

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

Marie Curie Alumni Association

The board is currently discussing possibilities for cooperation with the Marie Curie Alumni Association, at the level of the board, for which reason it applied to attend the MCAA General Assembly in Brussels 23rd of November 2013. The board is waiting for response to a letter in this sense. We will keep our members updated about this.

Experts for Horizon 2020 Advisory Groups

Call for expressions of interest

The results of this call round have been given. You can see the members of the group of Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions [here](#).

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. Future actions include the COST participation and an ESOF event which are under discussion.

COST targeted action Sci- GENERATION and further steps

Similarly to the COST action genderSTE the MCFA has applied to join the newly launched targeted (policy-driven) network TA COST Action TN1301 "Next Generation of Young Scientist: towards a contemporary spirit of R&I" (Sci-

GENERATION), which started 13th of November, as specific organization (international organization). We propose board member Irene Marco-Rius or György Székely, who coordinate the Young Researchers working group, to represent the MCFA. More detailed about the network can be found at:

http://www.cost.eu/domains_actions/ta/Actions/TN1301

A further action in these series is The Voice of Research Administrators – Building a Network of Administrative Excellence (BESTPRAC), which given the presence of research administrators among MCFA members might be worthy to join.

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

COST action genderSTE

The COST action genderSTE management committee meeting will be held in frame of the Lithuanian Presidency in Vilnius in conjunction with the conference "Structural Change Promoting Gender Equality in Research Organisations", 21-22 November 2013:

<http://www.sapgeric.eu2013.vu.lt/>

Maria Bostenaru received an invitation, but due to overlapping with the MCAA GA she will be represented by m-WiSET member Eleni Chatzichristou. The m-WiSET coordinators Gianna Avellis and Maria Bostenaru prepared together with her a poster to promote the activities of the working group and the role model booklet created previously.

Related to the membership in the working group on gender and climate change,

although Maria Bostenaru was not able to attend the meeting in Aarhus at the begin of October for lack of funds, in the aftermath of the event feedback was given on water related issues of gender for programme calls in Horizon 2020.

Furthermore, in cooperation with another COST action a guest has been hosted at Maria Bostenaru's home institute in Bucharest to do research about climate change and the connection to genderSTE is fully acknowledged.

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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Call for research and case studies on gender equality and culture

UNESCO would like to invite your organization to take part in an innovative research initiative on gender equality and culture. As part of our commitment to gender equality, UNESCO is preparing the first Report on Gender Equality and Culture. The Report, to be published at the end of 2013, aims to provide decision-makers, governments and civil society with the first global evidence-based resource to better understand the gender gaps, challenges and opportunities of culture, and to inform future policy-making in this field.

The Report will bring together the latest research on gender issues related to the fields of creativity and heritage, and provide the first UNESCO assessment of the opportunities for women and men to participate in, contribute to and access cultural life.

If you are interested in sharing your organization's field research, case studies and data (and any other relevant information) and taking part in this new UNESCO initiative, please send an email to Ms Penelope Keenan (p.keenan@unesco.org) for more information.

Articles on women role models

Maria Bostenaru Dan submitted to the Canadian Journal [Review of European Studies](#) two articles on women role models: one about leadership models of women in fairy tales and one outcome of the Virginia Haret project mentioned in the previous LtM – the first woman architect in the world. The articles were accepted and will be published in the December number in an open access model. The first one is already [available online](#). The articles fully acknowledge genderSTE and the MCFA affiliation.

Careers, funding, and networking opportunities

Still open: Marie Curie COFUND Fellowships

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

ETH Fellows –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/>

For researchers within 2 years from obtaining a doctorate, to spend time at the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne researchers can apply jointly with a professor, who submits the application for 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>

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/>

**Junior and senior core
fellowships 2014/15
CEU Institute for Advanced
Study**

The Central European University Institute for Advanced Study (CEU IAS) in Budapest, Hungary, is pleased to invite applications for its core senior and junior fellowship programs for the academic year 2014/15. Fellowships are available in all research areas of the social sciences and humanities, broadly defined. Fellowships run for the full 9-month period (Oct-June), for the 3-month "short fall semester", the 5-months "long fall semester" (Oct- February) or the 6-month spring semester (Jan- June).

