

Over 150 Conference Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the 1995 Association of Science-Technology Centers Conference to be held at the Town & Country Hotel in Mission Valley on October 13-16, 1995.

Volunteers are needed to help with registration, in the information centers, as session aides, and with two activities in Balboa Park.

Rewards for volunteers:

- join the welcome & closing reception
- attend Conference sessions (space permitting)
- Reuben H. Fleet Space Theater and Science Center will provide OMNIMAX® passes
- an evening at the Mount Laguna Observatory (volunteers who help at least 2 days)

Anyone interested should contact Jennifer Royce at (619) 565-6479.

Race for the Cure

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is sponsoring an all female 5K, coed 5k, and 1 mile run/walk on Sunday, November 19, 1995 at the San Diego County Administration Building (San Diego Waterfront), 7:30am. Awards will be given to top 3 Overall Breast Cancer Survivor finishers & top 3 finishers in each age group. Adult entry fee is \$17 or after 11/3/95, \$20. For more information contact Kathy Loper (619) 298-7400, M-F 9am-4pm.

Western Biotech Conference

(Article submitted by Grace Nakayama)

The Western Biotech Conference will be held at the Town and Country Hotel in San Diego October 18-21, 1995. This meeting is cosponsored by the American Chemical Society, Protein Society, American Peptide Society and NOBCCHE (National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Engineers). The overall theme is "At the

crossroads of Chemistry and Biology" and will feature a panel discussion of six women in different areas of the biotech industry. There will also be a Women Chemists Luncheon on Friday for \$20. Advance registration will be \$125 or \$110 if a member of a cosponsoring organization.

There will be workshops on a variety of topics including job searching, intellectual property, mentoring, GLP/GMP, and business issues. In addition, members of the American Chemical Society can participate in an employment clearinghouse at no additional charge.

For more information and registration materials, please contact Western Biotech Conference, c/o Sally Gerolaga, Tanabe Research, (619) 622-7000. The entire program is also available on the www server <http://www.bio.com/acs/html>.

San Diego Space & Science Foundation Fall 1995 Events

Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14 (7:30pm)

Lecture on space topics

Place: Grayson Boehm Lecture Hall

Fee: Free

For more info: (619) 238-1233 x808

Oct. 5 & Nov. 2 (7:30pm)

Make-It Simple Science Lecture Series

Place: Grayson Boehm Lecture Hall

Fee: Free

For more info: (619) 238-1233 x808

Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6 (7:00pm)

Stargazing at dusk

Place: Space Theatre

Fee: \$3.00 adults/\$1.75 (5-15yrs)

For more info: (619) 238-1233 x15

Oct. 11, Oct. 18, Oct. 25, Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29 (7:00pm)

Eyes on the Universe Lecture Series

Place: Space Theatre

Fee: \$3.00 adults/\$1.75 (5-15yrs)

For more info: (619) 238-1233 x15

*"I was taught
that the way of
progress is
neither swift
nor easy"*

-Marie Curie

Affirmative Action

From its founding days, affirmative action has been a fundamental value of AWIS. In the current national debate, the AWIS Executive Board believes it is important to affirm the organization's position on this issue. Therefore, at its June 1995 meeting, the Board passed a formal motion stating that the AWIS stands for affirmative action and equal opportunities. AWIS has already joined with other women- and minority-based coalitions in making a stand for affirmative action.

Chapter Relations

The AWIS Executive Board has created a Chapter Relations Committee to give chapters more of a voice in AWIS. An 8-member committee has been recruited; representative of the AWIS' geographic distribution. For those members not affiliated with chapters, the use of the Internet to create a "virtual chapter" is being explored. If you have ideas or suggestions, contact committee chair Fran Solomon, (206) 296-1924; email fsolomon@scn.org.

25th Anniversary

A variety of high-profile, national activities are being planned in connection with AWIS' 25th Anniversary. Major objectives of these activities are to 1) celebrate 25 years of AWIS impact on women in science, 2) honor our supporters and expand AWIS services and programs, and 3) raise funds in support of ongoing projects and new initiatives. In addition, the AWIS Executive Board also approved the allocation of \$2,500 for chapter-based activities in connection with the 25th Anniversary. For additional information, contact AWIS President-Elect Jaleh Daie, (608) 265-2987; email jadaie@vms2.macc.wisc.edu.

Get Involved

The next AWIS Executive Board meeting is scheduled for February 10-11, 1996, in Baltimore Maryland, during the AAAS annual meeting. Executive Board meetings are open to all AWIS members. You are encouraged to attend and participate. For time, location, and

agenda information, contact the AWIS National Office, (800) 886-AWIS; email awis@awis.org.

San Diego Women Who Mean Business

The San Diego Women Who Mean Business award ceremony will be held on October 10, 1995, 5:30pm-9:00pm at Sea World Nautilus Pavilion, 1720 South Shore Dr.

This is an annual event which celebrates the outstanding contributions of women in 36 different industries. These contributions include what outstanding things they do for and with their company, their industry and for the community at large - their involvement and their community service.

Speakers include: Mayor Susan Golding, *last year's recipient of the Public Service award* and Jane Applegate, *national syndicated columnist and SBA Media Advocate of the Year*.

Individual tickets are \$25. For more information contact Ida Tassos, (619) 277-6359 x126.

"You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try."

-Beverly Sills

About the AWIS Newsletter

The AWIS Newsletter is published bimonthly and provides AWIS members and supporters with information on chapter activities, career developments, and issues related to women in science. The newsletter is free to AWIS members. Subscription rate for nonmembers is \$20 a year.

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Send news items and suggestions by **October 17, 1995** to Csilla Fenczik, Attn: AWIS Newsletter, 127 El Portal, Encinitas, CA 92024. Csilla may also be contacted for AWIS membership information.