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FEATURED NEWS ITEMS

SCinet Chair for SC2024

March 2022

We are incredibly excited to share that Angie Asmus, from Colorado State University (CSU), has been selected as SCinet chair for SC24. Phil Roth (ORNL) will be the general chair. Angie was selected as a WINS Participant in our second class in 2016. WINS partially funded Angie to return to SC17 and that investment has shown fabulous results. Since her initial WINS experience, Angie has taken on increasingly larger leadership roles on the SCinet Edge Team, serving as the SC18 Deputy Chair, and the Team Lead in SC19 through SC22. Additionally, she participated in a panel style presentation at the Internet2 2019 Technology Exchange to share her experience "Helping Build a 4+ Terabit/Second Network in One Week." Angie has also grown in her professional career at CSU, and was recently promoted to the Manager of Network & Security Operations.

Angie is only the fourth woman appointed as the SCinet chair since its inception in 1996. This is a great attestation of the success of the WINS program. The WINS management team would like to express our appreciation for your continued support of this program, which is changing many of our participants' lives.

New Co-Chairs Selected for Internet2 Inclusivity Initiative Steering Committee

By Amber Rasche, Senior Communications Specialist

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Internet2 welcomes Sarvani Chadalapaka, director of Cyberinfrastructure and Research Technologies (CIRT) at the University of California Merced, and Deidre Mitchell, enterprise information security engineer at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, as the new co-chairs of the Internet2 Inclusivity Initiative (I2I) Steering Committee.

Understanding that diversity, equity, and inclusivity (DEI) are essential for a robust and thriving global research and education community, the I2I Steering Committee works with Internet2 staff on resources, projects, and programming opportunities that support DEI across the Internet2 community.

I2I is part of Internet2’s larger commitment to promoting a culture that includes, encourages, supports, and celebrates diverse voices and reflects the communities we serve. Learn more about the initiative, its priorities, community collaborations, and available resources here.

Sarvani and Deidre are past recipients of the I2I Scholarship Award and have served on the I2I Steering Committee since 2019. They have been appointed to serve as co-chairs starting in January 2022.
“I would like to continue the Internet2 Inclusivity program legacy of providing resources to improve diversity and inclusion in the community of networking and technical professionals,” Sarvani said. “I am excited to be working alongside my co-chair, Deidre Mitchell, in these efforts.”

“I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to work with Sarvani as I2I Steering Committee co-chair,” Deidre said. “I look forward to the collaborative endeavors we will encounter as we strengthen the diversity, equity, and inclusion landscape within the Internet2 community.”

Internet2 and the I2I Steering Committee would also like to thank outgoing committee co-chairs Laurie Burns-McRobbie, first lady emerita of Indiana University, and Marla Meehl, manager of network engineering and telecommunications services at the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research and manager of the Front Range GigaPoP, for their many contributions to I2I.

“Laurie and Marla have been deeply supportive of I2I since its inception in 2014,” said Ana Hunsinger, vice president of community engagement at Internet2. “Under their guidance as co-chairs, the I2I Steering Committee has facilitated many critical conversations to strengthen DEI in our community and has supported 41 early-career women professionals in the fields of networking and IT through professional development and mentorship opportunities afforded by the I2I Scholarship program.”

We are excited to share with you a few mentoring and career development opportunities.

- **Campus Spotlight: Women in Tech Initiative** - The new Women in Tech Initiative was established through a monetary gift from Craigslist founder and Case Western alumnus, Craig Newmark. The initiative seeks to build a strong community of female students in technology fields. Future plans of this initiative include a mentorship program, professional development opportunities and a podcast series. For more information about this new initiative at Case Western University, click here.
- **Women in CyberSecurity** - WiCys is a community of engagement, encouragement and support for women in cybersecurity. It is a premier organization with national reach dedicated to bringing together women in cybersecurity from academia, research and industry to share knowledge, experience, networking and mentoring. To learn more about WiCys and related news, click here.
- **Women in High Performance Computing (WHPC) Mentoring Programme** - This is a new programme. This opportunity offers a year-round mentoring programme, providing a framework for women around the world to provide and receive a mentorship in the HPC space. The WHPC mentoring programme will be open 3 times a year and will last for 4 months. During the prescribed mentoring programme, both mentors and mentees will receive training on how to make the most of mentoring, as well as the opportunity to participate in webinars on key skills. Mentoring will be provided in both one-to-one and in groups, typically consisting of 3 people from different organizations and career-levels. Each formal mentor-mentee engagement session lasts for 4 months. We accept mentor/mentee applications year long and we will pool you into the next cohort. Sign up to be a mentor/mentee here, https://womeninhpc.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=007abb94048819c66e6815c8&id=f1d5577c318&e=b3bdfca1f1. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sarvani Chadalapaka, WHPC Mentoring Programme Director, at schadalapaka@ucmerced.edu.