Deadline: 20th of October 2013. Results: end February 2014.

<http://ias.ceu.hu/>

**New Europe College
international fellowships**

Scholars in humanities holding a PhD may apply for a fellowship to be pursued in the 2014-15 academic year at the New Europe

College in Bucharest, Romania. They require one day of presence at the host for scholars based in Romania and assure housing for scholars of abroad.

Deadline: 9th of December 2013

http://www.nec.ro/fundatia/nec/nec_intl_2014.htm

**Call for SCHOLARSHIP
nominations 2014:
Dan David Prize**

The Dan David Prize laureates annually donate twenty scholarships of US\$15,000 each to outstanding doctoral and postdoctoral students of exceptional promise in the chosen fields for the current year.

Ten scholarships are awarded to doctoral and post-doctoral students at universities throughout the world and ten scholarships at Tel Aviv University.

The Dan David Prize is granted according to merit, without discrimination based on gender, race, religion, nationality, or political affiliation.

In order to ensure that your research is relevant to one of this year's chosen fields, please read the field definitions on our website carefully before filling out the form

For information regarding the Dan David Scholarship nominations and submission, please consult the website

<http://www.dandavidprize.org>

Deadline: 28 February 2014

**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

EACEA - Call for experts! Check out how you can become an expert for EACEA

The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) manages European funding opportunities and networks in the fields of education and training, citizenship, youth, audiovisual and culture for the European Commission.

Since 14th of September 2013, the EACEA is looking for experts who will be assisting them in managing EU programmes in the field of education, audiovisual, culture, youth, sport, etc. Check out the [website](#) to learn more and find important documents for the application. If you would like to learn more about EACEA, click [here](#).

European Geosciences Union supports networking of young scientists

Young scientists under 35 years of age and with doctorate obtained in the past 7 years are sought to be even more involved in the EGU activities and encouraged to use the new platform available at:

<http://www.egu.eu/young-scientists/>

Online photo competition (submit your picture by 31st October 2013): "This is my Europe" and "My vision of Europe"

As part of its Relaunching Europe initiative, the S&D Group in the European Parliament is organising an online photo competition on the theme "This is my Europe". The competition celebrates the European Year of the Citizens, calling on them to show their vision of Europe, in their daily lives and for the future.

By entering this Europe-wide competition, participants get a chance to win one of many great prizes, including city trips for two people to the Latvian capital Riga (the 2014 European Capital of Culture), InterRail passes to travel around Europe, and cameras.

Entries should be submitted by 31 October 2013 and winners will be announced early December 2013.

For further information, visit the [Relaunching Europe website](#) and follow the competition on [Facebook](#). If you will be accessing the contest from your tablet or smartphones, click on this [link](#).

New Marie Curie Initial Training Network with MCF participation

NeDiMAH, an ESF network formerly coordinated by our advisory board member Malte Rehbein is being represented by him in the newly approved MC ITN "Digital Scholarly Editions" DiXiT. Our board member Maria Bostenaru is steering committee member from Romania in NeDiMAH.

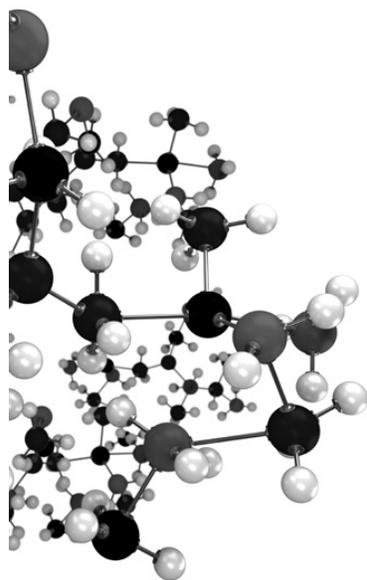
<http://dixit.uni-koeln.de/associatedpartners.html>

Past meetings with MCFA participation

Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting

30 June-5 July 2013, Lindau & Mainau Island, Germany

This summer 17 Marie Curie Fellows attended the 63rd Lindau Nobel Laureate in Lindau, Germany. The meeting, which this year was dedicated to Chemistry, brought together 34 Nobel Laureates and about 650 young researchers from all over the world. During one of the session, Mike Rogers from the European Commission introduced the Marie Curie Actions and the website Euraxess, giving the good news that the next Marie Curie Framework Programme, starting in 2014 within the Horizon 2020, will be able to fund and support an even larger amount of successful projects.



