Activities of the Outreach Committee

Muriel Medard
Panel at ISIT 2009:

- Co-organized with Christine Pepin
- We have noted a relatively small number of events geared at our members in industry
- Very useful input on:
  - Main aspects to preserve women in the field (shrinking pipeline)
  - How to be a supportive manager and aware employee

Panel: “Women in Information Theory: A Perspective from the Industry”

Date: Wednesday, July 1st, 2009
Time: 13:00~14:00
Location: 1st floor of COEX
Room: #101

Panelists:
- Andrea Goldsmith (Stanford University and Quanenna Communications, USA)
- Robert Calderbank (Princeton University, USA)
- Kyoung-hee Yoon (Samsung SDS, South Korea)
- Sukyun Sung (Posdata, South Korea)
- Christine Pepin (DoCoMo USA Labs, USA)

Moderator: Muriel Médard

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.

This event is sponsored by the Women in the Information Theory Society (WithITS), initiative of the IT Society Outreach Committee.
Mentoring

- Mentor/mentee breakfast at ISIT 2009
- A chance for mentee/mentor pairs to meet and interact
- We propose to make this event a regular event at all ISITs
Looking forward

- We recommend that we continue the outreach committee activities:
  - Mentor/mentee network
  - Regular mentor/mentee breakfasts at ISIT
  - Panels at our main conferences

- We are considering synergistic activities with the Women in Comsoc Group, with which we share many members

- We would welcome feedback from the Board