

Women in Control Newsletter

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1. Editor's Note

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

I hope all of you had a nice summer. Those of you who are in academia have probably started the Fall Quarter or Semester, and are getting back into the routine of the academic year. Some of you attended the American Control Conference (ACC98), or the Mediterranean Conference on Systems and Control (Med98), and some of you are perhaps preparing to go to the Conference on Control Applications (CCA98). I hope that wherever you go, if you meet a new woman in our field, you will invite her to join our group. Spread the word!

I attended the IEEE Med98 in June. It was held in a beautiful town in Sardinia (Italy) ... a historical, small, mediterranean town named Alghero. In that conference I met several members of our group, and also a few women who did not know about WiC. Dr. Anna-Maria Perdon and I got together to arrange a lunch meeting for all of us. We had a great time, and I collected the names and email addresses of those who did not yet belong to our mailing list. After I came back, I sent the information to Dawn Tilbury, so I hope our new members are going to receive this issue of the newsletter. I invite our new members to check out our web page. And please write to us, give us some feedback, new ideas, or just tell us how this group can serve you better.

At the end of this newsletter, I posted a survey question. Please take a minute to send me an answer.

Best wishes for all of you!

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2. Message from the Chair

Greetings to All!

It was good to see so many members at the 1998 American Control Conference. Our meeting was productive and inspiring, as always. Congratulations go to Bozenna Pasik-Duncan for receiving the inaugural WiC "Jolly Good Fellow" Award. Mark your calendars for the next WiC meeting Wednesday, December 16th at the 37th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control. Hope to see you there.

Following are some announcements that may be of interest.

1. The Women in Control web site has been updated and moved. The new URL is

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

The links from the CSS home page have been updated to reflect this change. Please check out the new site.

2. 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).

3. I wish to thank Kewen Yin for serving as the WiC database coordinator and wish her luck in her future endeavors. I also want to welcome Eunjeong Lee and thank her for taking over in that position.
4. 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.

Thank you,

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3. Survey Question:

What is the approximate ratio of male:female in the controls area in your department (include graduate students in the count) ?