

Marie Curie Fellows Association



Letter to Members

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Dear MCFA Member,

Welcome to a new issue of the Letter to Members with news concerning our Association!

The MCFA Board

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Life of the Association

About the MCFA website

Due to different issues with our website in the past months, we have not been able to provide to MCFA members and affiliates the service we wanted to, please accept our apologies for this. We have now moved the website to a different hosting service, this website is still incomplete but work is in progress. Please try to log in to <http://mcfa.eu/> and write us to webmaster@mcfa.eu for any issue you may encounter. Please also take this opportunity to review your account and contact details.

Membership renewal 2013

We would like to thank all of you who already renewed their membership for 2013 and also the new Fellows who have recently joined the Association. We would like to remind fellows to pay also for 2013 (unless they are lifetime members). Members who have not paid will be considered as "MCFA Affiliates", with limited access to the MCFA membership benefits. If you are currently an Affiliate, we invite you to upgrade your status to Full Member. To do so, you only have to pay the fee for the current year.

Membership fee is payable either by international bank transfer, PayPal or by credit card. Please log in to <http://mcfa.eu/> and click on "Pay Membership", and write to treasurer@mcfa.eu for any question. Please keep in mind that the MCFA membership is endorsed by the European Commission and the annual membership fee can be charged to the Marie Curie

project (eligible participation costs). MCFA membership is open to researchers who have benefited from research or training mobility grants from the European Commission. Finally, if you know any other Marie Curie Fellows in your institution, please invite them to join the MCFA.

Thank you for your support!

MCFA Board

Experts for Horizon 2020 Advisory Groups

Call for expressions of interest

The European Commission is widening its search for experts from all fields to participate in shaping the agenda of Horizon 2020. The experts of the advisory groups will provide high quality and timely advice for the preparation of the Horizon 2020 calls for project proposals. The call for expressions of interest will stay open for the lifetime of the Horizon 2020 programme. Individuals in their personal capacity, representatives of collective interest groups and representatives of organisations can express their interest. Axelle Vire, Science Policy Coordinator in the board, applied on behalf of the MCFA.

Young researchers platform

The MCFA has partnered with EURODOC and EuroScience to promote a Young Researchers' Platform, responsible Irene Marco and György Székely. A funding body for this is being searched for.

COST action genderSTE

The European Networking Scheme COST has a new action, hosted under COST governance, called “*Gender, Science, Technology and Environment – genderSTE*”

genderSTE - Gender, Science, Technology and Environment - is the first Targeted Network approved by the COST Committee of Senior Officials. The kick off meeting was held on 28 November 2012, in conjunction with the 2nd European Gender Summit.

http://www.cost.eu/about_cost/governance/genderste

As you can see from the dedicated page, the MCFA represented by Maria Bostenaru Dan has been approved to be included in the management committee of the action, as an international organization (non-COST).

Further international organizations such as European Platform of Women Scientists (EPWS) – with whom the MCFA is in contact – is likely to participate, while the European Centre for Women and Technology (ECWT) – with whom we collaborate in frame of WIRES, Maria Bostenaru Dan being individual member of it as well as a further international association. Currently COST is changing the structure and thus it will take some time to be listed instead of non-COST body as European/International body.

The action has 3 working groups:

- WG1 Promoting Structural and institutional change;
- WG2 Promoting Gendered Innovations;
- WG3 Mapping Gender in environment-related Horizon2020 Grand Challenges. With 3 subgroups:
 - o Cities

- o Transport
- o Energy and climate change

There will be separate working group meetings in different locations, for example connected to the the [EU-US Gendered Innovations Project](#) launch in Brussels in July, or with the AESOP conference in Dublin (for WG3 subgroup cities).

Maria Bostenaru Dan joined the working group WG3, subgroup Energy and climate change, which will have a meeting in Aarhus, Denmark, 3-4 October.

Given that contributing the concerns of its members to the wider science policy discussion in Europe, and particularly in the context of Horizon 2020 is one of the benefits our association is offering its members, the aim of genderSTE of enhancing the implementation of such gender related science policy issues will lead to mutual benefits of both the association, represented through the mWiSET group and the genderSTE COST action. The role models for women in mobility just described above contribute to objectives of genderSTE of promoting women’s careers in Science and Technology through dissemination of examples of best practice. Given the international scope of our association, it can contribute to a cross-country roadmap as genderSTE aims for.

