

Women in Control Newsletter

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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

This a special issue of our newsletter because all it contains is a message from our Chair (Cheryl Schrader); this message is very important, so please read on ...

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Greetings to All!

First, let me announce the time and location of the next Women in Control meeting to be held at the 37th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control:

Location: Casita Suite
Time: Noon to 1 p.m.+
Date: Wednesday, December 16, 1998

A salad buffet with coffee and tea will be provided. We encourage you to attend.

The meeting agenda includes:

1. Introductions and networking
2. Old business

- mission statement
- electronic information issues
- society awards
- member activities

3. New business
4. Announcements
5. Meeting schedule

Please let me know of any suggested additions to the agenda.

Next, the control systems society magazine is amenable to a WiC by-line. The following paragraph indicates a possible diversity theme. Feel free to respond to <http://voyager1.eng.utsa.edu/~ieeecss/women-in-control/Pages/schrader@ieee.org> with your comments or suggestions.

The modern workplace is a dynamic setting where interaction between individuals with diverse and varied backgrounds has become the rule rather than the exception. In this environment, understanding style differences attributed to ethnic background, geographical location, cultural diversity, and gender is paramount for effective communication and the transfer of knowledge and ideas. Today, diversity is usually welcomed and encouraged, but it may come at a price. Specifically, individuals hear, respond to, and act upon words and actions as they, themselves, interpret them - which, unfortunately, is not always how they are intended. These same perceptions that mold individuals into cohesive, efficient working teams may also divide. Every member of today's workplace team should be aware of the benefits and pitfalls associated with diversity.

Lastly, some announcements that may be of interest follow.

1. The Women in Control web site has been updated; see,

<http://voyager1.utsa.edu/~schrader/women-in-control/>

We are in the process of listing some member information on the web site. Primarily, for each member we would like to include the following:

1. name, address (affiliation) and telephone/fax numbers,
2. email (possibly with link), and
3. home page URL (possibly with link).

If you would like to have any of your information included in this listing please send it to me at

schrader@ieee.org

Also, specify if you only want portions of your information listed. Additional information (areas of interest, etc.) may be incorporated upon member request (time and effort permitting).

See the web site for the latest listing.

2. We are looking for a person to serve as webmaster for the WiC web site. I am currently acting as webmaster - maintaining and updating various web pages. The new webmaster

would continue to maintain the web site, e.g., transcribe announcements, newsletters, etc. for publication on the www. Experience using HTML is helpful but it not necessary.

If you are interested please contact me.

3. The following information and request was submitted via the Women in Control guestbook on the www from Pamela Quillin (quillin@ppg.com):

I am new to the Pittsburgh area and am interested in developing contacts with other women in measurement, automation, and controls. I have been employed by PPG for 9 years doing measurement and control. My recent relocation adds automation. I have 15 hours towards a MSEE with a concentration in process control at my alma mater but will finish that at University of Pittsburgh.

If there is a list of women in the Pittsburgh area, I would be grateful to get a copy of it via e-mail or U.S. mail. If there is another vehicle through IEEE to develop contacts, please let me know. I was a member many years ago and recently rejoined.

Thank you and keep up the good work.

Please respond if applicable.

Thank you,

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