

We had a great turnout at this month's WISC meeting/social. Welcome to new members of the listserv!

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1) Summary of fall events: WISC sponsored a speaker in Chemistry department: Melanie Sanford from the University of Michigan, WISC also sponsored a breakfast with Marcetta Darenbourg from Texas A&M, WISC hosted a graduate school panel for undergraduates, and Girls Science Day was a great success!

2) Upcoming spring events:

- Game of Life: Our next Game of Life lunchtime discussion will be with Vice Provost Geraldine Downey from the Office of Diversity Initiatives, Monday, January 28th at 12:30pm. Please RSVP to Heidi Perry at hap2102@columbia.edu if you'd like to attend or if you have ideas for other Game of Life guests.
- REU panel for undergraduates: MRSEC and NSEC are funding a panel on how to get an REU for Columbia undergraduates on Monday, February 4th, details to come. There will be pizza. If you had an REU back in the day and would be able to serve on the panel please contact Melinda Han myh2102@columbia.edu
- Postdoc panel – WISC will be hosting a panel in collaborating with Columbia's Office of Postdoctoral Affairs on Friday, February 8th at 4pm, probably in Havemeyer (more details to come). The panel will include 3 female postdocs and a "post doc expert" from the administrative end of things.
- Take a girl to college day – We need a co-coordinator for this event! This is a small-scale event (compared to Girls Science Day) where 15-20 middle and high school girls attend classes with undergrads at Columbia. A co-coordinator will help publicize the event, plan afternoon activities, organize lab tours, etc. Please contact Victoria (vk12103@columbia.edu) if you are interested.

3) Other spring events

- Profiles of successful women in science: How to have it all – This is a New York Academy of Sciences event on Wednesday, January 30th from 6-8pm at NYAS, 7 World Trade Center, 250 Greenwich St. For event details and to RSVP go to www.nyas.org/success

- Emerging media outlets in communicating science – This is the first Science Communication Consortium event of the semester, on Thursday, January 31st from 7-8:30pm at Mount Sinai School of Medicine East Building Seminar Room, 1425 Madison Ave at 98th St. There will be a wine and cheese after. For more details and to RSVP go to www.nyas.org/media

- Expanding your horizons – This is an annual event at Barnard College sponsored by AAUW for 7th grade girls to explore their opportunities in math, science and engineering – it will be on Saturday, March 25th from 8:30AM to 3PM. Volunteers are needed to be workshop assistants, get the workshop leaders to their classrooms, parents to their conference and helping the girls switch workshops. Contact Lorrin Johnson ljohnson@barnard.edu

- Women's leadership and innovation conference – Saturday, February 9th from 8AM-6PM, hosted by Womensphere. Victoria just forwarded out the email about this to the listserve. There is also more information at www.womensphere.com/womenlead2008

4) Potential upcoming WISC events

- WISC Sponsored speaker in chem. Dept: Prof. Friend will hopefully be coming November 13th, 2008. The next speaker will be in inorganic chemistry – but a host is needed, please contact Victoria vk12103@columbia.edu or Jackie jic2104@columbia.edu if you'd like to help.

- Breakfast with women speakers in your departments – If a woman is coming to give a colloquium talk in your department, invite her to breakfast, on WISC! Let Victoria vk12103@columbia.edu or Jackie jic2104@columbia.edu know.

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-Mary B