-operation and consultations across science. This will create the mechanism for involving women scientists more actively in the European policy process, by dissemination information and supporting advocacy work. It will empower women scientists in their careers. Included is the idea that the European Union and Member States which use networks on a professional basis for advice, expertise and dissemination of information, should recognize and formally support the networks as well as the establishment of national nodes of existing networks. These networks and national nodes will be centrally networked by EPWS in Brussels.

My thanks go to all who helped to establish EPWS, first and foremost our colleagues at CEWS, and to all who decided to collaborate toward its further development, the colleagues in the Secretariat in Brussels and in the administrative and executive bodies of the Association."

Isabel Beuter

Isabel Beuter was PLATWOMSCI project coordinator at CEWS (2005-2008) and also involved in drafting the project proposal that led to the creation of EPWS before.



She actively promoted the idea of establishing EPWS throughout Europe and worked closely with Dorothee Kreuzer in setting up the first provisional EPWS office in Brussels.

"The personal contacts, those many encounters with women scientists from different countries and from many different disciplines have enriched my professional as well as my personal life. EPWS is more than an office in Brussels: it is a living network that is so special because of the people working for and in it: the staff in Brussels, the elected Board Members and the network representatives."

Anke Lipinsky

Anke Lipinsky succeeded Isabel Beuter as PLATWOMSCI project coordinator at CEWS in April 2008.

"Cooperating with the secretariat, board and members of EPWS has always been constructive, enriching and personally a pleasure. For me, EPWS today represents a hub of networks which unites the most promising innovators in Europe's science.

And one of the best things about it is that it's not a closed shop - every women scientist's network in Europe can join."



Member states to recognise the importance of EPWS

Why national authorities consider it important to financially support EPWS

Two interviews with contributors in France and Germany

EPWS has recently welcomed the financial support of three major national research authorities: the Mission pour la Parité dans la Recherche et de l'Enseignement Supérieur from the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research (Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche), the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung), and The Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia).

These contributions from national authorities constitute an important contribution to the first steps of the Platform into financial independence and the future sustainability of EPWS. They furthermore set a pioneering signal regarding the involvement of national authorities and national funding in the activities of the Association, recognising thereby the importance of the Platform's role at national level.

Christina Hadulla-Kuhlmann, Head of Unit Equal Opportunities in Education and Research at the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research, sees the work done by EPWS at European level as complementary to the efforts made in Germany by her ministry to encourage women in science. The Federal Research Minister Dr Annette Schavan, Ms Hadulla-Kuhlmann points out,

believes in the need for networking for women in science and her ministry welcomed the Commission's decision to create and further financially the Platform.

Françoise Martin-Bernard, French Mission pour la Parité dans la Recherche et de l'Enseignement Supérieur, considers the existence of platforms such as EPWS as really essential in so far as networking represents one of the major means of information and contact for women in science. *"Our own work is intimately connected with the move forward existing at the European level, so we think cooperation is invaluable"* says Ms. Martin-Bernard.

Against this background, both institutions have decided to financially support the Platform, confirming that *"it is important for member states to recognise the importance of EPWS and to financially support the Platform and its activities"* (Christina Hadulla-Kuhlmann). It is also a way *"to signal our wish to work with the association and promote such actions. This is why we have decided to fund EPWS, as it is able to relay our concern for the promotion of women scientists"* (Françoise Martin-Bernard).

We look forward to give you more information on the involvement of the Portuguese Foundation of Science and Technology in the next newsletter.

PARTNERSHIP OFFER: EPWS, your successful partner in European projects!

To be successful, applicants to European projects need to demonstrate a certain experience in communication and their capacity to disseminate project findings. Should you lack time and knowledge to focus on this issue, EPWS is the solution.

Conveniently located in the centre of the European Union, the European Platform of Women Scientists will be the perfect partner for European project consortia willing to gain high-level expertise in communication and dissemination of information.

EPWS has a strong expertise in dissemination of information and organisation of conferences, as well as the capacity to address the European research community and European research decision-makers. EPWS would therefore be a helpful partner for your project.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you look for a partner to execute the communication and dissemination of information work package of your project.

For more information contact Emmanuelle Causse: emmanuelle.causse@epws.org

News from EPWS members

1. The creation of eument-net association



In order to pursue and enhance its activities and to integrate new members, in October 2008 eument-net has established itself as an association.

