

# EPWS Annual Conference 2009

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### EPWS NETWORKING AND FUNDING SEMINARS

Within the framework of the EPWS Annual Conference 2009, EPWS is organising for the first time a set of seminars aiming at promoting the management and funding of networks and associations of women scientists.

Based on EPWS members' and the Platform's own experience, these seminars are unique opportunities to get technical advice, practical tips and to share ideas with your colleagues on how to manage a network and on how to finance it.

The seminars are conceptualized for 25 to 30 participants each. Access will be given on a first come first serve basis with EPWS members having priority. There will be no registration fees for EPWS members. For all non-members participation costs will be 30.00 € per seminar.

To organize the final scheduling of the seminars, we invite you to express your interest for the following seminars on the conference registration form. Multiple selection is possible.

#### **SEMINAR I – MANAGEMENT OF NETWORKS: HOW TO CREATE AND RUN A NETWORK?**

Networks of women scientists are of crucial importance for women scientists. They generate role models and allow the exchange of good and bad practices and experiences. They also play a key role in ensuring a better integration of the gender dimension in the research policy and in promoting the interests of their members. But creating and managing a network is a challenge.

*EPWS Seminar on the Management of Networks* aims to provide general advice on the creation and running of networks. Based on the experience of well-established member networks, it offers food for thought as well as good and bad practices to ensure the day-to-day and long-term management of a network.

#### **SEMINAR II – ACCESS TO FUNDING: HOW TO FINANCE A NETWORK?**

Access to funding is often the main difficulty for networks and associations of women scientists. Yet, the sustainability and the development of a network and its activities depend on its capacity and success to fundraise. However, knowledge and workforce to do so often lack. Looking and applying for funding is time consuming and implies a good knowledge of the opportunities available and a good strategy.

*EPWS on Access to Funding Seminar* has been developed to give participants an overview of the funding possibilities existing in Europe as well as some practical advice on how to approach the different sources of funding and on how to draft applications.