63rd

Lindau
Nobel Laureate
Meeting

Irene Marco-Rius

Researchers' Night

27 September 2013, Brussels

The chair of the MCFA, Maria Antonietta Bucceri, participated to the Researchers' Night in Brussels. She met staff from Marie Curie Actions of the European Commission including Mike Rogers.

http://www.nuitdeschercheurs.be/2013/index_fr.stm

ICT2013 and ECWT

Vilnius, Lithuania, 5-8 November 2013



Gianna Avellis of m-WiSET and ITWIIN attended the Annual General Meeting of ECWT – The European Center for Women and Technology in Vilnius on the 5th of November 2013. ECWT is a European multi-stake-holder partnership of more than 130 organisations and a rapidly growing number of individuals with high level expertise from government, business, academia and non-profit sectors to significantly increase in Europe the number of girls and women in technology and ICT in particular. ECWT is the leading European platform for securing the gender dimension of the Digital Agenda and the Europe2020 strategy. In this context, ECWT strategy 2013-2020 was illustrated by Maria Sangiuliano, University of Ca' Foscari, Venice, based on 5 key objectives which summarize the priorities of ECWT members and create the framework for the ECWT's annual activities, respectively:

1. Getting more girls to study ICT;
2. Attracting and retaining talented women to the ICT and related sectors;
3. Promoting female talent to provide added value to new ICT solutions;
4. Empowering women in SMART economics – more women entrepreneurs;
5. Consolidating the largest network for closing the Digital Gender Gap in Europe

Three project proposals for HORIZON 2020 were presented at the meeting, namely:

1. Establishing the Center of Climate Expertise TM
2. Social Customer Relationship Management with a gender perspective
3. Smart Cities, gender and inclusion

From 6-8 November 2013 took place the ICT2013 conference at LITEXPO in Vilnius, where women in technology played a key role. #ICT2013eu has been the Europe's biggest digital technology event with almost 5000 people attended. It was a 3 day conference, networking and exhibition of digital inspiration, creativity and connecting. Nearly 6000 participants have been registered to attend ICT2013, including 80 acclaimed global speakers. Nearly 200 exhibitions, including the Lithuanian village were open for the visitors. Participants joined over 180 networking sessions scheduled for the next 3 days. Almost 4.000 people followed the conference online, via social media. A massive inspiration booster has been seeing three outstanding women opening the event. Those include the President of Lithuania, Dalia Grybauskaitė as well as the Vice-President of the European Commission Neelie Kroes. The opening speeches stressed the potential of digital economy in boosting the competitiveness of Europe and increasing overall employability.

The experts' panels brought together the tech-savvy entrepreneurs, innovators, writers. One of them, Emma Mulqueeny, has emphasised the importance to reach out to the young people, empower them with the ICT entrepreneurial skills. Ilja Laurs, the well-known Lithuanian app designer spoke about the conditions for innovation and what the role of regulatory authorities should be. The founder of the Angry Birds, the European success story in tech, expressed his expectation for Horizon2020 to keep up the innovative spirit and keep away overburdening with the implementation rules. On the line of general recommendations, importance of investing in relevant skills and knowledge among young people, mainstreaming entrepreneurial education in traditional curricula has been emphasized.

One interesting session for MCFA m-WiSET WG was the networking session of "Women in International ICT Research: Smart cities, Gender and Inclusion". ECWT has in 2012 created a broad partnership for assessing the sustainability of innovation processes in smart community initiatives from the angles of inclusivity and participation, taking the gender perspective as a case for other differences. ECWT will be partner in the FP7 Societal Engagement in Science, Mutual Learning in Cities - SeiSMIC project starting in November 2013. Based on the success of the workshop organized under the same heading at the Smart Cities Exhibition in Bologna in 2012 and 2013 the session organized by ECWT has:

1. Raised stakeholders' awareness for integrating a gendered and inclusive dimension in smart city policies and initiatives;
2. Discussed and presented different approaches and methods for integrating an inclusive and gendered dimension in current ICT

research and innovations for smart sustainable development of communities and cities, focusing on user centered and participatory design methods as well as crowdsourcing;

3. Disseminated communication and information toolkits for a Gendered and Inclusive Governance of Sustainable Smart Communities.

