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EuroMPI 2016 and Women in HPC Announce First of its Kind Collaboration to Improve Diversity at HPC Conferences

Edinburgh, Scotland, May 2, 2016 – Women in High Performance Computing (WHPC) is delighted to announce a partnership with EuroMPI 2016, the pre-eminent meeting for users, developers and researchers to interact and discuss new developments and applications of message passing parallel computing. This is the first partnership between WHPC and a high performance computing conference, and will ensure that EuroMPI 2016 will make diversity a key consideration when organizing the conference. One of the conference goals is for MPI users and developers to consider equality of opportunity and diversity to be of paramount importance to the ongoing innovation and growth of their community.

 "We are delighted to be the first conference to work with WHPC to broaden participation in our conference," said Dr. Daniel Holmes PhD, EuroMPI 2016 Programme Chair. "The MPI community has often struggled to recruit and retain women, and we hope that by actively working towards diversifying the conference attendees, we can positively impact the broader community."

EuroMPI 2016 have appointed Dr Toni Collis PhD, Director and Founder of Women in HPC, as Diversity Chair with a remit to ensure that diversity and inclusion are considered in every aspect of the conference. Anecdotally, the MPI community within HPC has been especially dominated by men, so the challenge is great. EuroMPI 2016 will gather and publish the demographic statistics of their community, providing an important baseline on which to build, and will actively seek to consider new and fresh talent in their keynote programme for 2016.

Toni welcomed the collaboration, stating, "EuroMPI have a great challenge ahead of them, but I am confident that the steps they will be taking as part of this collaboration will have a positive impact and will encourage women to work in the development of MPI, to recognize that they are welcome to participate and contribute."

EuroMPI 2016 will work with WHPC to ensure that best practices are followed and to encourage women at all career stages to participate and attend the 2016 conference, which is being hosted by EPCC (the Edinburgh Parallel Computing Centre) at The University of Edinburgh, Scotland in September. These measures will help foster and build a community of women in MPI. The call for papers and posters is currently open, and WHPC and EuroMPI 2016 are actively encouraging submissions from women at any stage of their career, on any topic related to MPI. For more details visit http://www.eurompi2016.ed.ac.uk/call-submissions.

About Women in HPC

Women in High Performance Computing (WHPC) was created with the vision to encourage women to participate in the HPC community by providing fellowship, education, and support to women and the organisations that employ them. Through collaboration and networking, WHPC strives to bring together women who work with HPC and technical computing, encourage women to engage in outreach activities, and improve the visibility of inspirational role models. WHPC is supported by EPCC (www.epcc.ed.ac.uk) and through the EPSRC (www.epsrc.ac.uk) research grant EP/N006321/1. For more information visit http://www.womeninhpc.org.

About EuroMPI 2016

EuroMPI is the pre-eminent meeting for users, developers, and researchers to interact and discuss new developments and applications of message passing parallel computing, in particular using and related to the Message Passing Interface (MPI). The annual meeting has a long, rich tradition, and has been held in many European countries. EuroMPI 2016, to be held in September in Edinburgh, Scotland, will continue to focus on benchmarks, tools, parallel I/O, fault tolerance, and parallel applications using MPI, enhancements and extensions to MPI, and alternative interfaces for high-performance homogeneous/heterogeneous/hybrid systems. Through the presentation of contributed papers, poster presentations, and invited talks, attendees will have the opportunity to share ideas and experiences and to contribute to the improvement and furthering of message-passing and related parallel programming paradigms. For more information visit http://www.eurompi2016.ed.ac.uk/.

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