Instruments of the action allow researchers in the field of women studies to come to non-COST institutions, and also publication funding.

Currently there is a call for Short Term Scientific Missions, and we could also host such.

The second meeting of the network took place in Barcelona connected to the European Conference on Politics and Gender

<http://www.ecpg-barcelona.com/conference-programme>

A next Management Committee meeting is likely to take place connected to the Vilnius Lithuanian presidency conference in November. Gianna Avellis is also joining in Vilnius, where more related meetings take place.

A webpage will be shortly available, while there is already a LinkedIn group to it:

<http://www.linkedin.com/groups/genderSTE-4882591?gid=4882591>

The network was featured along with other women related COST activities in the March newsletter, on occasion of March 8th, International Day of Women

http://www.cost.eu/library/newsroom/Gender_Overview

Further management committee members in the action include representatives of the Women in Landscape Architecture project about which we wrote in a previous issue, organizers of the Hungarian presidency conference where we presented our working group in 2011, colleagues from the ESF network NeDiMAH about which we wrote, as well as further EPWS members for Romania, with whom we try face to face meetings.

Currently we are thinking of a new booklet about Eastern European Mobility and contacted fellows known to us, and positive feedback is already available. If you wish to contribute, please write (see following paragraph).

Role Models wanted from Marie Curie women Fellows

m-WiSET (Mobile Women in Science, Engineering and Technology) (<http://mcfa.eu/site/public/workingGroups.php>) is the working group funded in 2006 inside the Marie Curie Fellows

Association aiming mainly at promoting and encouraging mobility amongst women scientists.

The Working Group will help raise awareness of the different career obstacles faced by women researchers when they consider to uptake mobility programmes. Basic questions arising from our m-WiSET group are whether mobility effectively enhances the scientific career and which difficulties are envisaged and/or actually encountered at all stages of their mobility programmes. Our activities are also in the field of women participation in SET, career development, excellence, decision-making.

Aims of m-WiSET:

1. Promoting mobility among women scientists
2. Empowering women scientists in Europe and discouraging discrimination and marginalisation
3. Fostering gender equality and scientific excellence in SET
4. Encouraging the promotion of equality policies at national and European level

The m-WiSET WiS working group intends to investigate on the issue of Role Models inside MCFA, taking into account the relationship with glass ceiling issue, to publish a booklet of MC women Fellows, starting from the biography of Marie Curie herself. The aim of this booklet is to mention and promote the knowledge of the large heritage of scientific culture that women have built up during these years since the foundation of Marie Curie Fellows Association. Last but not least the aim is also to raise awareness especially in young researchers on the career paths that could be taken and see success stories encouragements for their current research.

In 2011 a first version of the Role models booklet was published, and presented at a booth during the Marie Curie conference in Warsaw. In 2012 the booklet was promoted in a special session at the ESOF in Dublin.

<http://mcfa.eu/site2/?q=women-science-working-group-mwiset>

We welcome MC women Fellows to participate to the m-WiSET WiS working group and to send one page of their achievements of the current CV to be included in an updated version of the booklet published in 2011.

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Mobile women in architecture

We wrote previously about the radio interview m-WiSET co-coordinator Maria Bostenaru Dan gave about the first woman architect, Virginia Haret. She has recently got funding along with Răzvan Lăcraru and Codina Dușoiu on behalf of the Bucharest Orden of Architects, from the Architect's Stamp Fund (<http://oar.squarespace.com/rezultate-proiecte-2013/>) as cultural project for working on an architectural route dedicated to her buildings.

This will build also a Routledge Encyclopedia of Modernism entry as a NeDiMAH short grant outcome.