Another session of interest at the conference was European Digital Girl / Digital Woman Award

The 2013 European Digital Woman Award competition was organised by [Zen Digital](#) in partnership with the [Council of European Professional Informatics Societies \(CEPIS\)](#), [DIGITALEUROPE](#), the [European Centre for Women and Technology \(ECWT\)](#) and [EUSchoolNET](#). For 2013, the awards are under the patronage of [Neelie Kroes](#), Vice-President of the European Commission, responsible for the Digital Agenda and the winners have been announced at ICT2013 conference on 7 November in Vilnius.

The awards are affectionately known as the “Adas,” in honor of [Ada Lovelace](#), the first computer programmer and author of the algorithm for Babagge's mechanical computer. By recognising girls and women who have distinguished themselves in digital studies and careers, and organisations that help to increase the participation of girls and women in the digital sector, the awards aim to increase the number of digitally-skilled girls and women in Europe and help close the ICT skills gap in Europe.

The Ada Awards were first announced at the [Digital Agenda Assembly in June of 2013](#) as a pledge to the [Grand Coalition for Digital Skills and Jobs](#), and the competition ran through end-September this year. Nominations for the girl, woman and organisation awards came from across the European Union and reflect a broad spectrum of digital fields – academia,

research, industry, enterprise and creative and social sectors.

Gianna Avellis

EIGE visit in Vilnius



Gianna Avellis of MCFA m-WiSET and Rita Assogna (president of ITWIIN- Italian Women Innovators and Inventors Network) together with ECWT members visited the EIGE – The European Institute for Gender Equality in Vilnius, on the 6th of November.

The mission of the Institute is to contribute to the promotion of gender equality in the EU and national policies, the fight against discrimination based on sex and to raise public awareness of gender equality in the European Union. To fulfil its tasks, the Institute organises its work around the defined priority areas outlined in its Work Programmes.

EIGE's first Annual Work Programme 2010 was adopted at the end of April 2010, its financial and administrative independence was granted in June 2010 and the official launch of the Institute's activities took place on 16 June 2010.

The EIGE staff presented their work on gender mainstreaming tools, methods and best practices. It focussed then on the presentation of a gender equality index which gives a synthetic measure of gender equality and a map of the gender gap in EU and Member's States. This index is based on

six domains: work, money, knowledge, time, power and health and two satellite domains violence and intersecting inequality. Its value vary from 1 which means inequality to 100 which means full equality. The current value of this index for EU is only 54 which indicates that we are only half way toward an equal-gender society in Europe. The largest gender gap is in the area of power where the value is 38 at EU level to represent the large difference between men and women in the decision-making in the EU27. The same holds in the area of time distribution because the women participation to the labour market is limited by many care activities of the women. Better gender equality index is in the area of work

and money where the value is around 70 at EU level.

Finally, it has been illustrated the Resource and Documentaztion Center of EIGE with the objective to represent the historical and institutional memory of all the work done on gender equality at EU and Member Syitates level. The on-line library offers 223.000 resources on line.

For more information visit the EIGE's web site www.eige.europa.eu

Publications

Directory of Open Access Books

Similarly to the directory of open access journals (DOAJ) a directory of open access books has been launched.

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

ERC and Open Access

European Research Council takes a further step forward towards open access by joining arXiv, one of the major scientific repositories in the areas of physics and mathematics which is operated by Cornell University Library (New York, US), as first European research funding organization doing so.

http://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/press_release/files/ERC_press_release_arXiv.pdf

EuroScience and Open Access

An issue of the EuroScientist deals with Open Access:

<http://euroscientist.com/open-access>

Interactive feature on “who does peer review” in Science

An article criticizing some open access publications has seen the light of publication in Science:

<http://scicomm.scimagdev.org/>

Submit news on your projects on CORDIS Wire

<https://cordis.europa.eu/wire/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.newrelease>

Marie Curie's family The Spirit and the Letter: A chirographic and semiotic study

William Wolcowski edited a new book on the life of Marie Curie, available from amazon.

Presented at Universities in France and Poland, and at the IUPAC Conference for the 2011 Year of Chemistry, this graphic study of quotes from "the family of five Nobel Prizes" is published for the first time.

