

GEN NEWSLETTER

The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus



Introduction by GEN chair

Initially known as Women in Science, Engineering and Technology (WinSET) had been renamed as Gender Equality in Nottingham (GEN) in the end of 2016 to ensure inclusiveness and equality for both genders.

GEN at UNMC is engaging all Faculties and members of staff and students (both males and females) from all disciplines to work together towards gender equality and work-life balance. GEN at UNMC is also liaising closely with GEN in the UK and China Campuses to ensure effective and systematic planning implementation of equality for genders as well as diversity in line with UNMC's local context. GEN is sharing relevant knowledge and information in formal and informal programmes, raising awareness, celebrating success stories and providing advice and guidance on existing or planned gender equality activities for all staff members and students.

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GEN is well supported at University, Faculty and Departmental levels, as manifested by the organizational structures at these levels, with the Provost and respective Deans from the three Faculties as Advisors. In collaborating with the university professional development unit, graduate school as well as other student societies, GEN at UNMC convenes formal programmes such as Leadership Development Programme and Mentoring Programme which are delivered through a mixture of workshops, talks, seminars and learning sets specifically designed to increase Nottingham's staff effectiveness in their teaching, research and professionalism by cultivating their leadership skills. Both these programmes have been successfully administrated since 2014 and are designed to be relevant to the workplace, with each participant working on a live issues throughout the core programme. It also facilitates as much interaction and joint working as possible across different functions, departments and services. Besides, it incorporates a range of different ways of learning about the same topics, to meet different needs and learning styles. Our first milestone of Mentoring Programme was accomplished in December 2016.

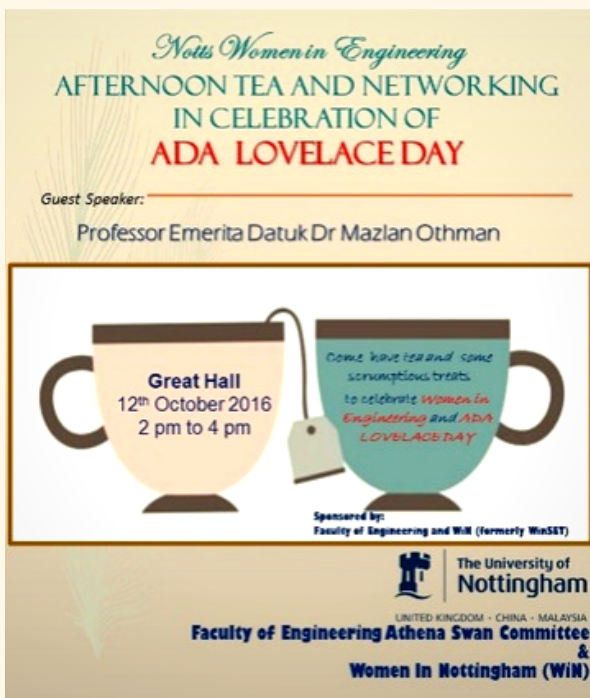
GEN at UNMC is benchmarking great efforts with international standard by being the Institutional Member of Athena SWAN Charter, UK where Faculty of Science had successfully won an Athena SWAN Bronze Award, which was the first international award outside UK from the Equality Challenge Unit (ECU) in 2014. Athena SWAN Project Charter is a collaboration between Athena Project and SWAN (Scientific Women's Academic Network) that promotes gender equality and recognises good employment practices for Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine (STEMM). This Athena SWAN bronze award provided a great opportunity for understanding on how we are currently performing in relation to gender equality as well as for reflection on what further we can do as a Faculty to support Women in Science subjects. It is hoped that additional awards will be won by our other faculties from Athena SWAN Charter in the near future.



GEN's Direction

Setting up official Equality and Diversity (E&D) Committee for each faculty and unity of all E&D-related activities at UNMC under one umbrella of GEN is the foremost aim of GEN.

Ada Lovelace Celebration 2016



Key Programme of Ada Lovelace 2016
Welcome Speech by Professor Claire O'Malley (UNMC Vice-Provost, Research & Knowledge Exchange)
Plenary Talk on "Women in STEM" by Guest Speaker, Professor Emerita Datuk Mazlan
Invited Talk on "History of Informatics: Ada Lovelace" by Dr. Geetha Baskaran
Networking and Tea



Mr. Desmond Teo, a student from the Faculty of Engineering served as the MC of the event.



Professor Emerita Datuk Dr. Mazlan Othman presented a talk on "Women in STEM".



Dr. Geetha Baskaran, vice chair of GEN addressed Ada Lovelace Day.



Networking session where staff and students took the opportunity to speak to Dr. Mazlan (middle).

Featuring

INSPIRING WOMEN'S AWARDS 2016

Dr. Ai Bao Chai (Department of Mechanical, Materials and Manufacturing Engineering) received an Early Career Academic grant of £2,000 which was awarded by the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU). Dr Chai is using the grant for her research project focusing on natural rubber biocomposites for aerospace application. This research project studies the potential of food solid waste materials as biofillers in natural rubber biocomposites for aircraft interiors. The grant enabled Dr. Chai to participate at the 7th International Conference on Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering (ICMAE) from 18th to 22nd July 2016 in London, United Kingdom.



Ms. Shiau Ying Tham, a PhD student from the School of Biosciences was awarded a Science and Technology Research Grant (STRG) from Malaysia Toray Science Foundation (MTSF) amounting RM 20,000. The grant was funded by Toray Science Foundation, Japan. With the funding from MTSF, her current works are dedicated to study the fundamental aspects of the combined treatment response on colorectal cancer in the laboratory.

