

Women in Control Newsletter

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1. Editor's Note

Dear colleagues,

I am pleased to mail out the first newsletter of this fall for Women-in-Control. The goal of this newsletter is to integrate more and more women in control theory/applications development and to keep everybody posted on events, so if you come across interesting articles, useful information on web, that you think might be useful for our community, please feel free to contribute. As well please don't forget about job openings in your schools, companies, new books, journals, software releases, conferences, workshops, etc. Just drop me a line following my references below:

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2. Message from Cheryl Schrader

Congratulations go to Bozena Pasik-Duncan who will be receiving the IEEE Control Systems Society Distinguished Member Award. This award recognizes significant technical contributions and outstanding long-term service to the Society.

3. From the WiC Chair, Fahmida Chowdhury:

1. Survey of WiC members: At the last WiC meeting (ACC 2000, Chicago), it was decided that WiC members would be urged to act as "ambassadors" in their own communities (professional and social) for encouraging girls/women to be more interested in science and engineering in general and control systems in particular. From my own experience, I know that young people (middle school, high school) have no idea of what engineers actually do, particularly controls engineers/scientists. I would like to hear from all of you - "Your plans for encouraging young girls to appreciate mathematics, science, and engineering".

Why "girls" only? I think, because, boys typically get more exposure to science/technology in school - girls miss out due to many different reasons. Perhaps we - each one of us - can make a difference! At this point, I am simply trying to collect information from you. Please respond by email to me (fnchowdh@louisiana.edu) - I shall wait for two weeks, and then compile the results of the survey and write an article for this newsletter.

2. Please check out the WiC website member information page (http://voyager1.eng.utsa.edu/~ieeecss/women-in-control/Pages/member_info.html), and if you are not listed and would like to be, contact Dawn Roberson (robersondj@ieee.org) and give her your information.

3. If you have a homepage, please consider putting a link to the WiC site (<http://voyager1.eng.utsa.edu/~ieeecss/women-in-control/>) from your page.