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**Division for the Advancement  
of Women in  
Engineering & Geoscience**

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## **The EDGE Newsletter – Winter 2011 Issue**

*\* Equity and Diversity in Geoscience & Engineering \**

Dear DAWEG Members,

It is my pleasure to send out the Edge Newsletter for Winter 2011. This past December we had a great turnout for the December 6<sup>th</sup> Memorial Event. Some photos from the event are included in the newsletter. Already in 2011 we have lots of opportunities for women to become involved with groups and organizations or volunteering in the community. Some of these opportunities are listed in the upcoming events and announcements sections of this newsletter. I hope you all have the chance to get out and attend one or two of the events!

Elizabeth, *DAWEG Chair*

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**Board News:**

**1. December 6<sup>th</sup> Memorial and Social**

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010, DAWEG held its annual Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. Memorial and Social to mark the anniversary of the Ecole Polytechnique. DAWEG had a great turn out for this event and was also able to present Dr. Elizabeth Croft with our sponsorship for the NSERC Chair for Women in Science and Engineering in BC & Yukon.



Bernadette Currie (DAWEG Past Chair) presenting Dr. Elizabeth Croft (NSERC Chair for Women in Science and Engineering in BC & Yukon) with sponsorship cheque



Dec 6th Memorial Event Attendees

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## Upcoming Events:

### 2. WIE(VR) invites you to their 3 Year Anniversary with “Dress Right for Business” – Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011

If you have ever been unsure if you were dressed appropriately for a job interview, a client meeting or a networking event, you're not alone. Making these kinds of errors can get in the way of your professional credibility and influence people's impressions about your company. In this workshop we will explore the do's and don'ts of professional dress to help you outclass your competition.

Have fun while learning new skills that will save you time, improve your professional image and prevent future costly mistakes.

- How to dress smart to insure confidence throughout the day
- What to wear to look more authoritative, credible, approachable or relaxed
- How to use colour to your advantage
- How to avoid costly image faux pas that undermine your effectiveness

Presented by Kimberly Law, founder of Personal Impact International.

#### Details

**Date:** Thursday, February 24th, 2011

**Time:** 6:30-9:30pm, workshop starts at 7pm

**Place:** Scotia Tower 34th floor Boardroom, 650 West Georgia Street #1010, Vancouver BC

**Map:** <http://tinyurl.com/scotia-tower-vancouver>

**Cost:** \$10

**Registration:** please send an email to [engineeringwomen@gmail.com](mailto:engineeringwomen@gmail.com) to indicate your attendance

**Note: pre-registration is required for entrance to the building**

Sandwiches, snacks, and hot and cold beverages will be provided.

For more information visit our website, [www.wievr.ca](http://www.wievr.ca), or email us at [engineeringwomen@gmail.com](mailto:engineeringwomen@gmail.com)

### 3. SCWIST – XX Evening, March 8, 2011

XX Evening is a lively networking evening run by the Society for Canadian Women in Science and Technology (SCWIST), in partnership with Science World. We invite women studying science, technology, and engineering, and women who are considering career changes, to come to TELUS World of Science to meet women with careers in science and technology. The evening includes:

- A Panel Discussion about Career Paths
- A Light supper and informal networking
- 30+ Mentors (Wonder Women) from various fields answering your questions and discussing their experiences

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- Omnimax Movie: Hubble
- Tickets \$12 at <http://www.scwistevents.ca>

#### Details

**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2011

**Time:** 5:15 pm to 9:30 pm

**Location:** TELUS World of Science, 1455 Quebec Street (at Terminal), Vancouver

**Cost:** \$12

**Registration:** <http://www.scwistevents.ca>

### Announcements:

#### 4. Call for Volunteers for the 2011 BC Regional Science Fairs

DAWEG is looking representatives to judge the DAWEG Special Award to deserving candidates in both the junior and senior categories at the 2011 BC Regional Science Fair. The science fairs take place in Abbotsford, Surrey, Vancouver, and Victoria in March and April. This is a great opportunity to be involved in your own region and only requires 1-2 hours of your time. The dates for the science fairs are as follows:

- Greater Vancouver - April 7-9, 2011 located a UBC ([www.gvrst.ca](http://www.gvrst.ca))
- Fraser Valley – March 29-April 1 located at University of the Fraser Valley ([www.fvrst.ca](http://www.fvrst.ca))
- South Fraser – April 7-8 located at Kwantlen Polytechnic University ([www.surrey.sfu.ca/sfrst](http://www.surrey.sfu.ca/sfrst))
- Vancouver Island – April 9-11 located at University of Victoria ([web.uvic.ca/~virstf](http://web.uvic.ca/~virstf))

If you are available and interested please email send an email to [daweg.chair@gmail.com](mailto:daweg.chair@gmail.com) and indicate the location that you would be able to volunteer at.

#### 5. E Fest

E-Fest National Engineering and Geoscience Week of Canada is coming up in March. This is an annual celebration of engineering and geoscience across Canada and promotes awareness of the engineering and geoscience professions, highlights career choices in these fields and reminds the public of the many ways in which engineering and geosciences touch everyday life.

For information on events and celebrations in your area please visit:

<http://www.apeg.bc.ca/about/negm.html>

#### 6. Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland

**Girls need positive role models. You can help.**

**Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland** needs your help. There are an unprecedented 180 girls currently on our waitlist and we want to match these girls with Big Sisters as soon as we can. Our volunteer mentors provide role models for girls (7 to 17) and, through their supportive mentorship and friendship, enhance the self esteem of girls who are facing many uncertainties

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and pressures as they grow up. Many Little Sisters have difficulty believing in themselves. Your belief in your Little Sister may be the pivotal change that she needs. At Big Sisters we have the privilege of seeing how a caring mentor can make a huge difference in the life of a young girl.

**Will you be part of making this difference? There are two ways you can help:**

**Become a Big Sister** - Spend 3 hours a week with a Little Sister doing fun activities you both enjoy!

**Become a Study Buddy** - Spend just 1 hour a week helping a young girl meet her academic goals!

Visit [www.bigsisters.bc.ca](http://www.bigsisters.bc.ca) or call 604-873-4525 ext. 300 for more info! We need you!

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