

NEWSLETTER

Association for Women in Science

- San Diego Chapter -

CALENDAR

October 16 (Sat) - Women in Bioscience: Opportunities in the Nineties, UCSD campus.

ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the following women, elected by the AWIS San Diego membership to serve on the 1993-94 board of directors:

Sue Lowery, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, USD, Department of Biology

Jennifer Hughes, UCSD undergraduate student in ecology and behavioral evolution

Amy Percy, Ph.D., Senior Staff Scientist, Amylin Pharmaceuticals

Sharon Ramirez, Computer Consultant in the areas of education and research

PROGRAM AIDS MINORITY ENROLLMENT IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Seven universities, with financial support from NSF, have begun a five-year program to recruit, retain, fund and graduate more minority students in engineering and the sciences. NSF has committed \$1 million per year for the program. Specific plans include travel grants for high school students, summer research experiences, "second chance" programs for technically inclined students, special exchanges with community college professors, and new approaches in math, science, and engineering courses that focus on group study and support.

Participating in the program are Stanford University, North Carolina A&T State University, Southern University in Louisiana, Prairie View A&M in Texas, University of Michigan, University of Washington, and the University of Texas at Austin (source: *Genetic Engineering News*, May 1, 1993).

AWIS IN THE NEWS

AWIS recently made international news for its role in helping to establish the European Women in Science and Humanities (EWISH).

This first-of-its-kind European organization is patterned after AWIS, and will serve as a formal network for women scientists and academics throughout Europe. Each EWISH "chapters" will be a country in Europe.

AWIS President Ellen Weaver traveled to Munich to participate in the formal dedication of the organization. Countries represented at the dedication ceremony were Germany, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom (Wales), and Austria.

EWISH hopes to eventually be represented in every European country and is particularly concerned about the plight of women professionals in eastern European countries. The organization plans an early outreach effort program to address their special needs.

Prior to announcing the formation of EWISH, organizers worked closely with AWIS -- reviewing the AWIS constitution, bylaws, committee structure, and publications -- in order to develop its own organizational structure.

While operating independently, EWISH will maintain close contact with AWIS through an International Committee and by contributing on a regular basis to the *AWIS Magazine*.

The AWIS-San Diego newsletter is published bi-monthly and provides AWIS members and supporters with information on chapter activities, career development, and issues related to women in science. The newsletter is free to AWIS members; subscription rate for non-members is \$20/year. Send news items and suggestions to Lynne Friedmann, Editor, P.O. Box 1725, Solana Beach, CA 92075; phone 793-3537, fax 793-1144. Deadline for the next newsletter is August 10.