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1. Does your conference spark joy? Two days at Women in Space 2019
From: Adeene Denton via womeninastronomy.blogspot.com

[This is one of a series of recaps of the Women in Space conference. Each will feature the viewpoint of someone at a different career stage. -- eds.]

On February 7 and 8, 2019, I returned to the Women in Space conference for its second year of programming. In its inaugural outing in Toronto, I found Women in Planetary Science and Exploration (as it was then called) to be a conference experience unlike any other. Scientists, engineers, humanities scholars, and educators were all welcomed to the space as valued contributors to our discussion. ... And while no conference is ever perfect, I'm here not to critique Women in Space, but to praise it. I want to talk about the critical things it's getting right, because it's the only conference I've attended that has done so.

Read more at
http://womeninastronomy.blogspot.com/2019/02/does-your-conference-spark-joy-two-days.html

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2. NASA Renames Facility to Honor 'Hidden Figures' Subject Katherine Johnson
From: JoEllen McBride [joellen.mcbride_at_gmail.com]

By Ryan F Mandelbaum

"NASA has changed the name of a facility in Fairmont, West Virginia to the "Katherine Johnson Independent Verification and Validation Facility," in honor of the retired NASA mathematician."

Read more at

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3. Announcing the 11th Annual Susan Niebur WiPS Networking Event -- LPSC 2019
From: Kelsi Singer via womeninplanetaryscience.wordpress.com

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, eminent women who worked at NASA and/or participated in LPSCs since the beginning (or near to it) will share their experiences. Join us on Wednesday March 20 (5:30 to ~7:30 pm, Waterway 1-3) for what's sure to be an exciting panel discussion. Everyone is welcome!
Find details about the event and the registration link at


4. Conferences on General Relativity, Gravitation, and Gravitational Waves
From: Samaya Nissanke [samaya.nissanke_at_uva.nl]

The 22nd International Conference on General Relativity and Gravitation (GR22) and the 13th Amaldi Conference on Gravitational Waves (Amaldi13) will take place from 7th to 12th July 2019 at the University of Valencia, Spain.

GR22 is the latest in the series of triennial international conferences held under the auspices of the International Society on General Relativity and Gravitation. This conference series constitutes the principal international meetings for scientists working in all areas of relativity and gravitation. The Amaldi conferences are held under the auspices of the Gravitational Wave International Committee. Since 1997, they have been held every two years and are regarded as the most important international conferences for the gravitational-wave detection community.

For more information about this joint conference, please see

http://gr22amaldi13.com/

5. Deaf Students Feel the Universe's Vibrations in New Workshop
From: Nicolle Zellner [nzellner_at_albion.edu]

Astronomers at the University of California - Riverside worked with teachers at the California School for the Deaf, Riverside to make space accessible to Deaf students, a group that is not often the focus of public outreach activities. According to recent surveys, over 5% of the world’s population are Deaf or hard of hearing, but this community represents only about 1% of recently awarded science and engineering doctorate degrees. This is partly due to the scarcity of Deaf-accessible science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) courses in higher education,” explained Mario De Leo-Winkler, an astronomer and director of the National System of Researchers of Mexico.

Read more (and experience the vibrations!) at

https://eos.org/articles/deaf-students-feel-the-universes-vibrations-in-new-workshop

6. When Pioneers Disappear from History
From: JoEllen McBride [joellen.mcbride_at_gmail.com]

By Brad Whitehouse

"When women and underrepresented minorities make important contributions to science or technology, why do they later disappear from history?

"It's a phenomenon that Lynn Conway, U-M professor emerita of electrical engineering and computer science, documents and explores in an essay for a special issue on "Winning and Losing in IT" by Computer Magazine, the publication of the IEEE Computer Society. In it, she reconstructs how her own contributions faded over time.

"'As a woman, I disappeared from history and so did my innovations,' she writes."

Read more at

https://news.engin.umich.edu/2019/02/when-pioneers-disappear-from-history/
Read Lynn Conway's piece at

7. How some men are challenging gender inequity in the lab
From: JoEllen McBride [joellen.mcbride_at_gmail.com]

By Kendall Powell

"Last year, six female scientists discussed in Nature how they dealt with gender bias in the workplace. Several readers asked what men were doing to help. Here, six male researchers describe their efforts to support their female colleagues. Some were uncomfortable getting credit for work that they feel everyone should be doing, with one rejecting credit completely by requesting anonymity."

Read more at
https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-019-00683-z

8. 18 Children's Books About Female Scientists, Because STEM-inism Is The Future
From: JoEllen McBride [joellen.mcbride_at_gmail.com]

By Cat Bowen

"I remember when I took my first microbiology class. It was a general education class, and I was dreading it. This was a class I was destined to hate -- or at least that's what I was told. I had purchased the requisite expensive textbook, paid my lab dues, and sat far in the back. But later in that class, something magical happened. I fell in love with microbiology, even though I was told I'd hate it. I don't want that kind of stereotype for my daughter, so I compiled a list of children's books about female scientists that will hopefully inspire some future scientists of any gender."

Read more at

9. The unforgotten sisters: Sonduk, the astronomer queen
From: Nicolle Zellner [nzellner_at_albion.edu]

"Italian science writer Gabriella Bernardi profiles a seventh century Korean astronomy pioneer."

Read more at
https://cosmosmagazine.com/space/the-unforgotten-sisters-sonduk-the-astronomer-queen

10. Job Opportunities

Astronomer (Program Director), National Science Foundation
- https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/525217600

Instructor (3-year renewable contract), Astrophysical and Planetary Sciences Department, University of Colorado Boulder
- https://jobs.colorado.edu/jobs/JobDetail/?jobId=16330

For those interested in increasing excellence and diversity in their organizations, a list of resources and advice is here:
https://cswa.aas.org/diversity.html#howtoincrease
11. How to Submit to the AASWOMEN newsletter

To submit an item to the AASWOMEN newsletter, including replies to topics, send email to aaswomen_at_aas.org

All material will be posted unless you tell us otherwise, including your email address.

When submitting a job posting for inclusion in the newsletter, please include a one-line description and a link to the full job posting.

Please remember to replace "_at_" in the e-mail address above.

12. How to Subscribe or Unsubscribe to the AASWOMEN newsletter

Join AAS Women List by email:

Send email to aaswlist+subscribe_at_aas.org from the address you want to have subscribed. You can leave the subject and message blank if you like.

Be sure to follow the instructions in the confirmation email. (Just reply back to the email list)

To unsubscribe by email:

Send email to aaswlist+unsubscribe_at_aas.org from the address you want to have UNsubscribed. You can leave the subject and message blank if you like.

To join or leave AASWomen via web, or change your membership settings:

https://groups.google.com/a/aas.org/group/aaswlist

You will have to create a Google Account if you do not already have one, using https://accounts.google.com/newaccount?hl=en

Google Groups Subscribe Help:

http://support.google.com/groups/bin/answer.py?hl=en&answer=46606

13. Access to Past Issues

https://cswa.aas.org/AASWOMEN.html

Each annual summary includes an index of topics covered.

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