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1. Editor's Note

Dear colleagues,

This newsletter summarizes recent contributions I have received.

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. Luncheon Meeting at the CDC03, contributed by WiC Chair Annamaria Perdon

At the CDC in Maui our usual luncheon meeting will be

**Wednesday, December 10, 2003 at Spats Trattoria 9.30 1.30**

It will be combined with the First NSF Workshop for Women in Control , a special session to honor Cheryl Schrader as the IEEE CSS President. Many issues important for women in Academics and in the professions will be discussed.

During the WiC luncheon in Denver Karlene Hoo spoke about her personal experience concerning the subject of a woman interviewing for an academic job. The issue is important and Cheryl Schrader suggested to organize at least one session on this subject at the ACC in Boston in 04. To generate some statistics we could exchange our opinions about this in Maui. I would like to know your experience on the subject, both as a woman interviewing for a job and as a woman looking for somebody to hire.

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3. Special WiC workshop to Honor Cheryl Schraeder, IEEE CSS President, contributed by Bozenna-Pasik Duncan

First NSF Workshop for Women in Control

"After Graduation: Women in Control Taking a Leadership Role "

(workshop dedicated to honor Cheryl Schrader, CSS President )

Wednesday, December 10, 2003

9:30am - 1:30pm

Spats Tratoria

Organized by: B. Pasik-Duncan, the CDC Control Education Activities Chair and the First Chair of Women in Control Group

Workshop Sponsored by: NSF, CSS, CDC03, Women in Control and Control Education Committee

Keynote Speakers:

Dr. Vasundara V. Varadan, Division Director - Electrical & Communications Systems from U.S. National Science Foundation will be a keynote speaker.

Dr. Suzanne Lenhart, Past President of the Association of Women in Mathematics

Leadership activities will include panels, lectures, informal discussions and case studies. Panel and discussions will address issues concerning involvement in the professional societies, being a

departmental or college administrator, a research leader, a community leader, an effective mentor, and effectiveness in balancing a career and family.

The Workshop is open for all women in control attending the 2003 CDC. Lunch will be provided.

<http://www2.acae.cuhk.edu.hk/~ycliu/cdc03/>

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4. Congratulations to Anu Annaswamy for being elected to be General Chair of the 2008 ACC,  
Contributed by Linda Bushnell

Congratulations to Anu Annaswamy (Senior Research Scientist, Mechanical Engineering Department, MIT) for being approved at the June 2003 AACC Meeting to be the General Chair of the 2008 ACC. Anu is the first woman General Chair of the ACC conference. This was noted at the AACC Meeting.

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5. Roommate location service for CDC03, organized by May-Win Thein

If you would like to share a hotel room and need assistance finding a roommate, send an email message to [mthein@cisunix.unh.edu](mailto:mthein@cisunix.unh.edu) before November 14, 2003 with your: (1) name, (2) gender, (3) email address and other contact information, (4) date arriving at the Conference hotel, (5) date checking out of the Conference hotel, (6) smoking preference, (7) any other information you wish to add.

You can find further information on this and on the possibility to have a travel support at <http://www2.acae.cuhk.edu.hk/~ycliu/cdc03/travel.html#STS>

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6. Open Positions: WiC Newsletter Editor and mail list coordinator, contributed by WiC Chair Annamaria Perdon

Naira has been the Newsletter Editor for three years, doing a fantastic job, but she would prefer now that somebody else take care of this task. Therefore we are looking for a new Editor for this newsletter.

Dawn Tilbury has been serving as mail list coordinator since 1995 and maintaining a sporadic record of WiC membership. Dawn is willing to resign from this position.

Please consider volunteering for these positions. Everything is done electronically, so physical location is not important. I would be very glad if someone from outside the USA would volunteer for this position.

Please volunteer or nominate ... send email to Annamaria Perdon at [perdon@mta01.univpm.it](mailto:perdon@mta01.univpm.it)

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7. Third NSF Workshop for High School Teachers of Math and Science, Contributed by Bozenna Pasik Duncan

Tuesday 8:30am- 4:00pm Bozenna Pasik-Duncan of the University of Kansas will lead a workshop for high school teachers and students, entitled " Ideas and Technology of Control and Systems". The purpose of workshop is to increase the general awareness of the importance of control and systems technology and its cross-disciplinary nature among high school teachers and students. Workshop activities will include panels, lectures, informal discussions and case studies. The list of speakers with their talks include:

Dr. Christos G. Cassandras, "Joys and Perils of Automation",  
Dr. Raffaello D'Andrea, "Control of Autonomous Vehicles" ,  
Dr. Theodore E. Djaferis, "The Power of Feedback",  
Dr. Katsuhisa Furuta, "Understanding Phenomena Through Real Physical Objects - Understanding Controlling Pendulum" ,  
Dr. P.R. Kumar, "How the Internet and Wireless Networks are Controlled: What's happening behind the screen",  
Dr. Richard Murray, "Autonomous Vehicles: Racing from Los Angeles to Las Vegas",  
Dr. Mark Spang, "Future Careers in Embedded Systems, Mechatronics, and Control",  
Brian Rosen, "Better Movies Through Mathematics".

Workshop is open to all participants of the 2003 CDC.