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Dear DAWEG members,

Happy New Year!

I like to announce our upcoming DAWEG AGM & Roundtable Discussion. Please find details below.

There are also additional announcements (new and repeats) listed in this newsletter.

Thank you,

Anja Lanz
DAWEG Chair
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Announcement #1:

DAWEG AGM + Roundtable Discussion

Mark your calendar:

DAWEG AGM:
Friday, January 30, 2015 at 6pm.

[2013 DAWEG AGM Minutes](#) – May 07, 2013

To follow:

DAWEG Roundtable Discussion:
Friday, January 30, 2015 after the AGM around 6:30pm.

The following individuals are running for board positions:

Chair - Anja Lanz
Past Chair - Elizabeth MacLanders
Vice-Chair - Noushi Rouhi
Secretary - Besire Culhaoglu
Finance - Bengul Kurtar, Fahimeh Ranjbar
Volunteering - Sarv Jahankhani
Events - Sarv Jahankhani
Webmaster, Facebook - Catherine Bowick
Retention - Gillian Nishida

Outreach - Andrea Marshall, Alexandra Dozzi, Donna Denny
Student Liaison - Tirajeh Mazaheri

Location:

Autopro Automation Consultants
Suite 600, 4370 Dominion Street
Burnaby, BC
V5G 4L7

If you would like to attend either in person or via teleconference, please send me an email to daweg.chair@gmail.com by Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 3pm.

The front door of the building is locked by 4:30pm, so please arrive on time between 5:30pm and 6:30pm, so someone at the door can let you in. Our entrance is right across the casino building and beside the Casino parkade on Dominion Street. Please do NOT park in the casino parkade because they check and you might get a ticket. There are 4 visitor stalls at the end of the down ramp of our building where you can park for free (The sign at the visitor parking says 1 hr max, but in the evening it is unlimited parking), or there are plenty of parking meters on Dominion street. Parking meters are \$2 for 2 hrs from 9:00am – 8:00pm.

I can be reached up until 4:00pm on January 30, 2015 at the following email: daweg.chair@gmail.com

Light Refreshments will be served.

I look forward to the discussion!

Announcement #2:

DAWEG/APEGBC Sea to Sky Branch – Panel Speaker Event – Women in Engineering and Geoscience

Title: How to Empower Women and Help Nourish Their Confidence to Enter and Remain in the Engineering and Geoscience Profession.

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2014

Time: 6:30pm to 9:30 pm (Doors open at 6:30pm)

Location: Legion Hall, 123 West 15th Street, North Vancouver

(Entrance is at the main front door and the entry to the hall is through the doors immediately on the left after you enter the building.)

Details:

In an effort to support the continuing growth and advancement of women in the profession, the APEGBC Sea-to-Sky Branch is collaborating with the Division for the Advancement of Women in Engineering & Geoscience (DAWEG) in organizing a seminar to give an insight on how women can proactively build their confidence, and what they could do to successfully integrate and advance in the fields of engineering and geoscience. The main objective of the seminar is to help engineers and geoscientists tackle obstacles in regards to discrimination against women in the workplace, to help the advancement of women into leadership positions, and to create

opportunities that appeal to women in the workforce.

This event will consist of a panel discussion with a wide range of guest panelists, including male and female professionals in management positions and recruitment, in both engineering and geoscience in an effort to offer a range of perspectives in the discussion. The discussions will include and are not limited to:

- How could women overcome obstacles which are making it difficult for them to enter or stay in engineering and geoscience?
- How can women best showcase their capabilities and reach for more when dealing with difficult employers?
- What can organizations and employers do to support their female colleagues in career advancement?
- How can we empower women and help nourish their confidence to enter the engineering profession?

Everyone is welcome to attend this event. Please feel free to bring a guest.

Registration: Register Online Link will be available very soon.

Announcement #3:

DAWEG celebrates its 25 Year Anniversary in 2016.

What would you like to do to celebrate?

Please send your suggestions, comments, and feedback to daweg.chair@gmail.com

Announcement #4:

UBC WiSE Networking Event – Mentors Wanted!

The UBC Women in Science and Engineering group is organizing a networking opportunity to be held on Thursday, March 12, 2015 (around 5:00-8:00pm) at the First Nations Longhouse at the UBC Point Grey Campus.

