



**Division for the Advancement
of Women in
Engineering & Geoscience**

The EDGE Newsletter – April 2009 Issue

*** Equity and Diversity in Geoscience & Engineering ***

Dear DAWEG Members,

This streamlined version of the newsletter is being sent out to you to announce several upcoming events that might be of interest to either yourself, those studying engineering presently, women new to the region or engineering community or young people keen to enter the field. Please take a look at the following pages, visit the websites, sign up or register and mark your calendars for at least one of these upcoming events. Remember that attendance as a role model at outreach events is very important, we need to all act as mentors to keep 'paying it forward'

Best Regards
Berandette Currie
DAWEG Chair (for the Executive Committee)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1. ENG GIRLS RULE – May 15th**
- 2. Women in Engineering (Vancouver Region) Speaker Night – May 28th**
- 3. Jade Bridges Celebration: Changing our World – May 29th**
- 4. PMC-Sierra Science Fair 2009 Fun Run – May 31st**
- 5. “Hands On Diesel” Summer Camp for Young Women – Aug 31st – Sept 4th**
- 6. Creating Connections – September 19/20 2009**

1. ENG GIRLS RULE – May 15th

Registration for ENG GIRLS RULE! closes on May 8th, 2009

Hosted by engineering faculty and students at UBC on May 15th, this interactive and informative event is targeted towards Grade 10 and 11 girls interested in science and engineering. For more information, such as the schedule and registration, go to <http://wie.apsc.ubc.ca/enggirlsrule>. Please encourage students to act now as space is limited!

Register by opening an account at you.ubc.ca. See the website <http://wie.apsc.ubc.ca/enggirlsrule> for more info.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact Kerry Black at 604-822-0223 or wie@apsc.ubc.ca.

2. Women in Engineering (Vancouver Region) Speaker Night – May 28th

WIE(VR) - Women in Engineering (Vancouver Region) in collaboration with SCWIST presents:

Speaker: Dr. Aimee Chan

Topic: "Engineer to CEO"

Date: Thursday, May 28th, 2009

Time: 6:30-9:30pm, presentation starts at 7pm

Place: Little Nest Cafe, 1716 Charles St, Vancouver, BC

Map: <http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&ll=49.286603,-123.059236&spn=0.040645,0.071583&z=14&msid=101601515073721886770.0004681f884c725f59306>

Cost: \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door

Registration: <https://www.gifttool.com/registrar/ShowEventDetails?ID=1641&EID=4706>

Sandwiches, snacks, and hot and cold beverages will be provided.

Aimee Chan is the CEO of Norsat International Inc, holds three US patents on satellite technologies, has a PhD in Electrical Engineering, and is a mother of two. In addition she is a member of the Vancouver Board of Trade and a volunteer with Ms Infinity as well as spearheading the Western Canada branch of WIDS - Woman in Defense and Security, and playing hockey, somehow all in her "spare" time.

For more information visit our website, www.wievr.ca, or email us at engineeringwomen@gmail.com

3. Jade Bridges Celebration: Changing our World – May 29th

In this special event, four inspiring women scientists and engineers share their personal experiences in making a difference, taking risks, and bolstering their confidence. Everyone Welcome! Please forward this invitation to anyone whom you think will be interested.

Date and Time: Friday, May 29, 2:30pm – 5:00pm

Location: Michael Smith Auditorium, 2185 East Mall, UBC Campus. View map [61 KB PDF]

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Schedule of Events

Keynote Presentation (2:30-3:20)

Changing Our World by Maria Klawe, President of Harvey Mudd College

Desserts and Drinks Reception (3:20pm-3:50pm)

Panel Presentation - The Impostor Syndrome (3:50pm-5:00pm)

Four seemingly successful women all share the same secret which they will reveal at this forum. They are impostors. Despite numerous recognitions and being considered leaders in their respective fields they live in fear that their deception will be discovered. That someday everyone will realize that they have been faking it, and aren't as good as everyone thinks. What will happen when the charade ends?

