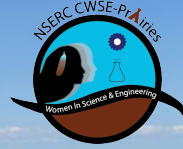


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*The goal of the
NSERC CWSE - Prairies*

*is to develop and successfully lead
strategic activities that promote
greater opportunities for women,
particularly Indigenous women, in
science and engineering across the
Prairie Region.*

Prairies CWSE Hosts Leadership Workshop for Women in STEM at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon

Prairies CWSE Dr. Annemieke Farenhorst hosted “Becoming Leaders: An Introduction to Leadership Skills and Strategies”. This professional development workshop is part of the WinSETT Leadership Program and tailored for early to mid-career female engineers, scientists and technologists. The full-day workshop was offered at the University of Saskatchewan on December 1, 2016.

WinSETT has given numerous workshops over the years, but this particular workshop saw a ground-breaking record of women requesting to participate. Stay tuned for more Prairie-wide workshop opportunities under the Prairies CWSE program or contact our program coordinator Lena Yusim at lena.yusim@umanitoba.ca and let her know the types of workshops you like to see to see.



During her time in Saskatoon, Dr. Farenhorst also visited WP Bate School to see Science Outreach in action.

The CWSE Prairies is a continuing supporter of Science Outreach initiatives at the University of Saskatchewan, and Dr. Farenhorst visited the school with members of the University of Saskatchewan Science Outreach team to discuss further outreach opportunities.



Happy New Year from the Prairies CWSE Team

Welcome back students, faculty, and staff! We hope the holidays left you energized for the upcoming year.

The Department of Soil Science wrapped up 2016 with our annual potluck and singalong. Thanks to everyone who participated!



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Prairies CWSE to Host Acclaimed Canadian Scientist Susan Eaton to Speak at University of Manitoba

Prairies CWSE, the Faculty of Science, and the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources are delighted to announce that we will be hosting acclaimed Canadian scientist Susan R. Eaton to deliver a guest lecture at the University of Manitoba.

Guest Lecture:

Into the Snorkel Zone: From Antarctica to the Arctic

SUSAN R. EATON

March 1 at 3:00pm

224 Education Building

University of Manitoba, Fort Garry Campus



Susan R. Eaton – geologist, geophysicist, journalist, conservationist and polar snorkeler

- ✓ Learn about climate change in Antarctica and the Arctic, illustrated by stunning images and videos of snorkelers and scuba divers.
- ✓ Hear about Susan's expeditions to Antarctica and the Arctic.
- ✓ Learn about the Sedna Epic Expedition, an international team of women ocean scientists, explorers, movie-makers, photographers, journalists, and medical and scuba diving professionals documenting ocean change in Canada's Arctic.
- ✓ Network with one of Canada's top modern-day explorers and trailblazers!

Networking & refreshments following the lecture!

SPACE IS LIMITED

Please RSVP to lena.yusim@umanitoba.ca – all are welcome!

This event is brought to you by the NSERC Prairies Chair for Women in Science and Engineering, Faculty of Science, and Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources.

The event will take place on March 1st, beginning at 3pm in 224 Education Building at the Fort Garry campus of the University of Manitoba. The location of the Education building can be found on our campus maps: umanitoba.ca/maps.

You do not want to miss this exciting presentation!

Please RSVP to lena.yusim@umanitoba.ca – all are welcome.

Susan R. Eaton is a geologist, geophysicist, journalist, polar snorkeler and conservationist based in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. In 2016, Eaton was named one of Canada's greatest 25 women explorers by Canadian Geographic and elected to the College of Fellows of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society.

Among many other accomplishments, Susan is the founder and leader of the Sedna Epic Expedition (www.sednaepic.com), an organization comprised of an international team of female ocean scientists, explorers, journalists, movie-makers, educators and scuba diving professionals.

Sedna (sea woman) refers to the Inuit goddess of the sea. Sedna is the mother and protector of the Arctic's marine mammals.

In her presentation, Eaton will share her experiences in past expeditions. Watch stunning photographs of women snorkelers and scuba divers swimming with Arctic marine mammals.

Stay around after the presentation to talk to Eaton and enjoy the refreshments served. We look forward to seeing you there!

Prairies CWSE Dr. Farenhorst Was Featured Speaker for University of Manitoba Alumni in Calgary

University of Manitoba alumni in Calgary gathered on December 6, 2016 in Calgary. The crowd of 200 was joined by President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. David T. Barnard, Dean Dr. Karin Wittenberg of the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, and other University of Manitoba members, including the evening's featured speaker, our Prairies CWSE Dr. Annemieke Farenhorst.