WIRES online meetings

Since the 5th of March in attendance to the Women's International Research Engineering Summit several online meetings (WIRES network collaborative discussion) using gotomeeting have been organised by Mary Lynn Realff from Georgia Tech, using a slide template on professional and personal interests:

- Energy Research, March 28, 2013
- The Grid, April 17, 2013
- Biofuels and Sustainable Energy, April 30, 2013
- Learning and Gender Studies, May 6, 2013
- Materials, May 22, 2013, 9am-10am
- Information Technology, 11 June, 8-9am
- Water, 26 June, 7-8am

Maria Bostenaru Dan attended the last 4 of these meetings, and for Learning and Gender Studies 2 follow-up meetings have been set up so far, a next one being in July. For these follow up meetings there are different collaboration slides. Two directions have been identified, one about women in STEM and one about women issues in disasters and urban infrastructure (incl. pedestrian behaviour), where Maria Bostenaru Dan joined. Maybe during a stay in Washington in September there will be also possibility of face to face meeting.

The Prezzi of the meetings is available at

<http://prezi.com/j9ignjcaaltu/wires-discussion-slides/>

The MCFA slide is to be found in “Learning and gender studies” while Maria Bostenaru Dan’s own professional interests are in “Urban infrastructure”.

There will be meetings to different engineering topics until July as follows:

- Wind Energy, 11 July, 9-10am,
- Urban infrastructure, 23 July, 9-10am,

- Nanotechnology, August 8

Those interested attending shall contact Maria Bostenaru Dan to get the contact details or look for the facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/165668886792504/686520544707333/?notif_t=group_activity

Careers, funding, and networking opportunities

Open for 2013: Marie Curie Career Integration Grants (CIG)

[Marie Curie Career Integration Grants](#) are intended to improve considerably the prospects for the permanent integration of researchers who are offered a stable research post in Europe after a mobility period in a country different from the country where the researcher has been active during the past years. The duration of these grants is between 2 and 4 years.

Experienced researchers (with at least 4 years full-time postgraduate research experience or a doctoral degree) of any nationality can apply who, at the time of the relevant deadline for submission of proposals, have not resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc) in the country of their host organisation for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the reference deadline. A researcher who has benefited or is benefiting from a FP6 or FP7 Reintegration Grant is ineligible for funding under this call.

Next and last cut-off deadline:
18 September 2013

Last call under FP7: Marie Curie Individual

Fellowships: IEF, IOF, IIF

On the 13th of March the European Commission announced the call for 2012 for Intra-European, International Incoming and International Outgoing Fellowships. These Fellowships are aimed at experienced researchers, either holding a PhD or having 4 years of research experience after obtaining the degree which allows them to embark doctoral studies. Who are willing to spend a period of mobility outside the country where they were active at most 24 months in the last 3 years, or for a career restart. Intra-European Fellowships allow mobility among EU and associated countries, international incoming fellowships allow coming or returning or researchers who were working in third countries (read the call to see which special conditions apply according to the activity in the past years which might make a researcher eligible for both IEF and IIF), while international outgoing fellowships allow European researchers to go to a third country and return a period equal to the half of that spent outside. Marie Curie Fellowships for Career Development are individual fellowships, where the fellow, in most cases as proposal coordinator, applies

jointly with the host institution where (s)he wants to move, and which will act as coordinator after acceptance. The last min. 12 and max. 24 months.

Deadline: 14 August 2013

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/>

Still open: Marie Curie COFUND Fellowships

Within approved COFUND schemes the following calls for a mobility stay are currently open:

ETH Fellows – for researchers within 2 years from obtaining a doctorate, to spend time at the ETH Zürich. Researchers apply jointly with a professor, who submits the application. Eligibility condition is to have apart of the doctorate an award for the doctorate or a publication in a peer reviewed journal. The doctorate certificate must be available before start of the fellowship, but the defense date must be fixed when the application is submitted.

Deadline 2013: 1st of September

<http://www.ethfellows.ethz.ch/>

On the same model the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne launched the scheme of EPFL Fellows, postdoctoral fellowships of 12 to 24 month, under the supervision of an EPFL mentor.

Deadlines: 1st of October of the year.

<http://commission-recherche.epfl.ch/EPFLFellows>

PEGASUS fellowships at Dutch universities. Postdoctoral Fellowship of 1 year at a Flemish university. These fellowships are not renewable, but candidates can apply afterwards in the open competition for a regular postdoctoral fellowship of three years. This short fellowship is available under

the form of an employment contract (standard option) or a stipend (on request).

