Women in HPC Continuing Diversity and Inclusivity Efforts at ISC 2017

WHPC continues on our quest to educate, provide opportunities, and support diversity in HPC.

Frankfurt, June 16, 2017 – Women in High Performance Computing (WHPC) will once again be participating in the ISC High Performance Conference June 18th - 22nd in Frankfurt Germany. WHPC will be running several activities to bring together the HPC community, provide opportunities to network, showcase the work of inspiring women, and discuss how we can all work towards improving the under-representation of women in supercomputing. The range of activities is designed to reach a broad audience, prompt discussion, educate, and encourage adoption of diversity practices in the HPC community.

In addition, we are proud to announce Cray Inc has provided a generous financial donation to support WHPC and our goals. WHPC is raising awareness of the importance of diversity to the international high performance computing (HPC) community and the benefits that diversity brings. With donations such as Cray's, our vision for change can become reality.

WHPC Activities at ISC High Performance 2017:

Tuesday, June 20, 12.30 - 13.45 (CET): Luncheon – A Celebration of Women in HPC
WHPC, with Keynote Sponsor Lenovo, will host a luncheon to provide opportunities to network with industry leaders, talk tech, and meet new industry contacts. Registration is free and kindly supported by Lenovo, PRACE, ISC High Performance, EPCC, Xand McMahon, and HPCwire.

Tuesday, June 20, 17.00 - 17.30 (CET): Intel Diversity Panel
Intel will host a panel on diversity, moderated by Alexis Bjorlin, VP Data Center Group & GM Connectivity Group at Intel. The panel will include Dr. Toni Collis, Co-Founder of WHPC, Kim McMahon, WHPC Marketing, Communications, and Strategy Leader, and Dr. Marie-Christine Sawley of Intel.

Wednesday, June 21, 10.00 - 10.30 (CET): Diversity Q&A with DDN
DDN will host Dr. Toni Collis for a Diversity Q&A with Jessica Popp, General Manager, Infinite Memory Engine (IME) Business Unit, to discuss diversity issues and initiatives.

Wednesday, June 21, 2017, 11.00 - 11.30 (CET): Understanding the Horizon2020 Gender Dimension
PRACE will host a discussion with leaders from the European HPC Research community on how we should (or shouldn't) address the EU's 'gender dimension'.

Wednesday, June 21, 12.00 - 12.30 (CET): Q&A With the Leaders of Women in HPC
Xand McMahon will bring together Dr. Toni Collis, Kim McMahon, Co-Founder of Xand McMahon and CEO of McMahon Consulting, Carolyn Coke Reed Devany, President of Data Vortex Technologies, and Marjolein

Oorsprong, Communications Officer at PRACE. Lara Kisielewska, Co-Founder of Xand McMahon, will moderate a lively discussion on the vision, mission, goals, and activities of WHPC.

Wednesday, June 21, 2017, 13:45 - 14:45 (CET): BoF - Practical Steps to Diversifying the HPC Workforce
The WHPC BoF will focus on the benefit diverse teams have in productivity and output, how to improve diversity and build a more inclusive environment, and discuss unconscious bias, stereotype threat and imposter syndrome. The BoF will be chaired by Kim McMahon, joined by Joanna Leng The University of Leeds, Dr. Toni Collis, and Kelly Gaither, Texas Advanced Computing Center.

Wednesday, June 21, 15:30 - 16:00 (CET): Diversity Q&A with Lenovo
Lenovo will host Dr. Toni Collis for a Diversity Q&A with Angelo Apa, Technical Sales and Business Development Director, to explore the diversity efforts Lenovo has undertaken.

Thursday, June 22, 9.00 - 13.00 (CET): Sixth International WHPC Workshop – Addressing the Gender Gap in the High Performance Computing Industry
The WHPC workshop at ISC aims to provide leaders, managers, and individual contributors in the HPC community with methods to improve diversity while providing early career women an opportunity to develop their professional skills.

Representatives from WHPC will be in the EPCC booth (B-1223) during ISC. WHPC activities at ISC are made possible through the support of EPCC, Xand McMahon, ARCHER, Lenovo, PRACE, ISC High Performance, HPCwire, and Science Node. To learn more about WHPC activities at ISC please visit: www.womeninhpc.org/women-in-hpc-at-isc-2017.

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), the Supercomputing Centre at the University of Edinburgh, and through the EPSRC (www.epsrc.ac.uk) research grant EP/N006321/1. For more information visit www.womeninhpc.org.

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