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Events

Alumni invited to take part in Deakin Week 2006

Alumni members are encouraged to participate in the activities and events of Deakin Week 2006, to be held 21–28 May.

Alumni members will have the chance to catch up with old classmates and attend career development seminars and topical lectures, receive a range of discounted Deakin services, participate in roundtable forums and many other chapter and university-wide events.

The Central Alumni Office will again be hosting the annual 'Is your career on track?' career development breakfast at the Melbourne campus at Toorak on Wednesday 24 May 2006 along with other special deals across all campuses.

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Conference

Australian Universities International Alumni Convention 2006

AUIAC (Brisbane) 13-15 September

Australian Alumni professionals have the opportunity to network and hear some dynamic speakers focusing on the challenges and opportunities in today's global Alumni environment.

Brisbane Convention Centre Cnr Merivale and Glenelg Streets South Bank Queensland

[For further information contact AUIAC on email info@auiac2006.org](mailto:info@auiac2006.org)

Gender Images and Global Contexts

March 8-10, 2007, University of Helsinki, Finland

We invite abstracts addressing gender and ICT from the perspectives of cultural images, work, education and policy, feminist theory.

Organisers: Christina Institute at University of Helsinki, University of Tampere, Helsinki University of Technology, Association for Women's Studies in Finland

News

Grants to National Women's NGO's

Womens Leadership and Development Programme Project and Capability Grants

Two separate funding components are available: Project Grants of up to \$50,000 for significant projects and research relevant to current women's issues and to the Government's strategic goals for women; and

Capacity Building Grants up to \$25,000 for smaller capacity building projects that strengthen the effectiveness and increase the capacity of national women's NGOs to contribute to the development of public policy. Applications close at 5pm on Monday 13 March 2006

<http://www.ofw.facs.gov.au/index2.htm>

Jane Treadwell CIO, Victorian Government is Go-girl Patron

The Go Girl Patron is considered to be a female who is viewed as an excellent role model for women.

and a woman who has achieved a position of power within Victoria and within the ICT industry

more on Go Girl at

<http://www.vicictforwomen.com.au/www/html/78-go-girl-go-for-it.asp>

Starlight Children's Foundation

IT companies can get involved via Donate A Day's Pay and the 'Know IT All' Dinner Challenge.

contact Chris Franks cfranks@starlight.org.au

more information at

<http://www.starlight.org.au>



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Fewer Females in Computer Science

Purdue Exponent (02/15/06) Weibel, Kristin

Purdue University's computer science department has implemented a few changes in order to attract more female students to its program.

The department has created a Recruiting Committee Task Force to combat the popular stereotype of computer scientists being nerds with pocket protectors and poor social skills. The university plans to sponsor visits to high schools in Indiana to discuss the computer science program.

http://www.purdueexponent.com/index.php/module/Issue/action/Article/article_id/2865

IT Proves to Be a Turnoff for Women

New Zealand Herald (02/28/06) Hembry, Owen

The perception of information technology being an industry not only for males, but for geeks as well, is keeping many young women from pursuing IT careers, according to women connected to the recent Computing Women Congress in New Zealand.

Sydney consultant Maggie Alexander says there were more women filling information, communication, and technology roles in Australia when she began her career in IT 25 years ago than there are today. Read More at:

<http://www.nzherald.co.nz/search/story.cfm?storyid=000A5CAF-8CB3-1402-805183027AF1010E>

The 'Mother' of the Internet

Investor's Business Daily (02/09/06) P. A4; Barlas, Peter

Radia Perlman says when she proposed a solution for routing information to a group of vendors in the mid 1970s, she was largely ignored, due mainly to her gender. But Perlman, now a distinguished engineer at Sun Microsystems, was not to be deterred.

Though she frequently found her audiences dismissive over the years, Perlman's spanning tree algorithm, which helps direct network traffic, became so embedded in the Internet's structure that she has been dubbed the "Mother of the Internet."

<http://www.investors.com/editorial/IBDArticles.asp?artsec=21&issue=20060208>