Deadlines 2014: 1st of February and 1st of March.

<http://www.ugent.be/en/research/funding/postdoc/pegasus.htm>

Also the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation increased the number of their postdoctoral fellowships with the COFUND scheme

<http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/humboldt-fellowship-postdoc.html>

Deadline: continuously.

First Call for Proposals for financing of fellowships and mobility of researchers under the project NEWFELPRO of the Government of the Republic of Croatia was opened at the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports 21th of June. The Call for Proposals, under which 83 fellowships will be made available to researchers, was opened by Mr Željko Jovanović, Minister of Science, Education and Sports. Fellowships are intended for experienced researchers with four to ten years of research experience and to senior researchers with more than ten years of experience. 38 fellowships are intended for foreign researchers within the incoming fellowship mobility scheme.

<http://www.newfelpro.hr/default.aspx?id=63>

The European Institutes for Advanced Study (EURIAS) Fellowship Programme is an international researcher mobility programme offering 10-month residencies in one of the 16 participating Institutes: Berlin, Bologna, Brussels, Budapest, Cambridge, Delmenhorst, Freiburg, Helsinki, Jerusalem, Lyon, Marseille, Paris, Uppsala, Vienna, Wassenaar, Zürich. EURIAS Fellowships are mainly offered in the fields of the humanities and social



sciences but may also be granted to scholars in life and exact sciences, provided that their proposed research project does not require laboratory facilities and that it interfaces with humanities and social sciences. For the 2014-2015 academic year, EURIAS offers 39 fellowships (20 junior and 19 senior positions). Applications are submitted online via www.eurias-fp.eu, where, you will find detailed information regarding the content of the application, eligibility criteria, selection procedure, etc. The deadline for application is July 5th, 2013.

More COFUND fellowship schemes can be found [here](#)

European Research Council calls Horizon 2020

The ERC Scientific Council has discussed the issue and, based on the current state of play, it can provide the following possible scenario on a purely indicative basis:

Publication of the provisional schedule for the new calls (ERC Work Programme 2014), late in 2013;

Opening and submission deadlines of new ERC calls throughout 2014:

- Opening and submission deadline for Starting grants; first and second quarter of 2014
- Opening and submission deadline for Consolidator grants; second quarter of 2014
- Opening and submission deadline for Advanced grants; fourth quarter of 2014

No further calls for Synergy grants in 2013 and 2014;

Normal schedule for Proof of Concept grants (one call with two deadlines in 2014). Although no final decision has yet been taken by the EU, the ERC Scientific Council provides, without any commitment, this provisional information for the convenience of the scientific community

<http://erc.europa.eu/update-erc-calls-proposals-2014>

Scientific Exchange Programme New Member States-Switzerland

Crus.ch the Rectors' Conference of Swiss Universities, is promoting a mobility programme between New Member States of the EU (EU-12) and Switzerland. Doctoral researchers can apply for fellowships between 6 months and 2 years, provided they are enrolled in an institution in a NMS. Postdoctoral researchers can apply for fellowships between 6 and 18 months, provided they are employed as researchers at an institution in an NMS deemed eligible by the respective country. In both cases there are two mentors, one from the NMS and one from the Swiss side, and funds are provided also for the exchange of the mentors. The programme will have open calls also in the following years, ending 2016.

Next deadlines (depending on country) 2013: 1. November (last calls within the programme).

<http://www.sciex.ch/>

Spa Foundation Prize

On behalf of the Spadel Group, the "Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique - FNRS" will award, in 2013, the Spa Foundation Prize amounting 25.000 €. This Prize is intended to reward a postdoctoral researcher or a team of

postdoctoral researchers for an original contribution in the field of "Water and Health". Specifically water as a beverage, related to human health.

Applications, written in English, have to be submitted by email to prix@frs-fnrs.be, for June 1, 2013 at the latest.

European Union Women Innovators Prize 2014

After a successful first edition in 2011, the European Commission has launched the second edition of the EU Women Innovators Prize to reward three women who have achieved outstanding innovations and brought them to market.

The contest is open to all women who have founded or co-founded their company and who have at some point of their careers benefitted from the EU's research framework programmes or the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme.

