

*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 Event "Benefits of Undergraduate Research Experiences"**

On **Wednesday, March 20th** from **5:30-7pm** in the **OWA Memorial Hall East Lounge**, WISP will be holding an informational meeting for students on the benefits of undergraduate research experiences. A number of WISP's Science Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) students will be discussing their research experiences and WISP will be providing information on the research opportunities that are available through the science departments. Please e-mail [wispsurf@indiana.edu](mailto:wispsurf@indiana.edu) for more information.

## **WISP Mentoring Program Being Revised**

WISP will be continuing its mentoring program for the 2002-2003 academic year; however, a new format will be implemented to increase the benefits of the mentoring relationships. If you are interested in helping WISP revise the current program, please come to the **WISP Mentoring Meeting on Tuesday, March 26th** from **4:00-5:30 pm** in the **OWA Memorial Hall East Lounge** or e-mail [wispsurf@indiana.edu](mailto:wispsurf@indiana.edu) with any suggestions, comments, or questions.

Please also be on the lookout for e-mails regarding the new format and how to apply if you currently are not in the program.

## **WISP Research Day A Success!!!**

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, the Office for Women's Affairs and WISP sponsored the annual WISP Research Day in the IMU-Frangipani Room. The program featured 23 academic poster presentations by Indiana University women students in the sciences. The event was well attended and featured posters from areas such as biology, chemistry, astronomy, exercise science, geology and psychology. IU Faculty judges were present to evaluate each poster, resulting in the following awards for best posters:

In the graduate division:

1<sup>st</sup> place: Annie Mejia and Richard Durisen, Department of Astronomy, "Masters in Protostellar Disks Due to Gravitational Instabilities."

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Jennifer Hutton, Department of Geography, "Turbulent exchange of trace gases over a northern hardwood forest."

In the undergraduate division:

1<sup>st</sup> place: Baidu Bayon, Mimi Zolan, and Martina Celerin, Department of Biology, "Mutation in the msh5 Gene of 0-376 in Coprinus cinereus likely causes an N-Terminus Truncation of the Protein."

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Courtney Gavin, Department of Exercise Science, "Gait Lateral Kinematics and Walking Base Changes in the Aging process."

Co-sponsors for this year's WISP Research Day include: the departments of Anthropology, Chemistry, and Geological Science, and the School of Optometry.

## **Distinguished Visiting Scholar: Dr. Elaine Fuchs**

WISP is cosponsoring with the Medical Sciences Program the spring visit of Dr. Elaine Fuchs. Dr. Fuchs is in the Department of Molecular Genetics and Cell Biology at the University of Chicago. Her current research is on development, differentiation, and growth control in mammalian epidermis. During her visit, Dr. Fuchs will be meeting with students and faculty. She will also give a lecture for students and faculty to attend. Her lecture titled "**Beauty is Skin Deep: The Biology of the Epidermis and Its Appendages**" will take place on **April 8th** at **4pm** in **Jordan Hall 009**. Please e-mail [wispsurf@indiana.edu](mailto:wispsurf@indiana.edu) for more information.

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](mailto:wisp@indiana.edu) or call 855-3849, or visit WISP's web page at <http://www.indiana.edu/~owa/WISP>.

## WISP Brown Bag Series

WISP is sponsoring a bi-weekly research Brown Bag Series to give graduate and undergraduate women in the social and natural sciences an opportunity to discuss their research agendas, ideas, and/or problems in a supportive and informal setting.

Format: The brown-bag series will alternate its audience every two weeks between the Social and Natural Sciences. The gatherings will take place **every other Friday from 12:00-1:30pm**. Please check with WISP as to location.

If you are interested in informally presenting your research or you would like to attend a brown bag to be supportive of other women in science, please e-mail [wisp@indiana.edu](mailto:wisp@indiana.edu) for more information.

## WISP/AWIS Panel: "Women Scientists Working Outside of Academia"

In April, WISP and the Association for Women in Science (AWIS) will be hosting a panel of women scientists that work outside of academia. These women will discuss their experiences and provide insight into the non-academic science world. Please keep an eye out for further information or e-mail [wispsurf@indiana.edu](mailto:wispsurf@indiana.edu).

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## March is Women's History Month

Congress has declared March as Women's History Month. The Congressional Resolution states: "Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that March is designated as "Women's History Month." The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities."

Please visit OWA's newly revised website at <http://www.indiana.edu/~owa> for more of the Congressional Resolution and other Women's History Month information.

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