MS. SHIAU YING THAM AT THE TORAY SCIENCE FOUNDATION PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

Ms. Lillian JA Olule, a PhD student from The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus (UNMC), has recently won the 'Highly Commended Award' at the U21 (international) Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition, and received a cash prize of USD 500. Lillian represented the University of Nottingham at the competition, after winning against her counterparts from Nottingham University's UK and China campuses on 5th October. Prior to that, she qualified as the UNMC representative at the Tri Campus round when she won the 3 Minute Thesis competition held at UNMC on 6th September.

PROFESSOR CLAIRE O'MALLEY CONGRATULATED LILLIAN OLULE.



Ms. Yen Yee Chong and Ms. Yong Wei Tiong (Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering) were awarded as the Best Oral Presenters at the 9th Regional Chemical Engineering Conference on Chemical Engineering, for their research presentations on production of fuel from bio-oil and bio-waste, respectively.

MS. YONG WEI TIONG (LEFT) AND MS. YEN YEE CHONG (RIGHT) WERE THE WINNERS IN THE REGIONAL CHEMICAL ENGINEERING CONFERENCE.

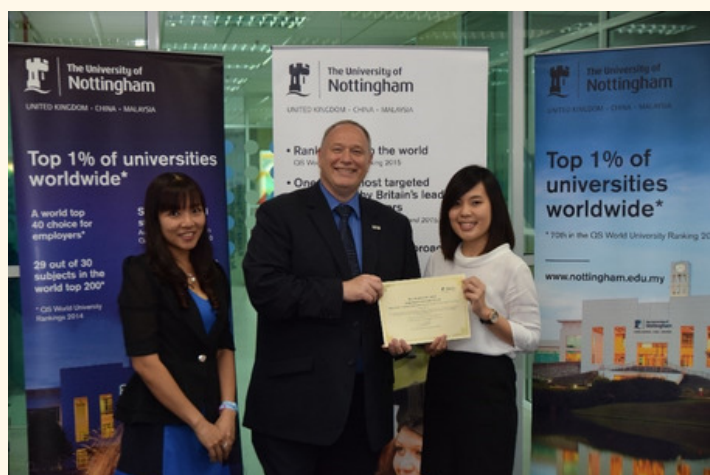


Ms. Sonia How Ming Wong, a PhD student from the School of Biosciences, won first prize in in “Research in a Flash” category for her presented title “Is it the TRAIL to breast cancer cure?” in Monash Science Symposium (MSS) 2016 that was held from 21st – 23rd November 2016 in Monash University Malaysia. The aim of this symposium is to provide a meeting for interdisciplinary discussion on scientific issues.

MS. SONIA WONG RECEIVED HER PRIZE.

Ms. Xin Yi Wong, from the School of Biosciences was awarded the Best Oral Presenter and Ms. Sii Gii Ling, from Department of Biomedical Sciences won First Prize for Poster Presentation at the Intervarsity Biochemistry Seminar (IBS). This was an annual event of the Malaysian Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (MSBMB) which provided a platform for undergraduates to present and share their research findings, exchange ideas and research experiences particularly in the biochemistry, molecular biology and biotechnology fields.

MS. XIN YI WONG AND MS. SII GII LING AT THE INTERVARSITY BIOCHEMISTRY SEMINAR.



Ms. Ee Leen Pang, from the School of Biosciences, received The University of Nottingham Tri-campus Postgraduate Prize 2016 as a recognition for her accomplishments in research (publications, conferences and awards) as well as contributions to the postgraduate community. Her ongoing work focuses on the development of a potential vaccine against Dengue disease which possesses a global significance.

MS. EE LEEN PANG (RIGHT) WITH PROFESSOR GRAHAM KENDALL AND HER SUPERVISOR, PROFESSOR SANDY HWEI-SAN LOH.

Ms. Audrey Li Huey Wee, from the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, received the Lifelong Learning s-CPD Award which was sponsored by UNMC Careers Advisory Service.

MS. AUDREY WEE RECEIVED THE PRIZE FROM PROFESSOR HAIDER ABBAS ALMURIB.





Ms. Jocelyn Jia Li Wong from the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, received the IEEE WIE s-CPD Award which was sponsored by Women in Engineering (WIE), Institution of Electrical & Electronic Engineers (IEEE).

MS. JOCELYN WONG RECEIVED HER PRIZE FROM DR. ZAIPATIMAH ALI (UNITEN), EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER OF INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC ENGINEERS (IEEE).

UNMC became a member of the Gender Equality Initiative (GEI), a collaboration between the Bar Council Malaysia, the Association of Women Lawyers and several leading private higher education institutions in Malaysia, to create an educational platform for college and university students to understand the issues and complexities of gender and sexuality. The UNMC Chapter of GEI involves 5 lecturer-advisors and 10 resource persons from across all faculties, and the UNMC Feminist Society (FemSoc). Students from UNMC participated in a Colloquium on Women in Leadership hosted by INTI International University. UNMC GEI + FemSoc participated in organizing the 6th Annual 'Aiyoh Wat Lah' Awards 2016 together with Malaysian NGOs involved in women's rights and gender equality, and hosted an inter-university Instagram contest on 'Women In Leadership'.



A GROUP PHOTO AT THE 6TH ANNUAL 'AIYOH WAT LAH' AWARDS 2016.

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