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## **WOMEN IN ENGINEERING—MONTREAL**

*It is intended, in this report, to list the achievements and the plan of activities to be followed in the present and near future.*

*The current executive team of WIE-Montreal started the organization of their plan of activities on a first meeting held on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The following, are the members of the WIE-Montreal executive team:*

- Hind Rakkay – Chapter Chair
- Fatima Zahra Mhada – Vice-Chair
- Nazih Khaddaj Mallat - Communication Vice-Chair
- Amine Miled - Treasurer
- Nathalia Parra - Secretary

*We count on the cooperation of our volunteer members:*

- Elham Semsar
- Parisa Heidari
- Nazanin Elhami
- Farzaneh Abdollah
- Mina Ranjbaran
- Marie-Josée Hogue
- Eva Rifkah
- Tahereh Mirmohammadi
- Simone Walker

*The activities that have been made during the winter session are:*

- *We held about eight meetings in which we emphasized mainly in the recruitment of new members for the affinity group. We discussed the means for reinforcing the communication within the members of the group and the activities to prepare during the year.*
- *Invitations to become part of the WIE-Montreal were sent to all IEEE Montreal members.*
- *A mailing list was created using the resources of IEEE-LISTSERV. All current members are now registered to the mailing list.*
- *We had our first conference titled "**The role of Women Engineers in Technological and Scientific Advancements**" held on **Friday, May 23rd** (6:00 PM - 8:00 PM) at "**École Polytechnique de Montréal**". We received three honorable speakers: Ms. Ormandjieva (Pr. at Concordia University), Ms. Potvin (Engineer at the Canadian Space Agency) and Ms. El-Hachem (Graduate student from Ecole Polytechnique).*
- *A second conference titled "**An overview of the situation of women in academia in Europe and North America and the outreach for aboriginal students program**", was held on Friday June 27<sup>th</sup>,2008 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Concordia University.*

The conference was given by Dr. Julita Vassileva, NSERC/Cameco Chair of Women in Science and Engineering at the Prairies.

- *For this purpose we also ordered promotional mugs (printed with the IEEE WIE Montreal logo) to offer to our guest speakers and the members of the WIE committee.*
- *The group is planning on the implementation of programs with social impact, as well as the participation of WIE-Montreal in special events held in the city, that are relevant to the thematic and the purpose of the affinity group (we will use women-related special dates as an occasion to organize WIE gatherings). Some of the ideas :*
  - *An interactive conference by displaying a movie about electronics waste management*
  - *A recycling program or similar activity with social impact.*
  - *Conferences about women in science and engineering domains.*
- *An industrial visit makes part of the plan of activities for the present year.*
- *Publicity of the WIE-Montreal group is part of our tasks, which will be made periodically with the goal of increasing the number of participants in the group.*

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