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# Update on the outreach committee

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# Overview

- Mission: to provide events and services that address needs and encourage participation of our underrepresented demographics, while being of interest and use to the community at large
  - Main current activities:
    - Events at ISIT and Allerton
    - WithITS website to serve as focus for our women members
    - Active plans for recognition of our under-represented senior members
    - Formal mentor/mentee network
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# Activities

- Mentoring network:
  - We have a growing number of mentors and mentees, with currently 18 pairs, with 21 mentors
  - We are having a mentor/mentee breakfast at ISIT
  - We are recruiting new members at ISIT
  - Led by:
    - Todd Coleman
    - Christina Fragouli
    - Robert Gray
    - Sid Jaggi
    - Tara Javidi
    - Muriel Medard

## Information Theory Mentor/Mentee Breakfast

All mentors and mentees of the Information Theory Society are invited to join us for a mentor/mentee breakfast

June 30 (Tue.), 7 AM

at the Lemon Room, "Grand Kitchen Buffet" (B1)  
at the Grand Intercontinental Hotel

Organized by the  
Outreach Committee of the Information Theory Society.

Interested in finding out more about the mentor/mentee program? Please check us out at <http://www.itsoo.org/people/committees/outreach/mentoring>

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# Mentor/mentee network

- ❑ Formal mentor/mentee relationship of 3 years
  - ❑ E-mail contact a few times a year for checking in and providing advice (e.g. going over CAREER proposal, providing introductions to potential collaborators)
  - ❑ A yearly mentor/mentee event at ISIT after the program has been established
  - ❑ We are restricting the mentees to being Society members
  - ❑ Coordinate the matching and shepherd the process
  - ❑ Requests are done according to general interests
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# Partial list of pairs

- Muriel Medard and Aditya Ramamoorthy
- Joerg Widmer and Shizheng Li
- Alon Orlitsky and Tracey Ho
- Muriel Medard and Aylin Yener
- Muriel Medard and Tara Javisi
- P.R. Kumar and Chee Wei Tan
- Michelle Effros and Steven Weber
- Frank Fitzek and Marco Martalo
- Mung Chiang and Gianluigi Ferrari
- Tracey Ho and Byung-Hak Kim
- Siddharth Ray and Daniel Lucani
- Piyush Gupta and Lorenzo Keller
- Agnes Chan and Ghid Maatouk
- Aylin Yener and Ayfer Ozgur
- Aylin Yener and Saeedi Bidokhti Shirin
- Pierre Moulin and Steven Weber
- Piyush Gupta and Lorenzo Keller
- Steven Weber and Haiyan Xin

A set of resources on mentoring is available at

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# Outreach committee

- Co-organized a panel with Christine Pepin

## Panel: A Perspective from the Industry



*Women in the Information Theory Society*

### Panelists:

- Andrea Goldsmith (Stanford University and Quantenna Communications, USA)
- Robert Calderbank (Princeton University, USA)
- Soonja Choe (Founder of Women in Science, Engineering and Technology in Korea)
- Sulyun Sung (Posdata, South Korea)
- Christine Pepin (DoCoMo USA Labs, USA)

How are women in IT doing in the corporate world? What are companies doing to support and promote female engineers? How are “technical” couples managing their family life and careers? Come and listen to some research engineers’ and professors’ own experience, as well as learn about the situation of IT women in the Korean society. Participation from the audience is encouraged.