They are looking for female mentors from both engineering and science to inspire and motivate female engineering and science students and are encouraging DAWEG members to take part.

This event provides undergraduate female engineering and science students the opportunity to network with mentors in the industry.

More details can be found at: <http://wie.engineering.ubc.ca/wise/>

For more information, just send an email to Women in Engineering at UBC: wie@apsc.ubc.ca

Announcement #5:

APEGBC " Women in Leadership Workshops

APEGBC is pleased to host the "Taking the Stage" and "Succeeding on Stage" sessions again in the new year. In addition, APEGBC has worked with the Humphrey Group to develop a short 1.5 hour webinar on Women in Leadership in January. This webinar will provide tips that enable women leaders to project a powerful leadership presence and excel in the corporate world. APEGBC is also pleased to offer this webinar at a significantly reduced rate from their regular sessions and hope to draw in as many DAWEG members who would be of interest.

For more information or to register, please visit:

NEW WEBINAR Women in Leadership
January 29, 2015 " Webinar
www.apeg.bc.ca/Events/Events/15JANWIL

NEW Taking the Stage
February 11, 2015 - Vancouver, BC
www.apeg.bc.ca/Events/Events/15FEBTTS

NEW Succeeding on Stage
March 24, 2015 - Vancouver, BC
www.apeg.bc.ca/Events/Events/15MARSOS

Announcement #6:

**Green Bricks
Green Collar Careers Conference for Grade 10-12 Students
Sat. Feb. 14, 2015
Hilton Metrotown, Burnaby**

Green Bricks is very pleased to offer FREE participation to grades 10-12 students in the **Green Collar Futures Career Conference on Saturday February 14, 2015 at the Hilton Metrotown, Burnaby.**

Please help spread the word about this year's upcoming event and/or consider registering your own children, as applicable.

Space is very **limited** so register today. To register, please visit:
www.greenbricks.ca/futures/register.php. Students must be registered by February 11 to attend.

For more information, visit www.greenbricks.ca/futures/index.php

Announcement #7:

DAWEG - LinkedIn

Find DAWEG on LinkedIn:

Simply find DAWEG under "Groups" with the Keyword: DAWEG.

If you have any problems, just send me an email: daweg.chair@gmail.com

Announcement #8:

SCWIST "Make Possible Online Mentorship Network connecting people in STEM"

Make Possible was developed in 2014 by members of [SCWIST](#) (Society for Women in Science and Technology) with funding support from Status of Women Canada to attract, retain and advance women in science and technology. Make possible already has nearly 100 people signed up from 43 industries.

Sign up for free as a mentor or mentee at: www.makepossible.ca

Announcement #9:

MOSAIC to Provide Pre-Arrival to Canada Online Services to Women Engineers

MOSAIC, a not for profit organization that seeks to help immigrants and refugees in their settlement and employment needs, is the recipient of a grant from Westcoast Women in Engineering Science and Technology (WWEST).

With this generous funding, MOSAIC will develop a series of facilitated online workshops for women engineers who have been approved to immigrate to Canada and plan on settling in British Columbia. One of the primary objectives of the project is to design and pilot a new service for pre-landed women engineers that contributes to increasing the recruitment of internationally-educated female engineers into their field in Canada.

We are asking for the assistance from DAWEG members who were trained internationally and are now working as engineers in BC, to participate in a focus group, and thereby help us develop the content for online workshops.

Please email Helen You at prearrivalservices@mosaicbc.com if you wish to participate, and help. To learn more about Mosaic, please visit: www.mosaicbc.com.

Announcements #10:

UBC Research Project Recruiting Research Participants (Female Foreign Trained Immigrants Engineers)

A research team at the University of British Columbia is conducting a research project looking at how immigrant engineers transfer knowledge and skills into Canadian workplaces and engage in learning for professional advancement. We are currently recruiting immigrants for a 1.5 hour interview.

Criteria: To participate in the study, you need to be a practitioner in engineering. You also need to have worked in Canada as an engineering practitioner (not necessarily licensed) for a minimum of one year.

We are also interested in talking with stakeholders such as engineering associations, employers, workplace trainers and continuing educators who are interested in this research topic.

