

12th March 2009 - Hi Everyone - a few news and events items which I hope will be of interest. We'll be at Cambridge Science Festival on Saturday in the Cafe in the Arts School on the New Museum Site. If you are about, please pop in and say hello! Lucy.

Sparkling Ideas: Utilising all our talents in Science and Engineering certainly sparked a great deal of thought and discussion. Our press release from this meeting on the 5th March (as featured on the University web site and on Cambridge Network) is on the Cambridge AWiSE website along with links to research reports and articles mentioned in Prof. Virginia Valian and Lamia Walkers talks. See www.camawise.org.uk/reports

**Institute of Biology, East Anglia Branch - Charles Darwin Symposium and AGM
Hills Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge 4th April 2009 10:15 - 15:45 followed by an optional tour of the Botanic Garden.**

Talks include:

Charles Darwin's geology. Dr Lyall Anderson *Isaac Newton Trust Research Fellow, University of Cambridge Dept of Earth Sciences*

Darwin and philosophy". Dr Tim Lewens *University of Cambridge Department of History and Philosophy of Science.*

A series of short presentations on some of the exciting opportunities in Cambridge in 2009 celebrating the life and work of Charles Darwin with speakers from The Fitzwilliam Museum, University of Cambridge Museum of Zoology and Sedgwick Museum, The Darwin Correspondence Project, The Darwin Festival and the University of Cambridge Botanic Garden.

Registration for The Charles Darwin Symposium and AGM

Members £10, Guests and Non Members £12

Please mention you are affiliated to Cambridge AWiSE when you register.

Register by email to Liz Campbell at liz.Campbell@cambridgebluegnome.com

The next **MentorSET workshop** for new mentors and mentees will be held on the **Thursday 23rd April 2009** in central London (near Euston Station).

10.30 for coffee and a 10.45 start. The workshop is designed to be enjoyable and a chance to meet other women working in SET. It will be led by Jan West, the MentorSET manager.

MentorSET will pay reasonable travel expenses. **(PLEASE OBTAIN A RECEIPT FOR ALL TRAVEL – we can not refund you without one).**

Please register on our website if you would like to attend:

<http://www.mentorset.org.uk/pages/registration.htm>

womenintechology.co.uk and **Cancer Research UK** would like to invite you to what is promising to be a wonderful and inspirational evening networking event on **Thursday 19th March at 6pm**. The event is open to both women and men, is free to attend and is very kindly being hosted by Deloitte at their offices at 2 New Street Square, London, EC4A 3BZ. The nearest tube is Chancery Lane on the Central Line.

Survival in the City... It's not just about the credit crunch? will include keynote speeches from Suki Gallagher, Founder of smartfundit.com, an independent online marketplace that brings together companies that want to buy technology, sell technology or finance it and Kate Miller, Programming and Planning Manager within the Drug Development Office at Cancer Research UK, the world's leading charity dedicated to cancer research. There will also be a panel Q&A session with Suki and Kate as well as representatives from both Cancer Research UK and Deloitte. The

panel will answer your questions and offer advice on building a successful career, the impact of cancer, the work of Cancer Research UK and how "together we will beat cancer". The panel Q&A will be followed by an opportunity to network over drinks and canapés with female professionals from the womenintechology network, Cancer Research UK and Deloitte. For more information and to reserve your place please go to: <http://www.womenintechology.co.uk/Survival-in-the-City>

The International Institute of Women in Engineering is a forum promoting women in engineering worldwide. They are holding a three week summer course promoting women in global engineering in Paris from July 4th-24th July. The course is open to both women and men, is in English and will include seminars, industrial visits and round table discussions. This year the IIWE will emphasize the engineer's role in an ever changing global climate. IIWE 2009 will also focus on helping participants discover their real values and show aspiring engineers how to balance their professional and family lives.

More details and application forms at <http://www.iiwe-yes.com>

Medicine and Machines - A PAWS Women in SET Event

Monday **23rd March, 6.30pm**, Institute of Physics, 76 Portland Place, London, W1B 1NT
Introduced by Prof Jimmy Bell, Imperial College and Maggie Philbin, Science Broadcaster.

Speakers include:

Dr. E. Louise Thomas - Thin on the Outside, Fat on the Inside?

Dr. Sandra Shefelbine - Bones, Elephants, Mice and Footballers.

Prof. Karen Kirkby - Targeting Cancer with Ions.

Tony McHale - Executive Producer Holby City.

Includes buffet reception.

RSVP to pawsomni@btconnect.com Tel 020 7483 4545

PAWS - Public Awareness of Science and Engineering

Thinking of doing some training?

Check out the UKRC Training Grants where awards of up to £500 are available for supporting progression at professional and technical levels and increase retention at key stages in SET careers.

<http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/women-and-girls/bursaries/ukrc-training-grants>

Funding opportunities

2009 L'Oréal UK and Ireland Fellowships for Women in Science – Applications sought

11 years ago L'Oréal and UNESCO founded the For Women In Science Programme to promote and highlight the importance of ensuring greater participation of women in science.

Each year, the programme recognises the achievements of exceptional female scientists and awards them with fellowships to help further their research.

This year, four awards of £15,000 each (equivalent value in Euros for candidates in Ireland), will be offered to outstanding female post doctoral researchers in the UK and Ireland, adjudicated by a panel of eminent scientists and chaired by Baroness Susan Greenfield, Director of the Royal Institution. The deadline for applications is **Wednesday 8th April 2009**

http://www.ukrc4setwomen.org/html/news-and-events/news/?news_id=530

British Science Association People and Science – March 2009

The latest edition of People and Science, the free magazine of the British Science Association is now online. It includes articles on: A new vision for science and society and Science Communication in the Obama era.

To access the latest issue, please visit www.britishtscienceassociation.org/ps

Work Placement request

One of our members is trying to help my 15 year old pseudo-nephew (Alex) find a one week work experience placement this June 8th - June 12th. He is extremely bright, top of his class in Maths, and is passionate about graphic design. He has about two years experience using Photoshop on a hobbyist basis (as well as some school stuff, but he is way beyond the level of the course). For the last four months Alex has also been spending 9 hours per week doing work experience at Vector Ltd (graphic & Web site designers, and printers), so is used to the working environment. For this new placement though, he wants to gain 3D design experience. For example computer generated imagery, 3D character animation, special effects etc. The placement would not be paid, of course. All he would need is a little training to get started on a small project, and then minimal supervision (he is a fast learner). I would be extremely grateful if any of you could suggest someone that I could contact who is in the 3D design industry (e.g. movie / game production etc). If you can help, please contact Lucy at info@camawise.org.uk and I will forward your details.

Dr. Lucinda Spokes

Cambridge Association for Women in Science and Engineering.

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To join our email list, send an email with **subscribe** in the subject box to: ucam-awise-request@lists.cam.ac.uk

To contact us, email: info@camawise.org.uk

Cambridge AWiSE - helping to retain and enhance the participation of women in science, engineering and technology fields in both industry and academia.