

The purpose of the Women in Science Program (WISP) is to improve the learning and working environment and to attract, encourage, and advance more women at all levels in science and mathematics.

WISP Research Day A Success

On Wednesday, March 1, WISP hosted its annual Research Day. Women from across science and mathematics fields displayed their research through poster presentations. Monetary awards were given to the two best research posters. Congratulations go to all poster presenters, including first prize winner Brandi Van Roo for her poster entitled "A Comparison of Breeding Hormone Profiles for Two Avian Species that Differ in Paternal Care Strategies," and second prize winner Susan Thomas for her poster "The Status of Tobacco Education in North American Medical School Curricula." WISP also held mini-workshops on presenting posters and on making the most out of conferences.

The next WISP Research Day will take place on **March 5, 2001** at the IMU Frangipani Room. For more information, contact WISP at 855-3849 or e-mail wisp@indiana.edu.

Association for Women in Science (AWIS)

The Association for Women in Science (AWIS) is a national organization founded in 1971 to improve the educational and employment opportunities for women in all scientific fields and to prepare girls for careers in science. The local Bloomington chapter was started in 1992. There are monthly program meetings, which focus primarily on the areas of education, networking, and outreach. Membership is open to anyone supporting AWIS goals, however non-members are welcomed at all meetings. For more information on AWIS and their upcoming programs, please e-mail rhart@indiana.edu.

7th Annual Women's Leadership Conference

The Office for Women's Affairs and the Student Activities Office have scheduled the 7th Annual Women's Leadership Conference, titled "Charting Our Own Futures," on Saturday, **October 28th** from 9:00am to 3:30pm at the DeVault Alumni Center. Anyone interested in a position of leadership or in developing their leadership skills should attend. The cost is \$10.00 and includes breakfast and lunch. For more information and/or to register, please visit the OWA website at <http://www.indiana.edu/~owa/WLC/index.html>.

Science Department Seminars

Visit the Biology Department's webpage at <http://www.bio.indiana.edu> and Geological Sciences webpage at <http://www.indiana.edu/~geonews/news/news.html> for information on upcoming seminars.

Distinguished Visiting Scholar Spring 2001

Jill Bargonetti Ph.D., will be on campus **January 17-19, 2001** as a WISP Distinguished Visiting Scholar (DVS). Dr. Bargonetti is an Associate Professor of Biology at Hunter College in New York and is studying tumor cell growth suppression. She has received numerous awards including the Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers from the National Science Foundation in 1997. Throughout her teaching career, she has been a mentor and role model, and she is committed to reaching out to underrepresented groups in the sciences.

As WISP's DVS, Dr. Bargonetti will serve as a role model for women and underrepresented groups in the sciences through public lectures, seminars, and informal meetings with students and faculty. WISP was one of 28 institutions to receive a Burroughs Wellcome Fund Visiting Professorship to help fund Dr. Bargonetti's visit. More details on Dr. Bargonetti's visit will be posted on WISP's webpage as it becomes available.

The **Women in Science Program** is located in the Office for Women's Affairs, Memorial Hall E123. For more information on WISP, please e-mail the Program Coordinator at wisp@indiana.edu or call 855-3849, or visit WISP's web page at www.indiana.edu/~owa/womsci.html.

WISP Mentoring Program

Questions about how to use a science degree in your future? Feeling frustrated, isolated, or empowered being one of a few women in your department? Wish you could talk to a fellow female science student about your hopes, concerns, needs? Wish you could share your experiences as a woman in science to help another?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may want to consider joining the WISP Mentoring Program. Applications are available on the web.

Mentors: www.indiana.edu/~owa/wisp_mentor.html

Mentees: www.indiana.edu/~owa/wisp_mentee.html

Questions can be e-mailed to Leisel Iverson, WISP Coordinator, at wisp@indiana.edu. The deadline for applications is Monday, **October 9th**.

CIC/WISE Travel Grants

Supported by the National Science Foundation, funds are competitively available to assist with travel to present papers or posters at professional meetings. Applications are available now from the WISP office or from its Web site (www.indiana.edu/~owa/womsci.html). Combined with matching funds from supporting departments, the travel grant awards total \$500. Applications are due by **November 1**.

- Any comments, suggestions, or submissions for the
- WISP Wire should be directed to Mindy Criser, WISP
- Coordinator of Development and Communication, at
- mcriser@indiana.edu or call 855-3849.

Curriculum Reform Institute

IU WISP is interested in sending a team to participate in the University of Wisconsin System's 5th Annual Curriculum Reform Institute. This 5-day Institute for curricular reform and development is a chance for national and international teams of educators to work with mentors from UW's Women and Science Program on projects to improve science and mathematics education for all students. An emphasis is placed on addressing issues that often discourage women and minorities from pursuing study in the sciences or mathematics. For more information, please contact Mindy Criser, WISP Coordinator of Development and Communication at mcriser@indiana.edu or call 855-3849.

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