In total three prizes will be awarded:

- 1st prize: €100 000
- 2nd prize: €50 000
- 3rd prize: €25 000

http://ec.europa.eu/research/innovation-union/index_en.cfm?section=women-innovators&pg=home

Deadline: 15 October 2013

Past meetings with MCFA participation

Consultancy meeting

On the way to the new Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions!

March 2013, Brussels

The MCFA chair Maria Antonietta Buccheri represented the association as an invited speaker, along with representatives from similar organizations, ex. EURODOC.

"Investing in research is not an option, nor an alternative: it is a necessity for Europe in order to build a strong knowledge economy. At a time when the EU is facing one of the most serious economic crises, I believe we must invest in our human capital, we must invest in our researchers, we must invest in you." said the Commissioner Androulla Vassiliou, speaking to scientists and Marie Curie Actions participants at the Large Hadron Collider, on Monday 15 April. [reported from: horizon2020projects.com]

Indeed, the Marie Curie Actions (MCA) aim at strengthening the human potential in research. Starting from 1996, the MCA have

now funded an estimated 60,000 researchers at all stages of their careers! The MCA Schemes are prestigious and, according to a survey recently made by the Marie Curie Fellows Association (MCFA), researchers awarded a Marie Curie Fellowship recognise it has had an impact on their careers. Moreover, the Marie Curie Fellowships have been one of the main instruments to promote a culture of 'mobility' in the European Union and beyond.

"The Marie Curie Actions help to bring research, universities and businesses together in what we call the 'knowledge triangle' ", said the Commissioner.

The Marie Curie Actions (MCA) will fall under the Excellent Science pillar of the next research and innovation framework programme, Horizon2020. They are going to be renamed the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) to reflect the name the Polish-born scientist used following her marriage to French scientist Pierre Curie. Their structure will be simplified. A new Individual Fellowship scheme will combine

the existing Intra-European Fellowships for Career Development, International Incoming Fellowships, International Outgoing Fellowships and Career Integration Grants programmes. The Industry Academia Partnerships and Pathways and International Research Staff Exchange Scheme will also be put together to form a new Research and Innovation Staff Exchange programme. The Initial Training Networks will be renamed the Innovative Training Networks. Applications made under COFUND will remain the same.

The Marie Curie Unit is always paying special attention to interactions with relevant stakeholders. The Unit very often promotes and provides opportunities to discuss key themes and to exchange observations, comments and suggestions arising from previous experiences. When it comes to designing new schemes, it is in their objectives to gather together suggestions, exchanges, outcomes in order to better shape the actions, to tackle previous major issues and to meet researchers needs.

On the road to the new MSCA schemes, several stakeholders meetings took place during 2012 and 2013. The MCFA has been invited to these meetings thus having a chance of bringing direct experiences of Marie Curie Fellows. Several topics were discussed in order to improve and simplify the MSCA. The meetings have been a thrilling opportunity of sharing views and reflections with the Marie Curie Unit and other relevant stakeholders. MCFA helps unite European researchers by providing a platform for networking, career development and mutual support. The voice of young researchers is translated through the Association, delivering researchers' ideas and concerns to the highest level of the European decision-making. Science policy is one of the main fields in which the Marie Curie Fellows Association is active. Should

you have some comments to propose, or some relevant issues you want to bring the attention on, please, contact us at the office@mcfa.eu or via one of our social networks' channels.

Maria-Antonietta Buccheri

EURODOC Annual Conference

4-5 April 2013, Lisbon

Maria Bostenaru Dan attended the EURODOC Annual Conference while on a grant in Lisbon in April 2013. She also had a meeting with Slobodan Radicev, the president of EURODOC and is in the process of application contributing to EduCoach. Maria Bostenaru's talk was in a workshop about the Charter and Code of Conduct of Researchers and will be made available on the webpage of the conference: <http://lisbon2013.abic-online.org/>





She gave an interview to the „Adevarul” newspaper.

EU2013 – Researcher Careers & Mobility Conference Are Researchers Ready for a Knowledge Intensive Europe? Dublin, 14th and 15th May

Under the Iris Presidency a conference has been held at the Dublin castle.

