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[We hope you all are taking care of yourselves and each other. --eds.]

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1. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering & Medicine Symposium on Addressing the Underrepresentation of Women in STEMM
From: Regina Jorgenson via womeninastronomy.blogspot.com

On March 19 the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine held a one day long, online Symposium on Addressing the Underrepresentation of Women in STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Medicine). The purpose of the Symposium was to share the results and key findings of a recent study aimed at addressing the underrepresentation of women in STEMM. The study was jointly sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Science Foundation (NSF), and L'Oreal USA.

Read more at

<http://womeninastronomy.blogspot.com/2020/04/national-academies-of-sciences.html>

2. Four Successful Women Behind the Hubble Space Telescope's Achievements
From: JoEllen McBride [joellen.mcbride_at_gmail.com]

Learn about the four women who played the largest role in Hubble's many successes.

Read more at

<https://hubblesite.org/hubble-30th-anniversary/hubbles-exciting-universe/four-successful-women-behind-the-hubble-space-telescopes-achievements>

3: Join us for a webcast of our third of four regional workshops on the Underrepresentation of Women of Color in Tech!
From: JoEllen McBride [joellen.mcbride_at_gmail.com]

Improving the representation of women of color in science, engineering, and medicine is a national imperative. To contribute to addressing this issue, an ad hoc committee under the auspices of CWSEM will conduct a consensus study to identify the factors that contribute to the underrepresentation of women of color in science, engineering, and medicine.

Read more at

<https://www.nationalacademies.org/our-work/addressing-the-underrepresentation-of-women-of-color-in-tech>

4. NASA Implements New Harassment Reporting Requirements
From: Maria Patterson [maria.t.patterson_at_gmail.com]

By Andrea Peterson

Starting this month, NASA-funded institutions are required to notify the agency

whenever they determine a principal or co-investigator has violated policies concerning harassment or assault, or if the personnel are placed on leave due to a harassment investigation. NASA modeled the policy on one first implemented by the National Science Foundation in 2018.

Read more at

<https://www.aip.org/fyi/2020/nasa-implements-new-harassment-reporting-requirements>

5. What will it take to close the gender gap in physics?

From: Alessandra Aloisi [aloiisi_at_stsci.edu]

By Daniel Strain

"When Patricia Rankin was a young scientist in the 1980s, colleagues and acquaintances often told her that she didn't look like a physicist.

"At the time, Rankin assumed that they were complimenting her sense of style.

"I thought, 'That's because I dress well and don't have a pocket protector,' said Rankin, now a professor in the Department of Physics at CU Boulder. 'I remember being 40 and realizing that they were actually saying, 'Tricia, you're a woman, and we don't know many women physicists.'"

Read more at

<https://phys.org/news/2020-04-gender-gap-physics.html>

6. Rubin Observatory Logo Design Survey

From: José Pinto Randolph [jose.pinto.r_at_icloud.com]

Dear friends of the Vera C. Rubin Observatory,

We are pleased to contact you to tell you that we are starting to develop the Rubin Observatory logo and visual identity and we would love to have your feedback!

We have prepared a short (under 5 minutes) open survey to obtain your comments and ideas, as we believe that your input would give us an idea of what is important to the general public. Since the survey is open, you can also share it with a family member or friends whom you want to complete this survey. The responses will be used to guide the graphic development of the logo and will provide us with an objective way to evaluate the candidate logos.

This survey will remain available until May 10, 2020, and we hope to reveal the new logo later in the year.

The survey is here: <https://forms.gle/uzXJee5eUTW5uWSE8>

Thank you for participating and be safe!

7. The broken Nobel prize dream that launched a mentoring platform

From: Nicolle Zellner [nzellner_at_albion.edu]

Amal Amin, who founded Women in Science Without Borders (WISWB) to support researchers in Egypt and beyond, discusses what it's like to "work in a region where research is grossly underfunded, and gender biases lurk in many corners." She also describes her motivation for launching WISWB, a networking and coaching platform for men and women at all career stages.

Read more at

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-01274-z>

8. Only 6% Of US Scientists Are Latinas – But These Inspiring Colombian Girls Could Change That

From: Maria Patterson [maria.t.patterson_at_gmail.com]

By Andrew Wight

"In a remote corner of Colombia, girls are getting excited about science—and one day they may join the sizable chunk of the U.S. science and engineering workforce that is made up of those born overseas."

Read more at

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/andrewwight/2020/04/29/only-6-of-us-scientists-are-latinas--but-inspiring-colombian-girls-could-change-that/#3239b965ac5b>

9. The Stars Could Help Unify Us

From: Pat Knezek [pknezek_at_gmail.com]

By Duilia de Mello

"As an astronomer, I am accustomed to observing the cosmos in quiet places. But since the start of self-isolation, it's so quiet that my own heartbeat is the only background noise. I observe galaxies in the deep universe, in places so far away that their light takes billions of years to reach our eyes. I am used to contemplating this immensity and seeing how little our planet seems in comparison."

Read more at

<https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/the-stars-could-help-unify-us/>

10. Job Opportunities

For those interested in increasing excellence and diversity in their organizations, a list of resources and advice is here:

<https://aas.org/comms/cswa/resources/Diversity>

- Fast Radio Burst Follow-up Research Fellow, Maria Mitchell Observatory

<https://www.mariamitchell.org/research-and-collections/astronomy/research/fast-radio-burst-follow-up-research-fellow-job-ad>

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 an email to aaswomen_at_aas.org. A list moderator will add your email to the list. They will reply to your message to confirm that they have added you.

Join AAS Women List through the online portal:

Go to <https://lists.aas.org/postorius/lists/aaswlist.lists.aas.org> and enter the email address you wish to subscribe in the 'Your email address' field. You will receive an email from 'aaswlist-confirm' that you must reply to. There may be a delay between entering your email and receiving the confirmation message. Check your Spam or Junk mail folders for the message if you have not received it after 2 hours.

To unsubscribe from AAS Women by email:

Send an email to aaswlist-leave_at_lists.aas.org from the email address you wish to remove from the list. You will receive an email from 'aaswlist-confirm' that you must reply to which will complete the unsubscribe.

Leave AAS Women or change your membership settings through the online portal:

Go to <https://lists.aas.org/accounts/signup> to create an account with the online portal. After confirming your account you can see the lists you are subscribed to and update your settings.

13. Access to Past Issues

<https://aas.org/comms/cswa/AASWOMEN>

Each annual summary includes an index of topics covered.

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