Panelists:

Tyseer Aboulnasr, Dean of Applied Science, University of British Columbia

Maria Klawe, President, Harvey Mudd College

Kori Inkpen, Senior Researcher, Microsoft Research

Jenny Yang, Venture Advisor

Suggested Parking: Health Sciences Parkade, 2250 Health Sciences Mall (just off East Mall)

RSVP @ <http://www.acuere.ca/rsvp/changingourworld/index.asp>

Sponsored by the Jade Project and the Faculty of Applied Science

4. PMC-Sierra Science Fair 2009 Fun Run – May 31st

Come join APEGBC, DAWEG and WIE members to support the Science Fair in the 5 km PMC-Sierra Science Fair 2009 Fun Run! It's fun for the whole family, with FREE admission to TELUS World of Science for registered runners. There's also the 1-km Kid Dash!

The Race Day Sunday May 31, 2009

7:30-8:30am

- Race package and timing chip pickup
- On-site registration
- Mini Fun Run sign-up

8:30-9:00am Welcome and race warm-up conducted by Fitness World.

9:00am Start of PMC-Sierra 5k Science Fair Fun Run.

9:05am Start of Mini Fun Run.

10:00am-noon • Awards Ceremony • Entertainment • Post-Race Refreshments

11:00am-6:00pm Free Admission to TELUS World of Science for Registered Runners.

Register as an individual at <http://www.sciencefairs.ca/funrun/registration.php>. The cost is \$25 before April 30th (\$30 afterward), and as a special bonus, DAWEG is offering a \$15 discount toward the DAWEG AGM for those that register for the run and register for the AGM. Contact Nicole at daweg.outreach@gmail.com to tell us you've registered for you AGM discount coupon. If you have any questions or would like to meet up and run/walk with the group, email Nicole! See you there!

More information w/ route map here: <http://www.sciencefairs.ca/funrun/>

5. "Hands On Diesel" Summer Camp for Young Women – Aug 31st – Sept 4th

When: August 31, 2009 – September 4, 2009

Where: Cummins Western Canada
18452 96th Avenue, Surrey, BC

What: Cummins Western Canada (CWC) in conjunction with the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT), Junior Achievement, Simon Fraser University (SFU) Mechatronics program, and Vancouver Community College (VCC), is pleased to host a hands on diesel

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101 program for young women entering grades 10, 11 and 12. This camp is ideal for girls who are interested in pursuing careers in the trades or engineering and want to learn more about engines before they apply for trade school or university.

Cost: \$50 for the week and includes safety glasses, lunch and a t-shirt.

Application process: download and fill out the form from

http://dws-content.cummins.com/DWS/html/western_canada/General/en/public/attachments/Diesel101.pdf

Write a brief statement on interest in trades or engineering, and fax to 604-882-5080 or email to

Ching.L.Gettman@Cummins.com

Or complete and submit the application online

<http://westerncanada.cummins.com/wps/portal/westerncanada>

Applications are due by May 15th, 2009. The selection committee consists of representatives from CWC, BCIT, SFU and VCC. Successful candidates and wait-list candidates will be announced before June 15th, 2009.

6. Creating Connections – September '09

When: September 19-20, 2009

Where: Loon Lake, Maple Ridge, BC

Who: All women in engineering - students, industry professionals, women returning-to-work, new immigrants, and academics

What: A fantastic weekend of personal and professional development, insightful keynote speakers, and the opportunity to create connections with other women in engineering

Costs: Fees will range from \$35 to \$85, including transportation from pickup points in Vancouver, meals, and accommodation. Fee details will be available soon.

Program Highlights:

Three inspirational keynotes:

- Honourary Chair, Dr. Tyseer Aboulnasr, Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science at UBC
- Dr. Elana Brief, President of the SCWIST, Research Director, Women's Health Research Network, and Research Associate with the Department of Physics at UBC
- Catherine Roome, P.Eng., Chief Operating Officer of the British Columbia Safety Authority

Five sets of parallel workshop sessions on personal and professional development topics - customize your program to fit your interests

A chance to connect and reconnect with other women in engineering

Creating Connections is a follow-up event to the 2007 Building Communities Symposium event. Our goal for this event is for every woman to make connections that provide support, networking, mentoring, partnerships, and to expand their opportunities to make positive contributions to the engineering community and to society.

More Info: <http://wie.apsc.ubc.ca/creatingconnections>

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