To ask questions or participate in this study, please contact Katelyn Steblin at [604-999-9894](tel:604-999-9894) or k.steblyn@alumni.ubc.ca

For more information about the project, please visit <http://blogs.ubc.ca/professionallearning/>

Announcement #11:

Sheri Plewes Scholarship for Women in Engineering

The APEG Foundation has established a scholarship in memory of the late Sheri Plewes, P.Eng. A civil engineer, she advanced her career through positions at the City of Vancouver, TransLink, SNC Lavalin, and finally Port Metro Vancouver, where she was Vice President, Infrastructure Delivery. Sheri was a respected member of the engineering community and a leader in the municipal and transportation engineering sectors. She led the delivery of many important land development and transportation projects throughout the Lower Mainland.

In her personal life, Sheri was passionate about her family, community service and music. She served on the board of the Delta Youth Orchestra for many years.



The APEG Foundation is pleased to offer the Sheri Plewes Scholarship to a woman who is enrolled in a full-time undergraduate engineering program in an accredited engineering program at a British Columbia university. Recipients will be selected on the basis of academic standing, interpersonal skills and social awareness, and leadership potential as demonstrated by cooperation and participation with her peers and involvement in extracurricular or community activities.

To be eligible, applicants must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada. The first scholarship will be awarded in the Fall of 2015.

To make the Sheri Plewes Scholarship self-sustaining, APEG Foundation is seeking donations and wishes to raise \$50,000. Donations can be made out to the *APEG Foundation, referencing the Sheri Plewes Scholarship*, and sent to:

APEG Foundation

c/o Association of Professional Engineers & Geoscientists of BC
200-4010 Regent Street, Burnaby, BC V5C 6N2
Attention: Ms. Andrea Wilson, Student Program Coordinator

Announcement #12:

BC Regional Science Fair Schedule

DAWEG is looking for volunteer judges to give out our DAWEG Awards at upcoming Science Fairs in Fraser Valley, Greater Vancouver, South Fraser and Vancouver.

volunteers will only need to attend the awards ceremony, but do have the option to be a judge and attend the public viewing.

Current awards criteria:

To be awarded to a female student or a partnership which has at least one female on their team and who presents and communicates an ingenious solution to an engineering or applied science problem/project by applying their knowledge of science and math. If one year, there is no female student participating in the Regional Science Fair, the award will be deferred to the next year. Available to Fraser Valley, Greater Vancouver, South Fraser and Vancouver Island Regional Science Fairs.

Dates:

Fraser Valley â€“ April 7 to 10, 2015

Greater Vancouver â€“ April 9 to 11, 2015

South Fraser â€“ April 9 & 10, 2015

Vancouver Island â€“ April 12 to 13, 2015

If you like to volunteer for the judging and/or awards presentation representing DAWEG, please contact the DAWEG Outreach committee at daweg.outreach@gmail.com

Announcement #13:

Mark your Calendars:

E-Fest â€“ March 21, 2015 â€“ 10am to 4pm

Vancouver Public Library, Central Branch
350 West Georgia Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 6B1

E-Fest (**Engineering-Fest**) is an APEGBC event and is organized by the APEGBC Vancouver Branch.

DAWEG will have a booth at this event.

We are looking for volunteers to host the booth and speak to the public and children about DAWEG, engineering, science, career options, or anything else related to Engineering or DAWEG.

You can attend any time slot between 10am and 4pm.

If you like to volunteer, please contact daweg.volunteer@gmail.com and mention the EFest.

Announcement #14:

Writers Needed!

I am sure, DAWEG members have a story to tell.

We are looking for DAWEG members to write articles for the APEGBC Innovation Magazine .

DAWEG likes to have more articles by our members in the Innovation Magazine.

For more information or to suggest your article, please contact me at daweg.chair@gmail.com

Announcement #15:

Creating Connections Conference 2015 !

Mark your calendars for the Creating Connections (CC 2015) Women in Engineering and Science Conference on May 22 & 23, 2015 at the SFU Burnaby Mountain Campus.

The theme of this year's conference is Engaging Our World.

For more information, please visit: www.sfu.ca/sfuwest/cc-2015.html

If you require any further details or would like to volunteer, please send an email to cc-2015@sfu.ca

For more information about the Division of Women in Engineering and Geoscience (DAWEG) please visit our website at www.daweg.com



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