

Special Session

Informatics Europe Activities

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Report Key Data Informatics Education in Europe (2016 Edition) –
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Online Activities

New IE website - ECSS website - Members' Bulletin - Membership button

The screenshot shows the Informatics Europe website homepage. At the top left is the logo, which consists of a network of orange nodes connected by lines, followed by the text "INFORMATICS EUROPE". To the right is a navigation menu with items: ECSS, Publications, Services, Awards, Working Groups, Membership, and About. The main content area features a large blue background with a network pattern. The text "Informatics Europe" is prominently displayed, followed by the tagline: "We represent over 100 university departments and research institutes to set the pace for Informatics research and education in Europe." Below this is a "Join us" button. On the left side, there is a vertical orange button labeled "Follow us".

The screenshot shows the "Informatics Europe's Bulletin" for October 2016. It features the organization's logo and a blue header with a network pattern. The main text reads: "Dear Member Representative, We are happy to send you the latest Informatics Europe bulletin, our bi-monthly newsletter for members." Below this, it lists the contents of the issue under the heading "In this issue:". The list includes: ECSS 2016 Less Than a Month Away (with sub-items: Pre-Summit Workshop for Deans and Department Heads, Annual General Assembly, Working Group on Informatics Education, Women in Informatics Research and Education, Informatics Represented at the Scientific Council of the ERC, Input into Horizon 2020 Interim Evaluation, New Jobs @ Informatics Europe Job Platform), Association News (with sub-items: Membership Milestone, New Members, Board Meetings), and ECSS 2016 Less Than a Month Away. At the bottom, it mentions "Registration continues for the 12th European Computer Science Summit (ECSS 2016) in Barcelona in 2016 (October 26-28) in the Spanish capital of Barcelona".

Informatics Europe represents the academic and research community together university departments and research laboratories. It creates and education in Information and Computer Sciences in Europe. We Europe promotes common positions and acts on common priorities.

The image shows the Informatics Europe logo, a network of orange nodes, followed by the text "member of INFORMATICS EUROPE".

The screenshot shows the website for the European Computer Science Summit 2016. The header features the Informatics Europe logo and a navigation menu: ECSS 2016, Call, Program, Pre-Summit Workshop, Venue, Registration, and About. The main content area has a background image of a Gothic cathedral. The text "European Computer Science Summit 2016" is displayed in large white letters, with the tagline "Informatics Driving the Digital World" below it. A "Participate" button is visible. Below the main image, there is a section titled "European Computer Science Summit" with a description: "The only place, once a year, where leaders and decision makers in Informatics research and education in Europe gather to debate strategic themes and trends related to research, education and policies in Informatics." To the right, there is a "What's New" section with links for "Final conference program online" and "Pre-Summit Workshop for Deans and".

Working Group Women in Informatics Research and Education

Lynda Hardman, on behalf of Jane Hillston

ECSS 2016
ELTE - Budapest, Hungary

What is WIRE?

- WIRE is a working group of Informatics Europe, aiming to raise awareness and promote good practice with respect to women in Informatics.
- The current working group members are:
 - Gyöngyi Bujdosó, University of Debrecen, Hungary
 - Carlo Grezzi, Politecnico di Milano, Italy
 - Lynda Hardman, CWI and Utrecht University, Netherlands (Past-Chair)
 - Jane Hillston, University of Edinburgh, UK (Chair)
 - Maria Letizia Jaccheri, NTNU, Norway (ERCIM representative)
 - Hélène Kirchner, Inria, France
 - Cristina Pereira, Informatics Europe, Switzerland
- Ex-officio the group also includes Reyyan Ayfer, Chair ACM-W Europe, Bilkent University, Turkey

WIRE Objectives

- The purpose of WIRE is to promote actions that help improve gender balance at all stages of the career path in Information and Computer Sciences.
- We seek to support members in their own efforts to improve equality and diversity within their institutions.
- Where possible and appropriate we strengthen our efforts by working with partner organisations such as ACM-WE.

2016 Initiatives:

The Minerva Informatics Equality Award

- Launched in 2016, with sponsorship from Google, the Minerva Informatics Equality Award is a new award for departments or faculties who are able to demonstrate successful initiatives to encourage and support the careers of women in Informatics research and education.
- The theme this year was developing the careers of female faculty, including retention and promotion.
- The international panel, chaired by Prof. Micheline Beaulieu, were impressed with the quality of submissions.
- The Award will be presented tomorrow.

2016 Initiatives: The WomENcourage conference

- WomENcourage is an annual celebration of women in Computer Science and Informatics in Europe organised by ACM-WE.
- We offer support through sponsorship and publicity for the event.
- We enable a number of free registrations for students of Informatics Europe member institutions, allowing female students at all stages of their careers to benefit from the inspirational talks, workshops, career fair and networking opportunities on offer.



At WomENcourage 2016, in Linz, Austria, in September, Informatics Europe President, Lynda Hardman, gave a keynote address.

2016 Initiatives: Active advocacy

- We raise the profile of the topic through interviews and participation in publications.
- For example this year, there was
 - An article in Amsterdam Science on Promoting Women in Science
 - A special section of ERCIM News on Women in ICT Research and Education

2016 Initiatives: Best practice booklet



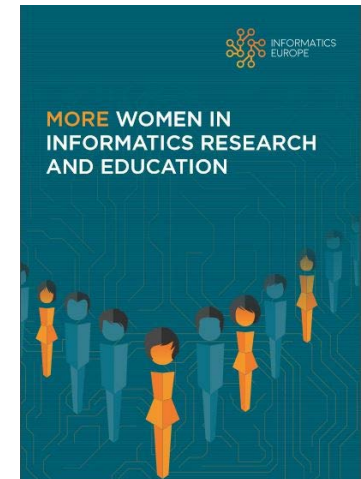
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In 2016 we have revisited the booklet, revising and updating its content. A new edition will be issued to all member departments soon.



Minerva Award 2017

- We are already planning for the Minerva Informatics Equality Award for 2017.
- The topic will be Supporting the transition for PhD and postdocs into faculty positions.
- The panel chair will be Prof Christine Choppy, of LIPN, Paris 13, and the rest of the panel will be announced shortly.
- The call will be issued early in 2017.