

Here are the minutes from November's WISC meeting:

1. Recent event: Graduate school panel discussion for undergrads
 2. Girls Science Day update
 3. Game of Life events
 4. WISC sponsored speaker
 5. Spring event with women professors
 6. Saturday Science Starters
 7. Breakfast with the speaker
- Next meeting will be a social in January, time and location TBA

1. Recently, WISC sponsored a discussion for undergraduates about applying to grad school. Although the panel that gathered was diverse and extremely knowledgeable, not many undergrads showed up to the event. We are thinking attendance would increase next year if the event were held earlier in October.

2. Girls Science Day is coming up this Saturday, November 17th from 9am-4pm. We still need more professors and post docs to come to lunch, so if you know anyone from your department who might be interested, please speak to them and contact Miriam (mi2131@columbia.edu). All volunteers should come to the meeting Friday (Nov. 16th) at 6:00pm in 328 Havemeyer for pizza and setup and to get your t-shirts!

3. Our Game of Life coordinators are seeking your ideas for speakers to invite. At the meeting we came up with: administrators, deans, a consultant, an investment advisor, and a professor who sued Columbia in the 90s for pay discrimination. If you have any other ideas, please let Heidi know (hap2102@columbia.edu).

4. The next WISC sponsored speaker in the chemistry department will hopefully be Dr. Friend in Fall 2008. The next speaker after her would be in inorganic chemistry.

5. In response to the discussion we had at our last meeting, "what does WISC do for you?" the co-chairs have suggested that WISC hold an event in the spring geared towards networking with women professors from all of our departments. We're at a standstill as to whether the event should be a lunch or coffee/tea. Ask your professors what might be better for them and we'll continue planning at the next meeting.

6. Saturday Science Starters (S3) has been postponed until next semester.

7. WISC is sponsoring a breakfast with Marcetta Darensbourg from Texas A&M, a chemistry colloquium speaker, at 8:45am on Thursday Nov. 15th. RSVP to Jackie if you're interested in attending (jjc2104@columbia.edu). If your department is inviting a woman speaker, please invite her to breakfast! We have more funds available.

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That's all folks! Stay tuned in 2008, same bat time, same bat channel.

-Mary B