The conference had a travel bursary competition, one of the winners being Rui Guimaraes, board member representing the MCFA.

Dagmar Meyer, former MCFA chair, organised a workshop on the topic:

„Why Hire Researchers?”

- Open recruitment as a pathway to excellence
- Bringing new talent to companies
- Recognising the wide range of researchers’ talents

Manuela Giovanetti, Senior Researchers, Universita degli Studi di Napoli Federico II e Polo delle Scienze and MCFA National Co-ordinator was an expert panel member.

Conference webpage:

<http://www.iaa.ie/research-innovation/rcm/>



Infoday about Marie Curie Actions in Timișoara, Romania

Corina Negrea, who interviewed in August Maria Bostenaru Dan about Marie Curie Actions, was also reporting about an event in Timișoara on this topic, having invited Mike Rogers

http://www.radioromaniacultural.ro/pages/view/5873#.UU_snU4f8Vo.facebook

Further interviews on Marie Curie Actions reported to short stays will follow.

Presentation of study abroad possibilities

13 Mai, Bucharest, Romania

Maria Bostenaru presented the study environment in Germany and Italy (the later where she had the Marie Curie fellowships) at the Matei Basarab lyceum in Bucharest in frame of an event series organised by the League of Romanian Students Abroad

<http://gostudy.lsr.ro/caravana/>

RBC-LSRS Speed Networking Event

25 mai 2013, University of East London

Maria Bostenaru Dan has been invited to take part as remote online mentor to an event of the LSRS (League of Romanian Students Abroad) together with the Romanian Business Club, related to her mobility experience.

<http://uk.lsr.ro/2013/04/05/rbc-lsr-speed-networking-event/>

Research Careers – European and National Funding Opportunities for Early Career Researchers

11 June 2013, Bonn

The European Liaison Office of the German Research Organisations (KoWi) in collaboration with the German Research Foundation (DFG) presents the event "Research Careers – European and National Funding Opportunities for Early Career Researchers". The goal of this workshop is the promotion of the Marie Curie Individual Fellowships as well as the DFG-funding chain. It is aimed at young researchers of all scientific and academic domains.

Keynote speeches on the European and national dimension of the promotion of early career researchers will be given by Dorothee Dzwonnek, DFG Secretary General, and Jordi Curell, Director in charge of higher education and international affairs at the European Commission.

The workshop hosted the exhibition "Meet our fellows and their stories", which displays photographs of successful Marie Curie Fellows and describes their projects.

http://www.kowi.de/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-39/832_read-1909/date-1466/

South East Europe Annual Event

19 June 2013, Bucharest

Maria Bostenaru Dan participated at the South East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme Annual Conference 2013 under the title "SEE achievements in view of the new programmes in the area". A film on the projects in frame of the programme was launched. There were 400 registered participants. More about the conference at

http://www.southeast-europe.net/en/news_and_events/news/seeannualevent2013

Publications

Frontiers in Open Science

Frontiers is an online platform of the Nature Publishing Group for the scientific community to publish open-access articles and network with colleagues.

- Fast, open-access publication
- Rigorous peer-review in real-time thanks to our interactive, online interface
- Detailed metrics to follow the impact of articles
- A networking platform made especially for the scientific community

<http://www.frontiersin.org/>

Frontiers is also running a call to appoint editors for different scientific domains.

CERN and OpenAIREplus launch new European research repository

A new online repository, to allow researchers to share publications and supporting data called Zenodo has been created through the European Commission's OpenAIREplus project and is hosted at CERN. OpenAIREplus was launched at the end of 2011 as a tandem project to OpenAIRE, which is also

funded through the European Commission's 7th Framework Programme (FP7). <http://zenodo.org/>

New Nature career columnists

This year eight career columnists for the coming two years were selected again from hundreds of entries.

<http://blogs.nature.com/naturejobs/2013/06/04/meet-our-new-careers-columnists>

research.eu magazine

research*eu results magazine, features highlights from the most exciting EU-funded research and development projects.

http://cordis.europa.eu/research-eu/magazine_en.html

Gender perspectives in case studies across continents

http://issuu.com/catunescomujer.org/docs/gender-perspectives-case-studies_e-book_buenosaire

Report: What science is missing when women are missing

The report draws on the findings from a major European project on gender in science, genSET, led by Portia. A panel of 14 science leaders were asked to examine the available research evidence on common gender problems in science and produce a consensus report on the necessary actions that science institutions should take. (The report and the supporting evidence are available at genderinscience.org.)

