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WITS UPDATE

AUTUMN/WINTER 2003

WITS CHRISTMAS EVENT

December 11, 2003 - Dr. Gill Samuels CBE, Senior Director Pfizer Global R&D & Co-Author of the 'SET Fair' Report prepared for the British Government (published Nov. 2002) will be giving a public lecture at Trinity College, Dublin on the evening of December 11th.

As a part of her visit, organised by WITS, Dr. Samuels will spend the afternoon with 40 individuals from Government Departments and other interested bodies discussing the SET report and the application of such recommendations in Ireland.

She will also meet, along with representatives of WITS, the Tanaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade, & Employment, Ms Mary Harney, T.D.

Please join us on the evening of December 11th for an informative and interesting gathering at Trinity College, Dublin 2:

6.00 p.m. - Reception for WITS members and guests of WITS

7.00 p.m. - Public Lecture by Dr. Gill Samuels

For additional information, please contact Dr. Eucharia Meehan at emeehan@hea.ie.

ROLE MODEL PROJECT

Role Model Project Rollout/Career Information Evening in Ennis - May 05, 2003. An informative evening was held in Ennis on May 05th. The keynote speaker was Environmental Scientist Tara Shine, PhD, who has recently been in the news in relation to her discovery of crocodiles in the Sahara desert.

Claire Ahern spoke on Radiography & Telecommunications Product Development and Catherine Grogan, Analog Devices, spoke on Physics, Electronics & Process Engineering. Fiona Trahe and Bridget Ginnity also took part in the workshops that provided an opportunity for the students, their parents, and teachers to talk to the role models. Internet access was available to allow people to browse the online Role Model Booklet/CD. All in all, it was an enjoyable, interactive, and successful evening!

WITS & STEPS

WITS & STEPS have teamed up to spread the word to our young people on the various interesting & challenging careers available in SET. A joint weeklong event is also in the works for both WITS & STEPS that will include the WITS Role Model Project.

STEPS Engineering Life Magazine - Due to be published in January 2004. STEPS needs four WITS engineers as Role Models for an article on the Role Model Project. If you are interested, please contact the WITS RM Coordinator, Caitriona Lambert, at wits@iol.ie.

NEW CORPORATE MEMBERS

WITS would like to welcome **Enterprise Ireland - Biosearch** to its membership. WITS has also received verbal agreement from **Hewlett Packard** and **Science Foundation Ireland** to join as corporate members. WITS looks forward to working with our new members in 2003/2004!

WANTED! - Articles of Interest for future WITS updates. Have any interesting articles or newsworthy items you wish to share? If yes, please contact Lisa Martinez at martinli@ie.ibm.com