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An overview of the situation of women in academia in Europe and North America and the outreach for aboriginal students program.

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ABSTRACT:

This talk will discuss some recent statistics and the striking similarities and contrasts in the representation of women in science and engineering in Canada and Europe. Some measures taken by European and US organizations will be presented. The talk will then focus on a new science outreach program for Aboriginal schools, called "Science Ambassadors" that Dr. Vassileva has piloted this year as one of the activities related to her Chair for Women in Science and Engineering.

BIOGRAPHY:

Vassileva received her Ph.D in Mathematics and Computer Science from the University of Sofia, Bulgaria. She has worked as research associate at the Institute of Mathematics at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and at the Federal Armed Forces University in Munich, Germany. She moved to Canada in 1997 and is currently a Professor of Computer Science at the University of Saskatchewan. She has published over 120 peer-reviewed papers in a range of computer science areas: Artificial Intelligence and Education, User Modeling, Multi-Agent Systems and Online Communities. Dr. Vassileva was awarded the NSERC/Cameco Chair for Women in Science and Engineering for the Prairie Provinces (Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba) in September 2005. The mandate of this 5-year Chair is to find ways to increase the number and status of women in science and engineers.



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