



UNM GEN Newsletter Issue 3

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International women's day



Message from GEN Chair - Prof Sandy Hwei San Loh

International Women's Day (IWD) has been celebrated annually on 8 March since it was first marked in 1911. This is the day to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women, whilst calling for more action to accelerate gender parity.

To celebrate International Women's Day (IWD) on 8 March 2019, Gender Equality in Nottingham (GEN) participated in the cross-campus digital photo campaign via online celebration of inspirational women, happening throughout March. In addition, a series of events are organised on 7 and 8 March 2019, bringing staff and students of UNM together in sharing their journeys towards *#BalanceforBetter*.

In conjunction with IWD 2019, GEN is delighted to present our Annual Newsletter (Third Issue) for your reading pleasure. **GEN Newsletter Issue 3** features highlights of past events organized by GEN, as well as inspirational achievements from female staff and students in 2018. We hope to encourage and empower our readers in moving towards a more diverse and gender-inclusive work/life environment. ***Happy International Women's Day!***



GEN Events



The **International Women's Day** celebration was kicked off with the “*Push for Progress*” March, taking place at the Central Plaza at 10 am to mark the start of the event. The March was graced by Prof Graham Kendall, the Provost and CEO of UNMC. We were delighted to have staff and students joining the March to promote gender equality advancement. The subsequent event included a series of motivational talks, and a forum of distinguished speakers (*academic and beyond!!*) from diverse fields sharing their thoughts on milestones achieved in their respective areas in terms of women's rights and gender equality, as well as challenges moving forward. There was also an interactive game session, supported by SA Sustainability Network.



1 - Academics and speakers joined "Push for Progress" March.



2 - Students were posing for "Push for Progress".



3 - Dr Melissa Yoong was giving a talk on 'Women, Work and Having It All'.



4 - Prof Dominic Foo was presenting his talk on 'Work-Life Balance: An Ever-Challenging Task'.



5 - Dr Mahaletchumy Arujanan, Executive Director of Malaysian Biotechnology Centre (MABIC), was giving her motivational talk for undergraduate students.

There was a celebration of **Ada Lovelace Day** in advance during Clinic for Conference Proposal and Presentation which was held on 6th October 2018. Ada Lovelace Day was actually marked on 9th October 2018. Ada Lovelace Day, is a celebration of the achievements of women in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). It is celebrated all over the world intending to increase the profile of women in STEM so that younger generations of women can have a positive role model, as well as celebrate the achievements of women in the past.

In this occasion, the GEN Chair, **Prof Sandy Loh** presented the story of Ada Lovelace, a few renowned inspirational female Nobel Laureates and emphasized the importance of gender equality in STEM at this decade. She also gave advice to the participants to always strive for success.



6 - Group photo of speakers and participants of Clinic for Conference Proposal and Presentation.



7 - Prof Sandy Loh was giving a speech during Ada Lovelace celebration.

‘Tina’s Journey’ – An outreach book project in collaboration with the Women’s Aid Organisation (Book launch: January 2018) A key activity under the purview of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Equality and Diversity (FASS E&D) was a book project in collaboration with the Women’s Aid Organisation (WAO). ‘Tina’s Journey: A Collection of Words and Poetry by Survivors of Domestic Violence’, was co-curated by **Wen Li Chan** (UNM Business School; Chair of the FASS E&D), **Bernice Chauly** (UNM School of English) and **Kelvin Ang** of the WAO. ‘Tina’s Journey’ is a collection of words and poetry by survivors of domestic violence, and the result of Bernice two-year creative writing workshops with domestic violence survivors at the WAO shelter. Wen Li illustrated for the book.



8 - The book cover, and some of the illustrations in 'Tina's Journey'.

The book project was sponsored by Selangor Properties Berhad, the School of English at University of Nottingham Malaysia, KL Writers Workshop, and In Den Vremde.

The soft launch of 'Tina's Journey' took place at the George Town Literary Festival, Penang in December 2017, and the official launch was held at Ruang @ Think City in Kuala Lumpur, in January 2018. In conjunction with the book launch, Wen Li and Bernice conducted interviews on the book project with Malaysiakini (December 2017).



9 - At the official launch of 'Tina's Journey', held at Ruang @ Think City, January 2018. Sumitra Visvanathan (Executive Director of WAO), Bernice Chauly, Wen Li Chan, Linda Iskandar, Kelvin Ang (from left to right).



10 - With Nottingham academics at the book launch. Dr Hazel Melanie Ramos, Professor Danton Remoto (Head of the School of English, which sponsored the printing of the book), Dr Hsin-Vonn Seow, Ms Wen Li Chan (from left to right).

The FASS E&D Committee and GEN hosted a talk entitled 'Public pedagogy, popular culture and women's leadership learning' by Dr Carole Elliott, Professor of Human Resource Development, University of Roehampton, UK, on 30 November 2018.



11 - Dr Carole Elliott

Highlights from Staff



12 - Prof Deborah Hall

Prof Deborah Hall has been appointed as Vice Provost for Research and Knowledge Exchange.

Diana Chee has been appointed as Chief Marketing Officer of University of Nottingham Malaysia.



13 - Diana Chee

Dr Weang Kee Ho featured in Asian Scientist and gave a special presentation on her journey as winner of the L'Oréal – UNESCO National Fellowship 2017.



14 - Dr Weang Kee Ho

Prof Kang Nee Ting made her 3rd #climbforlife campaign this year. The team has climbed up Mera peak (6476m), the highest trekking peak in the world. Climb for life 3 was initiated to support the War on Cancer (championed by Dr Aini Hamid), a national campaign to boost awareness of cancer.



15 - The team at Mera Summit with their climbing guides. Candy Wong, Sharon Ee, Kang Nee Ting, Sange Sherpa, Mark Mu, Angdoma Sherpa and Dendi Sherpa (from left to right).

Dr Ee Phin Wong has made a number of media appearances in Business FM, Astro Vaanavil interview, Star newspaper, etc.



16 - Dr Ee Phin Wong

Inspiring female researchers from UNM were showcased in the University of Nottingham Reputation Campaign #UNMworld.



17 - Dr Sze Pheng Ong



18 - Dr Hui Hui Chan



19 - Dr Weang Kee Ho



20 - Prof Sandy Loh

A number of female staff has been awarded Staff Oscars, including:

- **Roshanini Mat Idrus** (FOS) - Best Support Staff Oscar (Non-Technical)
- **Dr Winnie Soo Ping Yap** (Biosciences) - Best Academic Staff Oscar
- **Salma Abdul Kadir** (FOS) - Best Head of Department
- **Michelle Pelly** (Human Resource) - UNM Kindness Award



21 - Provost and CEO Prof Graham Kendall with Oscar awards recipients at the University's Staff Appreciation Dinner.

Prof Sandy Loh was awarded Vice-Chancellor's Achievement Medal 2018.



Highlights from Students



Pharmacy PhD student, **Shi Ting Lee**, supervised by Dr Siu Yee New, has won 1st prize for the Merck Young Scientist Award 2018, Sparrho's essay competition and Tricampus Postgraduate Prize.



22 - Shi Ting Lee received the award from Prof Dr. