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1. Editor's Note

Dear colleagues,

I am pleased to mail out the first newsletter of the year 2001 for Women-in-Control. Hope you all had nice holidays and enjoyed time with your families, friends. Let's all together keep looking forward to new excitements. Meantime CDC00 took place in Sydney, and we have something to hear about it.

I would just remind, that the goal of this newsletter is to integrate more and more women in control theory/applications development and to keep everybody posted on events, so if you come across interesting articles, useful information on web, that you think might be useful for our community, please feel free to contribute. As well please don't forget about job openings in your schools, companies, new books, journals, software releases, conferences, workshops, etc. Just drop me a line following my references below:

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2. Message from Fahmida Chowdhury, Chair of WiC:

a) Let us all join together in congratulating Bozenna Pasik-Duncan on becoming a Fellow of the IEEE!! We are so proud of you, Bozenna!

b) Note that the deadline for paper submission to the IEEE Conference on Control Applications is fast approaching. Check out the conference homepage at http://www.control.rice.edu/ This conference (CCA) will be held jointly with IEEE International Symposium on Intelligent Control (ISIC) in Mexico City, Mexico.

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3. Message from Molly Shor

I have been asked to chair the CSS MAB Subcommittee on Public Information in 2001. I will be working on a CSS web page on controls aimed at high school students and the general public. I would like that page to work for middle school students as well, to some extent at least. I would like your feedback - everyone - on what sorts of information, links, history, videos, etc., should be put on that web page. What story and information do we want to present?

Regards,

Molly Shor
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4. Message from Linda Bushnell,

WiC Report on Meeting at CDC'00
Sydney, Australia
December 13, 2000

Eight women gathered for the WiC luncheon meeting at the CDC'00 in Sydney, Australia. There was a conflict with the sessions going until 12:50 that day. In any case, we had a great meeting and had a few things to celebrate:

Bozenna Pasik-Duncan is now an IEEE Fellow AND she has been recognized as a IEEE CSS Distinguished Member. Congratulations Bozenna!

Cheryl Shrader was the first women to be a Program Chair of the CDC (and she did a superb job!). Congratulations Cheryl!

Molly Shor has been awarded Senior Member grade of the IEEE. Congratulations Molly!

In addition, there were many women who organized, chaired and/or co-chaired sessions at the CDC'00 (some of whom could not come to our WiC meeting due to chairing a session!). We were fortunate to have Shirley Levine (Professor Bill Levine's wife) join us for lunch and conversation. I think that if we had the WiC luncheon after the Bode Lecture (Vidyasagar), we would have had a very lively discussion on his initial dedication quote ("Behind every successful man is an exhausted woman").

Suggestions for future meetings:

(1) the chair of the luncheon meeting should post a large, colorful sign at the registration bulletin board inviting all women to the WiC meeting, along with meeting room location and time. Perhaps we can have a standard flyer to post for all WiC meetings?

(2) we should think about sending an email invitation to the WiC meeting to all women authors in the conference. They may not all be on the WiC email list.

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