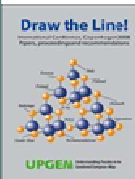
eument-net started as a project funded by the 6th European framework programme, with five partners: Réseau romand de mentoring pour femmes (Switzerland); muv – mentoring university vienna (Austria); Bulgarian Academy of Science, Institute of Philosophical Research (Bulgaria); MuT – Mentoring un Training (Germany) and Mentoring Deutschschweiz (Switzerland).

eument-net is now an international network of mentoring programmes promoting women and gender equality in academia and research. It provides experience and expertise in transnational cooperation, knowledge transfer and information exchange on mentoring.

eument-net held its first General Assembly on 7 November 2008 in Stuttgart (Germany).

Find out more about eument-net: <http://eument-net.gendercampus.ch/default.aspx>

2. UPGEM, Understanding Puzzles in the gendered European Map study



UPGEM, who recently became an EPWS full conditional member, has just published the results of a study they made on the problems of perceived stereotypes and gender categories which hinder especially female researchers in reaching the top. The results have been published in *Draw the lines! International conference, Copenhagen 2008, Papers, proceedings and recommendation*, a conference publication that offers a multifaceted picture of the diverse everyday life at different universities in four European countries.

We invite you to read more about this study by visiting the UPGEM website: <http://www.dpu.dk/site.aspx?p=8581>

3. GAIA celebrates its 10 years anniversary



The Dutch Network for Women in Earth Sciences (Netwerk voor vrouwen uit de aardwetenschappen) was created in 1998 to offer women with a background in earth sciences an opportunity to meet and network.

We wish them all the best for the future!

Find out more about GAIA: <http://www2.vrouwen.net/gaia/>

4. Ruth H. Paulesen: new Chairwoman of FEBS-WISE

The Federation of European Biochemical Societies – Working Group on Women in Science FEBS-WISE, has recently appointed a new Chairwoman, Ms Ruth. H, Paulssen.

We take this opportunity to congratulate the new chair and to wish her good luck in her new exciting position.

More information on the FEBS-WISE at : <http://www.febs.org/index.php?id=125>

Anything new in your organisation? Any upcoming event or recently released publication? Want to have more visibility given to your activities?

Let us know and we will publish your news here.

Contact: membership@epws.org

Member of the Month



Dr Elvira Fortunato, a member of EPWS member organisation AMONET, has discovered, together with Dr Rodrigo Martins and further colleagues from the New University of Lisbon (Portugal), a way to use paper instead of

silicon in making transistors.

This discovery will allow transistors to be both more flexible and cheap to produce. They can also be produced at room temperature. Dr. Fortunato and her team have tested their new product for 2 months without detecting any fall in performance.

Next to this discovery, Dr Fortu-

nato has furthermore received a grant of € 2.5 million from the European Research Council (ERC).

The career path of Dr Fortunato is a very inspiring example for young as well as for more experienced scientists. EPWS would like to congratulate Dr Fortunato and her team and wish them good luck with their next endeavours.

About AMONET



AMONET, the Portuguese Association of Women Scientists, was created in 2004. The organisation has currently 172 members.

Involvement in EPWS

AMONET is a full member of EPWS and is represented by Ana Maria Lobo in the EPWS

Board Administration since 2007. Her engagement and active work has been greatly appreciated.

EPWS would also like to congratulate the new AMONET President, Ms Pereira as well as her collaborators for their election earlier this year. Good luck to them!

AMONET leaders

President Direction: Helena Pereira

Vice-President Direction: Ana Maria Lobo

President General Assembly: Maria João Bebiano

Vice-President General Assembly: Maria Rosa Paiva

More information on AMONET can be found at:

<http://www.amonet.org/>

Want to profile yourself or your organisation here?

Why don't you send us an email and we will be happy to feature you as EPWS Member of the Month!

Contact: membership@epws.org

EPWS Innovation Questionnaire now on-line

In the last EPWS Newsletter of summer 2008 it was announced that EPWS would be posting a questionnaire on innovation.

This short survey is now on-line

and we would be most interested to read your responses. All of the questions relate to the growing prominence of innovation as a core aim of EU research policy and what innovation means to you, the working

scientist.

The questionnaire can be found at the following link <http://www.epws.org/index.php>

Answer EPWS Questionnaire Networking and Funding

Many of you have recently received a request to answer EPWS Questionnaire Networking and Funding.

We would like you to take the time to carefully answer it as your comments will be gathered and used as a basis for the preparation of seminars on the creation, running and financing of networks and association of women scientists and/or promoting women scientists.

One of the main objectives of EPWS is to foster networking activities for women scientists

in Europe. Therefore, in order to help and advise those interested and willing to create networks of women scientists and those running networks, EPWS is launching the preparation of two series of seminars on:

- the management of networks
- access to funding.

