

EPWS Annual Conference 2008

Vilnius, 5-7 June 2008

Preliminary Programme

The participation of women in science and their impact on research has been growing in recent decades. Women are increasingly involved in shaping the scientific agenda as researchers, academic teachers, science policy makers, administrators of universities and research funding institutions. What is this impact? What difference do they make?

With the support of the European Commission, networks of women scientists across Europe and across disciplines have joined forces and created the European Platform of Women Scientists. EPWS offers a vibrant forum for sharing experiences and knowledge, and envisioning new tools and directions for change towards gender equality in science and research policy – an aim that is in keeping with the goals of the Lisbon Agenda of the European Union.

The conference will explore and highlight the current and future impact of women scientists on the scientific community, in the policy making process, and in reflecting social aspects of science. Particular attention will be paid to the contribution and situation of women scientists from the Baltic States. Prominent key note speakers will address core questions such as the relative progress and continuing contradictions regarding women and science. The conference will be a lively market place of networks, ideas, and partnerships. Women scientists will have the opportunity to present their work both through participating in topical sessions and/or through a poster exhibition highlighting research conducted at EU level.

Thursday, 5 June 2008	<i>Lithuanian Government</i>
14.00-16.00	<p>Registration</p> <p>15.15-16.00 <i>Press Conference</i></p>
16.00-16.45	<p><u>Opening Ceremony</u></p> <p>Dr. Adelheid Ehmke, President European Platform of Women Scientists EPWS</p> <p><u>Welcome addresses</u></p> <p>Prof. Habil. Dr. Kazimiera D. Prunskienė, Patroness of the Conference, Member of Lithuanian Parliament, Minister, Former Prime Minister of Lithuania</p> <p>Lithuanian Minister of Education and Science</p> <p>Florence Bouvret, European Commission, Directorate General Research, Unit Scientific Culture and Gender Issues</p> <p>Prof. Benediktas Juodka, Rector of Vilnius University</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Dalia Šatkovskienė, President BASNET – Baltic States Network: Women in Science and High Technology</p>

16.45-17.30	Prof. Dr. Mineke Bosch , Center for Gender and Diversity University of Maastricht, Treasurer European Platform of Women Scientists EPWS "The burden of tradition. Gender and the culture of memory in science"
17.30-18.00	Prof. Dr. Ene Ergma , President of the Riigikogu, Estonia, Former Vice President of the Estonian Academy of Sciences on the situation of women scientists in the Baltic States
19.30-22.00	<u>Reception</u> Hosted by the Patroness of the conference Prof. Habil. Dr. Kazimiera D. Prunskienė Short addresses by Prof. Habil. Dr. Kazimiera D. Prunskienė Prof. Dr. Dalia Šatkovskienė, BASNET Dr. Adelheid Ehmke, EPWS
Friday, 6 June 2008	Hotel Crowne Plaza Vilnius
8.30-9.00	Registration
9.00-10.30	<u>Parallel Conference Sessions I</u> 1 – Women and Science in Central and Eastern Europe – Case Studies 2 – Gender Mainstreaming in Biomedicine – Role of Women and Gender Issues 3 – Promotion of Women Scientists – Examples of Good Practices 4 – Women and Innovation
10.30-end of conference	Poster Exhibition/ Market Place of Networks and Ideas
10.30-11.00	Poster Exhibition / Coffee Break

11.00-12.30	<u>Parallel Conference Sessions II</u>	
	5 – Women in Sciences in the Baltic States Region – Problems and Solutions	
	6 – Women in Technological Research	
	7 – Positive Policies – Noteworthy Policy Measures to Achieve Gender Equality in Science at National and European Level	
	8 – Lessons Learned – Working with Gender Issues in the European Network of Excellence Nano2Life	
12.30-14.00	Lunch Break / Poster exhibition	
14.00-14.30	<u>Plenary Lecture</u>	
	Chair: Dr. Isa Schön , Royal Belgian Institute for Natural Sciences (RBINSc) in Brussels, Belgium	
	Prof. Dr. Ada Yonath , Structural Biology Department at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel, L'Oréal-UNESCO Laureate For Women in Science Life Sciences, Europe 2008	
	"Climbing scientific Everests against all odds while being a loving parent"	
	Discussion	
14.30-16.00	<u>Parallel Conference Sessions III</u>	
	9 – Women Networking in Science – Why and How	
	10 – Women in Industrial Research	
	11 – Mentoring	
	12 – Methodological Aspects of Comparative Empirical Research on Women and Science	
16.00-16.30	Coffee Break	
16.30-18.30	EPWS General Assembly	Guided tour of Vilnius University
19.30-22.00	Conference Dinner	

Saturday, 7 June 2008	<i>Hotel Crowne Plaza Vilnius</i>	
8.30-10.30	EPWS Standing Committees	Networking Meetings
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break	
11.00-12.30	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Plenary</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">“Shaping Research Policy in Europe” No time to lose – Attention to gender in research as precondition for reaching the goals of the Lisbon Agenda</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Dr. Brigitte Mühlenbruch, Vice President European Platform of Women Scientists EPWS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Maren Jochimsen, Secretary General European Platform of Women Scientists EPWS on women and science in European research policy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Alina Ligia Dumitrescu, Institute of World Economy, Romanian Academy "The Eastern European Perspective on the integration of women scientists in the European Research Area"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Dr. Marja Makarow, Chief Executive European Science Foundation on the integration of women scientists in the European Research Area with regard to research funding and the role of the European Science Foundation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p>	
12.30-13.30	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Plenary Session</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Dr. Adelheid Ehmke, EPWS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reports from the Sessions Summary and Discussion</p>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Closing Ceremony</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prof. Habil. Dr. Kazimiera D. Prunskienė Prof. Dr. Dalia Šatkovskienė, BASNET Dr. Adelheid Ehmke, EPWS</p>	
13.30-14.00	Sandwich Lunch	
Afternoon-Evening	Guided tour to Trakai Island Castle	

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