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
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
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
A set of resources on mentoring is available at

http://www.itsoc.org/people/committees/outreach/mentoring
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)

Panel: A Perspective from the Industry

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.