The event was featured in the UM Today Alumni online magazine, and can be accessed online: <http://news.umanitoba.ca/alumni-gather-in-calgary/>.



Update From the MCWSETT Conference Organizing Committee: Early Bird Registration Opening Soon!



Mark your calendars for the 3rd biennial MCWESTT Conference, taking place on **May 5th, 2017!** This year's conference theme is **CONNECTIONS - Create. Foster. Lead.**

The MCWESTT conference committee is excited to announce early bird registration for the upcoming conference will be live in the coming days - so keep your eye on notifications on Facebook, Twitter, and the conference website to register!



For the first time ever, MCWESTT 2017 is offering a full day pre-conference workshop on **Thursday, May 4th!** Hosted by NSERC CWSE-Prairies, the **Effective Communication for Women in SETT** workshop will be facilitated by Edna Dach and is part of the WinSETT Leadership Program.

What to Expect?

- An exciting and full day's program
- Networking opportunities

Who Should Attend?

- Professionals from public and private industries
- Human resources professionals
- Academics and Students
- Entrepreneurs and Business Professionals
- The conference is open to all genders - everyone is welcome!

Why Attend?

- Receive high quality personal, professional and leadership development
- Great networking opportunities
- Create, Foster, and Lead your career!



When and Where?

- Thursday, May 4, 2017 from ~8:30 am to 4 pm (pre-conference workshop)
- Friday, May 5, 2017 from 7:15 am to 4:30 pm (conference)
- The Fort Garry Hotel, 222 Broadway, Winnipeg

Stay Connected!

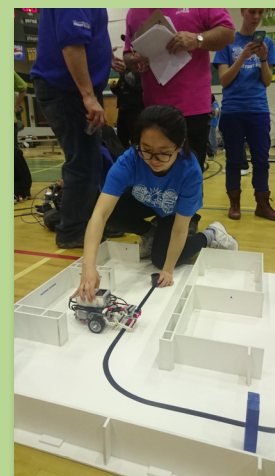
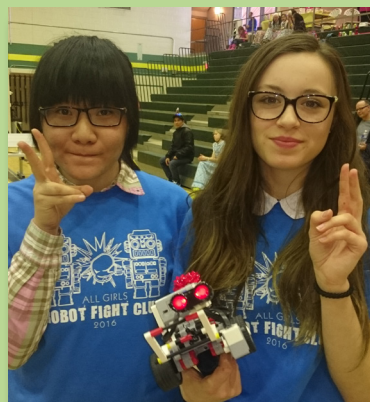
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WISE Kid-Netic Energy's ALL GIRLS Robot Fight Club Kicks-Off for its 2nd Year

Did you know that each year Manitoba hosts its very own Robot Games? To prepare for the games WISE Kid-Netic Energy is running an All-Girls Robot Fight Club, which began in January 2017.

Membership in this club includes seven four-hour sessions with University of Manitoba undergraduate student instructors, registration for the Manitoba Robot Games, and the use of WISE Kid-Netic Energy's EV3 Lego Mindstorms for training and competing. Find more details by visiting the website:

www.wisekidneticenergy.ca/all-girls-robot-fight-club/.



Prairies CWSE Dr. Annemieke Farenhorst Named to Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Awards



The Women's Executive Network (WXN) unveiled the list of **Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Award** Winners on November 24th, 2016. Prairies CWSE Dr. Annemieke Farenhorst was named one of the top 100 women recognized at the awards gala at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

Launched in 2003, the Top 100 Awards celebrate the incredible accomplishments of Canada's top female executive talent as well as their organizations and networks. Dr. Farenhorst received her award under the *trailblazing and trendsetting* category.



Dr. Farenhorst was featured on the University of Manitoba's website for her award. You can read the whole feature on their website: news.umanitoba.ca/duo-among-canadas-most-powerful-women.

For more information about the Top 100 award winners and the Women's Executive Network, please visit their website: www.wxnetwork.com.

On being described as powerful:

AF: "Surprised, grateful and proud."

On how to raise your voice:

AF: "Explain your point, several times and in different ways."

What it will take to increase gender equality in my industry:

AF: "More women in leadership positions."

Who i'd trade places with for just one day:

AF: "Justin Trudeau. I'd set up a task force to end the First Nations drinking-water crisis."

Dr. Farenhorst made another list in 2016, being recognized as one of Ace Burpee's Top 100 Most Fascinating Manitobans for 2016.

Congratulations on all your achievements, Dr. Farenhorst!

The Prairies CWSE Team



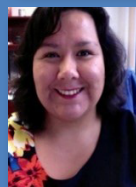
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