Versita

In line with the DiXiT MC ITN and with the scopes of NeDiMAH which involves MCFA board members, the emerging science publishers at Versita are publishing Open Access Books, just like in the note mentioning above. Malte Rehbein is an editor in this series.

<http://www.versita.com/>

Gendered innovations

July 9, 2013 the Gendered Innovations project was presented to the European Parliament. As part of that session, we published Gendered Innovations: How Gender Analysis Contributes to Research with a foreword by European Commissioner Máire Geoghegan-Quinn. This publication is drawn from the GI website, which remains the most complete and updated source of information on gendered innovations. The website is available at (publication PDF available from the main science and society site): http://ec.europa.eu/research/science-society/gendered-innovations/index_en.cfm

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

Open days - 11th European Week of Regions and Cities

7-10 October 2013, Brussels

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie COFUND actions [will be presented in frame of a workshop](#) on the 8th of October, demonstrating the support for regional policies. More info about this week and how to register:

http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/od2013/index.cfm

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>

CONFERENCE: Raising Researchers' Voices - opinions on jobs, careers and rights

21-22 November 2013, Brussels

A joint EURAXESS - Voice of the Researchers Conference will be organised. You can win your free participation in two categories:

“EURAXESS Elevator Pitch”

“EURAXESS ERA Slam”

Deadline 20th of September.

More information about this as well as about of the conference is available at:

<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index.cfm/services/singleNews/1074>

Maria Antonietta Buccheri, the chair of the MCFA participates in this conference representing the association.

Lithuanian Presidency Conference “Structural change promoting gender equality in research organizations”

21-22 November 2013, Vilnius

On the occasion of the Lithuanian presidency of the Council of EU and in close cooperation with the European Commission, on 21-22 of November 2013, Vilnius University is hosting the high level conference “Structural change promoting gender equality in research organizations”.

The conference is patronized by the President of the Republic of Lithuania H. E. Dalia Grybauskaitė.

The conference will bring together policy makers, representatives of science funding agencies, rectors and directors of the European universities and research institutions and outstanding scientists for enhancing the dialogue on measures promoting gender equality in research organizations.

The electronic poster exhibition using IT tools is planned also. The networking event and its continuation during dinner in Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania are foreseen in the program. More information on the conference can be found in the description and draft agenda of the conference attached to this letter, as well as on the conference website:

<http://www.sapgeric.eu2013.vu.lt/>

Connected to the event is the genderSTE COST action meeting to which Maria Bostenaru Dan is invited. We plan to submit a poster on the MCFA.

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>

Women's International Research Engineering Summit 3

16-19 June 2014, Trondheim, Norway

The 3rd Women's International Research Engineering Summit [has been postponed for 2014 with changed location](#).

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.

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.

ESOF 2014

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 submitted two proposals in the Career Programme, the outcome of which will be known in November. A Young Researcher Platform event is also planned.

The Career Programme will deal with career issues for researchers at all stages.

ESOF 2016

22-27 July 2016, Manchester

Manchester organizes ESOF 2016 and will be the European City of Science 2016. <http://www.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus/news/display/?id=10754>

News in Brief

Marie Curie and her time

Presentation in Karlsruhe

21-26 July 2013

In frame of the conference Actinides 2013 jointly organized by the European Commission Joint Research Centre Institute for Transuranium Elements (ITU) and the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) dedicated to providing a platform for discussion and information exchange for current research in the physics and chemistry of the actinide and the transactinide elements H el ene Langevin-Joliot, granddaughter of the scientist, held this presentation.

The Karlsruhe Institute of Technology was created through the junction of the University of Karlsruhe, and the former research institute for nuclear physics.

<http://actinides13.ine.kit.edu/24.php>

Horizon2020 testimonials moved to YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/user/Horizon2020YourViews>

Why Are There Still So Few Women in Science? (NYT)

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/10/06/magazine/why-are-there-still-so-few-women-in-science.html?_r=2&

FROM SCIENCE CAREERS

Narrowing the Choices: What Career Path is Right for You?

About Individual Development Plan

http://sciencecareers.sciencemag.org/career_magazine/previous_issues/articles/2013_09_24/credit.a1300206

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.

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.

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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