Seminars will initially be in the first place organised for EPWS member organisations. The first series of them will take place around the time of the EPWS General Assembly in Brussels

on 25/26 June 2009.

The more answers and information we get from you, the more targeted the seminars can be prepared.

Help us to improve networking for women scientists in Europe. Answer our questionnaire!

If you have not yet responded to our questionnaire, please do so as soon as possible.

You can find the questionnaire on our website:

www.epws.org

New Commission package to reinforce women workers rights

On 3rd October 2008, the Commission presented a new package to reinforce women workers rights and to help them to better reconcile professional and family life. The main objectives of this package are to improve conditions for maternity leave, strengthen social protection measures for the self-employed and achieve better child care.

Improvement of Maternity leave

The Commission proposed to revise the existing Directive (92/85/EEC) in order to extend the minimum period of maternity leave from 14 to 18 weeks and recommend paying women 100% of their salary but with the possibility for Member States to set limits. In addition, the proposition fosters stronger protection against dismissal and a right to return to the same job or an equivalent one after maternity leave as well as more flexibility over when to take the non-compulsory portion of their leave (before or after childbirth). Finally, a right to ask the employer for flexible working patterns after the end of maternity leave will be introduced although the employer will have the right to refuse this request. The coming debate and negotiations on the issue already promise to be tough.

Better rights for self-employed women

In order to boost the number of female entrepreneurs,

the Commission wants to settle better protection for self-employed women. The proposal on self-employed women will provide equivalent access to maternity leave as for employees, but on a voluntary basis (replacing the existing Directive 86/613/EEC). At the same time, spouses and legally recognised partners who work on an informal basis in small family businesses will have access, at their request, to social security coverage on at least an equal level of protection as formally self-employed workers.

More child care

The Commission will also present a report on the provision of childcare services, covering aspects such as accessibility, availability, cost and quality. The EU's aim is to provide childcare for at least 90% of children between the age of three and school age and at least 33% of those under three by 2010.

In the longer term, the Commission would also like to improve other forms of family leave, such as paternity leave (a short period of leave for fathers around the time of the birth or adoption of a child), adoption leave (leave similar to maternity leave around the time of adoption of a child) and filial leave (to care for dependent family members).

Communication agreed by EU Competitiveness Ministers to improve working conditions for researchers

In September of this year the 27 European Union governments moved to improve the working conditions and career prospects of their researchers by approving measures designed to provide them with "real social recognition and a satisfactory standard of living".

The text of a communication agreed by EU competitiveness ministers pledges governments to "making the labour market for European researchers more open and competitive (and) providing better career structures, transparency and family-friendliness".

The document is very strong on the issue of pan-European development and there is an omnipresent insistence on the free movement of knowledge between the member states and the EU institutions.

The paper stresses "the crucial importance of innovation and, consequently, the need for enhanced collaboration between the worlds of academic research and industry." Ministers agreed individual governments should consider a number of initiatives, including systematic opening of recruitment for researchers, meeting the needs of mobile researchers with regard to social security and supplementary pensions, improving work and employment conditions to make scientific careers more attractive, and improving the training, skills and experience of researchers.

Ministers also said there was a need to strengthen the attractiveness of the European higher education area as well as to "strengthen the links between the fields concerned by coordinating the Lisbon Strategy with the Bologna process around the doctorate and the modernisation of higher education".

ERC - new methodology for the renewal of members of the Scientific Council



A few weeks ago the European Research Council (ERC) announced that it had created an Identification Committee to help choose candidates to fill vacant seats on the Scientific Council both for now and for the future. It was also announced that this Identification Committee would help outline a methodology for future renewal of the Scientific Council.

Considering that out of the current twenty two members of the Scientific Council, only five are women and considering that in the first round of both the Starting Independent Grants and the Advanced Grants, participation of women scientists and selection of women scientists as recipients of these grants was worryingly low, especially in the

case Advanced Grants, EPWS felt that this was an appropriate opportunity to help outline how a methodology for future renewal of the Scientific Council can strive for a better gender balance.

The Platform did therefore draft up a letter on this subject and sent it both to the ERC Scientific Council and to the President of the Identification Committee.

The letter can be found on the EPWS website at the following link:

http://www.epws.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=235&Itemid=4636

Block the date!

The **EPWS General Assembly 2009** will take place in **Brussels on 25 June 2009** with the Standing Committees meeting on 26 June 2009

We look forward to seeing all members there!