<http://elsevierconnect.com/report-what-science-is-missing-when-women-are-missing/>

Books on gender research

The publisher LIT Verlag, with which Maria Bostenaru collaborates, has a book series on gender research

„Historische Geschlechterforschung und Didaktik. Ergebnisse und Quellen“

<http://www.lit-verlag.de/reihe/hgud>

The Speaker's Corner



We would like you to share with us your experience as a Fellow, good or bad: has your funding been taken away by someone else in the lab? Were the conditions of the contracts different than promised? Did you feel a lack of support from your lab or the EC

management? Or on the contrary everything went fine and the MC fellowship helped you start a successful career. More generally, we also welcome articles about your views on European Science policy. Please send an email to office@mariecurie.org (Subject line: "Speaker's corner") to be published in this section in the next Letter to Members.

Upcoming events

Women's International Research Engineering Summit 3

9-12 September 2013, Athens

The 3rd Women's International Research Engineering Summit is going to be held in Athens in September. Aim of the Summit is to promote international collaboration. The conference is mainly aimed at associate professors, since international cooperation is required to become full professor, but welcomes also full professors to present their international experience, and junior researchers starting with postgraduate students.

Application deadline: Still open

<http://wires.womenandtechnology.eu>

Maria Bostenaru Dan has been invited to apply, but she will be that time completing a a one month residency in Washington D.C.

The WIRES Network is hosting on-line discussions with WIRES participants as earlier presented using the "Go-To-Meeting" software to host the on-line meeting. This will allow participants to share information with the other participants.. Each on-line discussion will be facilitated by different WIRES women. The outcomes of these on-line meetings will be identification of other researchers interested in forming collaborative teams, identification of funding sources for international collaborations and identification of interesting research questions that can be addressed by WIRES participants.

2013 European Culture Forum

4-6 November

There will be three thematic pillars for the plenary sessions:

- Measuring the true value of culture and the functioning of the cultural eco-system
- Funding culture in the digital era, looking at new funding models based on developing loyalty and building communities of followers, as well as institution centered models, such as corporate sponsorship, co-production and artistic interventions in business or public services
- Audience development and making cultural participation a reality, looking at holistic, 360° strategies, reaching non-audiences, participatory art, and partnerships and synergies with other sectors

The call for ideas is open till the 8th of July. Requested is a 3 minutes video to support an innovative idea.

http://ec.europa.eu/culture/news/20130502-european-culture-forum-2013_en.htm

3rd Gender Summit – North America

13-15 November 2013, Washington DC

This year, the third Gender Summit takes on a North American focus and will be held in Washington D.C. on the 13-15th Nov 2013. Partner is the NSF.

More details to follow as soon as available. For alerts email on summit@portiaweb.org.uk

<http://www.portiaweb.org.uk/index.php/2012-07-11-23-46-44/gender-summits>

4th Gender Summit – Europe

May 2014, Brussels

Next year will see a return of the Gender Summit to Europe. The 2014 European Gender Summit will focus on strategies, tools, and processes that promote the concrete integration of the gender dimension into the European Commission's current Horizon 2020 and European Research Area programmes.

<http://gender-summit.com/index.php/about-the-summit/europe-2014>

ESOF 2014 – Call for career programme now open

June 21-26, 2014, Copenhagen

The 2014 edition of ESOF will take place in Copenhagen, Denmark, June 21-26,

2014 and is organised in collaboration between the Danish Ministry for Science, Innovation and Higher Education and the founder of ESOF, Euroscience.

The MCFA organized in the past sessions in the ESOF careers programme, being also represented by Natalia Balcazar, administrative board member, in the committee.

The Science-2-Business Programme will include sessions on innovation, entrepreneurship and business development. The Career Programme will deal with career issues for researchers at all stages. Both calls will close August 11, 2013, and we encourage you to submit excellent proposals respecting the selection criteria of each programme. If you want to take part in this dialogue and contribute with activities you can read more in the [call for expression of interest](#).

