

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.

Women's History Month Lunch

Bloomington's fifteenth annual Women's History Month Lunch is planned for **Thursday, March 9**, from 11:30 -1:30 pm, at the Bloomington Convention Center (302 South College Ave). This luncheon, designed to be a community celebration of Women's History Month and an opportunity to honor the individual and collective accomplishments of women, was launched under former Mayor Tomi Allison. The program begins with a Mayoral Proclamation for Women's History Month and will feature presentations by extraordinary Bloomington women. Two past recipients of the Woman of the Year award, Cathy Rogers (1989) and Charlotte Zietlow (1996), the Woman of the Year 2000, and a young woman representing a voice of our future will speak at the luncheon.

The luncheon serves as a wonderful opportunity for women to join together and celebrate women's history and achievements. To reserve your place at the luncheon, simply mail a check made out to "Women's History Month Lunch" for \$12.50 (per lunch) and send to: Women's History Month Lunch, P.O. Box 3521, Bloomington, IN 47402-3521. Please include the names of all guests with your payment. Tickets will not be issued. Payment and reservations must be received by **Friday, March 3**. Please contact Jillian Kinzie, 856-8007 x36950 with questions.

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 **March 1**.

WISP Women

In March, WISP will be touring the labs of professors in Geology, Psychology, and SPEA. The **lab tours** will include discussions on current research, opportunities that are available, and what life is like in labs.

Later this semester, WISP will be hosting a panel presentation titled "**Professional Women in the Sciences.**" These women will share career experiences, role model impacts, and balancing home life.

For more information on any of the WISP Women activities, please e-mail wisp@indiana.edu or call 855-3849.

Careers with Animals

The Association for Women in Science (AWIS) is hosting a meeting on Careers with Animals on **Wednesday, March 1**, from 7:00-8:30 pm in Jordan Hall, the Lieber Room (Room 123).

International Women's Day

On March 8, 1857, hundreds of women workers in garment and textile factories in New York City staged a strike against low wages, long working hours, and inhumane working conditions. Fifty-three years later, the Women's Socialist International decided to commemorate the strike by observing an annual International Women's Day. In 1975, during International Women's Year, the United Nations began celebrating **March 8** as International Women's Day. International Women's Day is seen as an occasion to review how far women have come in the struggle for equality, peace, and development. It is also an opportunity to unite, network, and mobilize for meaningful change.

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.

Biology Department Seminars

All seminars will start at 4:00 pm in Jordan Hall A100.

◆ On **Tuesday, March 7**, guest speaker **Billie Swalla**, from the University of Washington, will give a presentation titled, *Deuterostome Phylogeny: Implications for the Evolution of the Chordates*. Refreshments will be served in the Lieber Room at 3:45 pm.

◆ As part of the Joan Wood Lecture Series, **Sara Via**, from the University of Maryland, will give a talk on **Wednesday, March 8**, titled, *How Does it Work: What do Ant Brains and Evolutionary Biology Have in Common?*

◆ On **Thursday, March 9**, **Sara Via** will also give a presentation titled, *Reproductive Isolation Between Sympatric Races of Pea Aphids on Two Hosts: Ecological Speciation*. Refreshments will be served in the Lieber Room at 3:45 pm.

Calendar

March 1.....WISP Research Day
March 1.....CIC Travel Grants due
March 1.....AWIS "Careers with Animals"
March 7, 8, 9.....Biology Department Seminars
March 8..... International Women's Day
March 9.....Women's History Month Lunch
March TBA.....WISP Women Lab Tour
TBA..... WISP Women panel
"Professional Women in the Sciences"



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.

WISP Research Day

On **Wednesday, March 1**, WISP will be hosting its annual Research Day at the **IMU Frangipani Room** from **11:00 am till 2:00 pm**. Women from across science and mathematics fields will display their research through poster presentations. Monetary awards will be given to the two best posters. Mini-workshops on presenting posters and on making the most out of conferences will take place. For more information, contact WISP at 855-3849 or e-mail wisp@indiana.edu.

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