The Gender Perspective: Scotland's Chief Scientific Adviser Prof Anne Glover talks science and innovation in Scotland and the EU

"All scientists need to assume responsibility for communicating their research to a wide audience so that science seems less remote and more relevant to everyday life," said Professor Anne Glover, Chief Scientific Adviser to the Scottish Government as part of her St Andrew's Day Lecture.

In her presentation which, was co-hosted by EPWS and Scotland Europa in Brussels on 4th December 2008, Prof Glover emphasised the need to look on science as a creative endeavour inclusive of all and spoke of Scotland's contribution to world-class science discoveries both in the past and to come. She also recounted

some anecdotes and experiences of being a female in a top research decision-making position, something which makes her rather individual when one considers that in Europe on average only fifteen percent of those in science decision-making positions are women.

Scotland Europa represents Scottish enterprise and universities in Europe and also works on relations between universities and business. Prof Glover is a practising academic holding an important and influential role in the public sphere.

For the complete press release see www.epws.org

PRAGES Project

The Department for Equal Opportunities of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers of Italy is promoting and coordinating an international project called "Practising Gender Equality in Science (PRAGES)" with the support of EPWS member organisation ASDO - Assembla delle donne per lo sviluppo e la lotta all'esclusione sociale (Assembly of women for development and the struggle against social exclusion) and an international network of partners coming from 8 countries - both European and non-European, including, in particular, the United States, Canada and Australia.

This project, lasting 18 months, aims at comparing the various strategies implemented to promote the presence of women in decision-making positions in the field of scientific re-

search in public institutions. It pursues the objective of collecting, classifying and evaluating good practices and positive actions that can be found in OECD countries and aims to make them available to a number of selected targets, including both decision-makers and other relevant stakeholders. All the information related to the project PRAGES can be available at the following link:

<http://www.retepariopportunita.it/defaultdesktop.aspx?page=2749>

The first PRAGES News Bulletin was released mid October and can be read at:

http://www.retepariopportunita.it/Rete_Pari_Opportunita/UserFiles/Invio_Prages/Prages_en.pdf

Women and Technology: Use your words to change the world!

The *i4d international magazine* focusing on information and communication for development, wish to continue with the gender programme in their special 4-page section of the magazine. They are looking forward to contributions from potential authors.

If you know any authors/contributors who might be interested in writing for the Gender and ICTs section of the magazine, please connect them to Rajat Banerjee, Content Editor, Centre for Science, Development and Media Studies (CSDMS) at the following e-mail address - rajat@csdms.in.

Please also check: www.csdms.in; www.elets.in; www.e-Asia.org

World Engineers' Convention 2008

The World Engineers' Convention, WEC 2008, convened in Brazil on 2-6 December 2008. More than 5,000 engineering professionals and students from five continents participated.

The Women's Forum, which was held during WEC 2008, focused on the perspectives

and challenges of women's roles in engineering.

In preparation of the Convention, a blog was set up to encourage women in engineering fields to share their thoughts and concerns pertaining to six categories identified by WEC. A number of discussion questions were posted to begin the con-

versation.

Entries for the blog have been compiled for presentation at the Convention.

For more information see:

[http://
www.wecforumforwomen.org](http://www.wecforumforwomen.org)

GetSET women blog

The UK Resource Centre for Women in Science, Engineering and Technology and EPWS member organisation have a new feature on their website, the GetSET women blog. The GetSETWomen database provides the media and other organisations with access to a wide variety of women, at various stages in their science, engineering and technology careers, who have registered their details and can be approached for promotional and work related opportunities. This may include speaking at events, acting as a role model, providing comments on scientific news coverage, or sitting on public boards and committees.

Every 2 week a new profile will be posted on the website and members will have the opportunity to post comments on the profile.

The International Taskforce on Women and ICTs (ITF) announces new leadership

The ITF is pleased to announce that Gloria Bonder, UNESCO Regional Chair on Women, Science and Technology in Latin America (based in FLACSO Argentina) and Member of the Steering Committee of UN GAID, has agreed to become the new Chair of the International Taskforce for Women and Information and Communication Technologies.

Founder and past Chair of the ITF, Claudia Morrell, CEO of Multinational Development of Women in Technology (USA), will remain an active member of

the Taskforce.

To support the new Chair and the rapidly growing ICT network, the ITF leadership has adopted a new distributed leadership model, with activities lead from regions throughout the world. The ITF will continue to play a leadership role as a Community of Expertise recognized by the UN Global Alliance for ICT and Development (UN GAID).