The MCFA is planning to submit session proposals as in past years, for example to promote the project management, women in science and dual careers initiatives.

News in Brief

Former Marie Curie Fellow Minister in Italy

Former Marie Curie Researcher Dr. Maria Chiara CARROZZA, has been recently appointed Minister for Education,



Universities and Research of Italy. She had received an individual fellowship AMOR2HUMAN -

Autonomous Mobile Robotics Applied to Human Augmentation (FP6-Marie Curie EIF N. 039284) from 2006 to 2008, and was also

involved in the RTN ASSEMIC - Advanced Methods and Tools for Handling and Assembly in Microtechnology (FP6-Marie Curie RTN - 504826) from 2003 to 2007).

FROM SCIENCE CAREERS

**Thomas Schäfer: Launching the
Young Academy of Europe**

http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/career_magazine/previous_issues/articles/2013_04_24/caredit.a1300082

Looking Broadly to Find the Best

http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/career_magazine/previous_issues/articles/2013_04_15/caredit.a1300074

Content collection: Interactive Peer Review

http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/career_magazine/previous_issues/articles/2013_05_21/caredit.a1300104

Interactive Peer Review: Advantages for Authors

http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/career_magazine/previous_issues/articles/2013_04_10/caredit.a1300069

Interactive Peer Review: For Authors, Potential Downsides

http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/career_magazine/previous_issues/articles/2013_04_12/caredit.a1300072

Opportunity Knocks: But Which Door Should You Open?

http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/career_magazine/previous_issues/articles/2013_03_08/science.opms.r1300129

ERC

Vienna Event Aims to Help Eastern Scientists Compete for European Grants

More Eastern Europeans at ERC

http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/career_magazine/previous_issues/articles/2013_03_08/caredit.a1300036

WOMEN IN SCIENCE

International Women's Day 2013

http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/career_magazine/previous_issues/articles/2013_03_08/caredit.a1300037

The Complexity of Gender Differences in Choosing STEM

http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/career_magazine/previous_issues/articles/2013_03_01/caredit.a1300031

Plodding Progress for Women, Minorities in Science

http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/career_magazine/previous_issues/articles/2013_03_05/caredit.a1300033

FROM NATURE JOBS

Women in science: Women's work

A special section of Nature finds that there is still much to do to achieve gender equality in science

<http://www.nature.com/news/women-in-science-women-s-work-1.12547>

Infographics about women in science

http://pinterest.com/pin/200128777163716038/?WT.mc_id=FBK_NPG

FROM THE EUROSCIENTIST

SPECIAL ISSUE: Research Austerity

How well are scientists from Southern Europe weathering cuts?

<http://euroscientist.com/austerity/>

Response:

Eastern European countries, such as Bulgaria, in dire need of EU support

<http://euroscientist.com/2013/05/eastern-european-countries-such-as-bulgaria-in-dire-need-of-eu-support/>

Redressing the ERC grant geographical imbalance

<http://euroscientist.com/2013/05/redressing-the-erc-grant-geographical-imbalance/>

National Groups and Mailing Lists

Call for coordinators of MCFA National Groups

We are looking for MCFA members who are willing to become MCFA National Group coordinators in their country, or to participate in organizing the activities in their own country. National Group coordinators can be current or past MC fellows who are currently resident in the given country.

The National Groups can help the current Fellows meet each other to exchange experiences. This is very simple: a Coordinator announces that s/he would like to organize a meeting, then we announce it on the website, and help you write to all the current members in your

country. The meeting can be in a cafe, at a university or wherever you think it is practical. If you organize a meeting, we can help you also with some funds. We would also like your help in maintaining the Welcome Packs for your country.

Help us organize your NG, so we can build a strong and supportive effort for younger researchers. With your efforts, we can help researchers everywhere. For more information please get in contact with us by email: office@mariecurie.org, with the text [National groups] in the subject.

Please feel free to forward this Letter to Members to your colleagues and friends, even if they are not Marie Curie Fellows!

We also remind you that you are encouraged to use the MCFA flyers, available from the Internal Documents: <http://mcfa.eu/site/memberArea/internalDocuments.php>.

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