ACM-W Highlights

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ACM-W Mission

ACM-W supports, celebrates, and advocates internationally for the full engagement of women in all aspects of the computing field, providing a wide range of programs and services to ACM members and working in the larger community to advance the contributions of technical women.

ACM-W Main Programs

- Regional women in computing celebrations
- ACM-W Chapters
- Scholarships for women CS students to attend research conferences
- Athena Lecturer Award

Regional Confs. – 2012-2013

- 11 conferences
  - New Zealand, Canada(2), India, Chicago, Rocky Mountain, New Mexico, Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, New York
- First community college focused regional (Kentucky)
- Total attendance – over 1000
- $5000 sponsorship/conf. (Microsoft, ACM-W)
- Each conference responsible for balance of fundraising

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Regional Confs. – 2013-2014

- Projecting 13-15 conferences
- New venues:
  - Puerto Rico, Europe (Manchester), Caribbean

ACM-W Chapters

– 52 chapters worldwide

  • Include Denmark, Turkey (2), Greece, India (5),
    Pakistan, Kenya, Saudi Arabia

– Resources available to help start and sustain chapters

– Chapters can be regional, or located at a single institution

Scholarship Program

– Awarded to women students in a computing major interested in attending research conferences

  • Students do not have to be presenting at the conference

– Pipeline program

  • Designed to encourage students to move on to the "next level"

Scholarships – 2013

- 33 awards/136 applicants
- Applicant breakdown:
  - 10% BA/BS, 22% MS, 69% Ph.D.
- Award breakdown:
  - 29% BA/BS, 14% MS, 57% Ph.D.
- 18 ACM SIGs support the program (free conference registration)

- SIGACCESS, SIGACT, SIGARCH, SIGCOMM, SIGCHI, SIGCSE, SIGDA, SIGECOM, SIGEVO, SIGGRAPH, SIGHPC, SIGIR, SIGITE, SIGMM, SIGMOBILE, SIGOPS, SIGPLAN, and SIGSOFT

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Athena Lecturer Award

http://awards.acm.org/athena/
http://women.acm.org/AthenaInfo

- – Celebrates an outstanding woman researcher who has made fundamental contributions to computing
- – Funded by Google
- – Lecture given at a flagship ACM conference
- – 2013 Athena Lecturer: Kathy Yelick, LBNL, UCBerkeley. Will speak at SC13 in Denver in Nov
  - • http://sc13.supercomputing.org/content/sc13-feature-acm-athena-lecturer-katherine-yelick

Athena Nominations

- Nominations made by SIG Officers and are due February 1, 2014

- Suggestions for making the case
  - Make sure Professional Accomplishments section makes the case for her fundamental technical contributions/accomplishment(s)
  - Supporting letters of recommendation (3)
  - Want to nominate two ?

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