

SCIENTIST-MOMS

Recently, Catherine Didion, Executive Director of the Washington, D.C.-based AWIS was quoted in an article about "Scientist-Moms." Didion's reason for more women scientists in biotech companies than men, "that companies are becoming hospitable to scientists, especially women."

Also discussed in the article was the federal law, *Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993*, which ensures workers in companies with 50 or more employees 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave with continuing health benefits to enable them to care for a new child or an ill family member - or for themselves, should they be the ones to fall sick.

HUNTING FOR JOBS ELECTRONICALLY ON INTERNET

Since the explosive growth of the Internet, job seekers can reply to job ads electronically which can give them a quick-response advantage over his or her competition (disadvantage: you can also get rejected faster). The following is a list of free online resources for job seekers.

- In Usenet, look in the sci.bio news or sci.answers newsgroups where the guide is posted about once a month
- Connect via anonymous ftp to sunsite.unc.edu, where the guide is stored as pub/academic/biology/ecology+evolution/bioguide/bioguide.faq
- Send E-mail to mail-server@rtfm.mit.edu with the message: send usenet/news.answers/biology/guide/*
- "Academe This Week" - Chronicle of Higher Education - Point your Web browser to <http://chronicle.merit.edu/> or gopher to chronicle.merit.edu

See May/June edition of AWIS Newsletter for a list of more online resources.

WOMEN IN BIOSCIENCE II

We now have a date for the **Women in Bioscience II Conference**: May 6, 1995 at the International Relations and Pacific Studies Center at UCSD. For registration packets or more information, please write AWIS, Attn: Csilla Fenczik, San Diego, P.O. Box 178096, San Diego, CA 92177 or leave a message with your name and address at (619) 687-5580.

MENTORING RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN

For women struggling to get beyond the glass ceiling, listed below are available resources and programs designed to benefit women.

Organization: Women Science & Engineering Network
Contact: Kathy Wright, Director
Phone: (415) 725-1196

Email: wsen@forsythe.stanford.edu

Organization: UC Berkeley Reentry Program for Women and Minorities in Computer Science

Contact: Coordinator, Computer Science Reentry Program
Phone: (510) 642-1390

Address: 341 Soda Hall #1776, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 94720-1776

Email: reentry@cs.berkeley.edu

Organization: UC Santa Barbara Graduate Research Mentorship Program (GRMP); Summer Academic Research Internship (SARI)

Contact: Dorothy Nagaran

Phone: (805) 893-3803

Address: The Graduate Division, 3117 Cheadle Hall, UCSB, Santa Barbara, CA 93106-2070

Email: nagaran@graddiv.ucsb.edu

See May/June edition of AWIS Newsletter for a list of more resources and programs.

4TH ANNUAL SAN DIEGO BIOTECH EXPOSITION

The 31st ACS Western Region Meeting will be hosting the 4th Annual San Diego Biotech Exposition, October 17-21, 1995 at the Town and Country Hotel. This meeting will bring together oral and poster presentations together with cutting-edge Special Symposia that focuses on Chemistry and Biotechnology.

Vendors will offer tutorials, posters, and booths that will introduce you to the most up-to-date equipment, books and services. There will also be short courses, on-line training courses, workshops and educational programs for college and junior college faculty and students. Not only will Job Fair and Job Skills workshops be held throughout the Expo, but a special all day Education program for high school faculty and students has been planned. If you would like more information, present a paper, and/or exhibit contact WRACS-95, Thomas J. Lobl, General Chair, Tanabe Research Labs, 4540 Towne Centre Ct., San Diego, CA 92121, (619) 622-7035 Internet: tjlobl@cerf.net.

"Job-resource listings and employee recruiting on the Internet are expanding. It's getting to be the new place for companies and universities to be."

WOMAN RECEIVES AWARD FROM NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (NAS)

NAS awarded individuals for their outstanding contributions to science. One out of the 16 chosen was a woman, Isabella L. Karle, a senior scientist at the Laboratory for the Structure of Matter, Naval Research Laboratory, Department of the Navy, Washington, D.C.

Karle received the NAS award in Chemical Sciences for her development of extensive application of a method for determining essentially equal-atom crystal and molecular structures by X-ray analysis, thereby profoundly affecting the practice of chemistry." Congratulations Isabella!

AWIS SAN DIEGO AWARDED \$1,000

AWIS San Diego received \$1,000 from National AWIS which was awarded the grant by National Science Foundation (NSF).

AWIS NEWSLETTER GETS A NEW LOOK AND A NEW EDITOR

Lynne Friedmann is stepping down and Sharon (Ramirez) Cherf will be taking over as the AWIS Newsletter editor. If any of you find interesting articles or have information you would like to put in upcoming AWIS Newsletters contact Sharon:

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AVAILABLE GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

The Computing Research Association has put out a graduate information kit targeted for women studying in the areas of computer science or computer engineering. Below is a list of available numerous fellowship programs. NOTE: Many graduates who are not studying computer science/engineering are also eligible.

Organization: Graduate Fellowship Award Fellowship Committee Soroptimist Foundation of Los Angeles
P.O. Box 1382
Alhambra, CA 91802
Eligibility: Women who are residents of the state of California. Must be enrolled in a graduate degree program (Master's or Ph.D.) at an accredited institution of higher education in Southern California
Amount: \$3,000

Organization: Margaret McWilliams Predoctoral Fellowship Canadian Federation of University Women
55 Parkdate Ave.
Ottawa, Ontario, K1Y 1E5
(613) 722-8732

Eligibility: The candidate must have completed at least one full calendar year in doctoral level studies at the time of application. She may be studying abroad. She must be a full-time student.

Amount: \$9,000

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For more information on the graduate information kit (contains: advice on the advantages of attending graduate school, the application process, matriculation, and common pitfalls experienced by women in CS&E and how to avoid them) contact sandyj@watson.ibm.com

SAN DIEGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM CELEBRATES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The San Diego Natural History Museum is presenting a seminar, "Women Who Walked with the Apes" and discussion on the life and work of Jane Goodall, Diane Fossey, and Birute Galdikas on March 5, 2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at Balboa Park.

Sy Montgomery, author of "Walking with the Great Apes" (about these three great primologists), will present a lecture entitled, "Tiger Magic", on March 4, 7:00 p.m. at the Scripps Ranch Library. This lecture is conjunction with the museum's exhibit.

Anyone interested in a lecture should contact the museum at (619) 232-3821 x203 for further information or to charge by phone. Admission is \$7 for the general public and \$5 for museum members, seniors, and full-time students.

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There are numerous fellowship programs available to graduate students.