Eva Fabry, Director of the European Centre for Women and Technology, will be the first leader of the Global Women &

Technology (GWT) network, an initiative to form 10 globally connected Centres for Women and Technology. In support of both ITF and GWT, a new web portal www.ITFwomenICT.org has been set up as a virtual space for coordinating activities.

The ITF is made up of organizations, institutions and individuals working to increase economic, social, and educational opportunities for girls and women in the knowledge society. For more information, contact Gloria Bonder catunesco@flacso.org.ar or visit www.ITFwomenICT.org

European Women's Lobby 50/50 Campaign: No modern European democracy without gender equality!

In 2008, men occupy 82% of parliamentary seats in the world and 77% in average in the European Union. In 2009, Europeans will elect a new European Parliament and a new European Commission will be designated. These elected and nominated persons are going to shape our future in Europe. The 50/50 Campaign for Democracy urges decision-makers, political parties, civil society, trade unions and all European voters to act for a more gender balanced family picture of Europe in 2009.

For more information visit the 50/50 Campaign Blog: <http://5050campaign.wordpress.com/>

New President of the Institute of Physics

On 1 October 2008, Professor Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell began a 2 year term as President of IOP, the mother organisation of EPWS full member organisation Women in Physics.

Prof. Bell Burnell is a visiting professor at the University of Oxford and a Professorial Fellow at Mansfield College, Oxford. She has filled a

wide range of teaching, research and managerial roles in her career.

More information on the Institute of Physics can be found at: <http://www.iop.org/index.html>

To learn more about Women in Physics Group, please go to: http://www.iop.org/activity/groups/subject/Women_in_physics/index.html

KILDEN Information Centre: Newsletter in English

The KILDEN Information Centre for Gender Research in Norway has recently launched a newsletter in English. The newsletter will bring updates from three web portals regarding gender research, gender equality and gender politics in Norway, including from the website Women in Science – Norway.

More information on the newsletter can be found at the following link:

<http://eng.kilden.forskningsradet.no/index.html>

IAS-STs Fellowship Programme 2009-2010

The Institute for Advanced Studies on Science, Technology and Society (IAS-STs), Graz, Austria invites researchers to apply for a stay between 1 October 2009 and 30 June 2010 as a Research Fellow (up to 9 months) or as a visiting Scholar (shorter period). They also offer five grants (up to € 1,000 per month) for long-term Research Fellows at the IAS-STs.

The IAS-STs offers an excellent research infrastructure.

Loose co-operation with researchers at the IFZ (Inter-University Research Centre for Technology, Work and Culture), guest lectures, workshops and conferences provide an atmosphere of creativity and scholarly discussion.

The Fellowship Programme 2009-2010 is dedicated to projects investigating the following issues:

1. Gender – Technology – Environment

2. New Genetics and Modern Biotechnology

3. Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP)

4. Energy and Climate

5. Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)

Applications must be submitted to the IAS-STs by 31 December 2008.

For application forms and further information, please visit our website: www.sts.tugraz.at

Upcoming Events

1. Winter school on 'Integrated modelling of the past climate and the future climate: The role of the cryosphere' 4 to 11 January 2009 in Aussois, France,

This Winter School is organised by the Marie Curie Research Training Network 'Network for ice sheet and climate evolution' (NICE)

For further information, please visit: http://nice.ipsl.jussieu.fr/meetings/nice_2009_01/

2. ASTP/Praxis Training Course 'Fundamentals of Technology Transfer', 28 - 30 January 2009 - Leuven, Belgium

This course will examine the entire spinout process in detail and will be of most benefit to those who have already worked in technology transfer for at least six months.

http://www.astp.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=81&Itemid=77

3. 5th European Symposium on Gender & ICT: "Digital Cultures: Participation - Empowerment - Diversity", 5 - 7 March 2009, University of Bremen, Germany

The submission deadline for posters is still open: January 15, 2009. Please consult the conference website for details:

<http://www.informatik.uni-bremen.de/frauteclgict2009/page/home.html>

4. Triple Helix VII conference: "The Role of Triple Helix in the Global Agenda for Innovation, Competitiveness and sustainability", 17-19 June 2009, Glasgow, Scotland

The 7th Biennial International Conference on University, Industry and Government Linkages offers a major platform for the exchange of ideas and experiences between academics, business and industry and government decision makers. Within the framework of the conference a Specialist track on "Gender issues in Science, Technology and Innovation" will be organised.

Please check all the details at: <http://www.triple-helix-7.org>

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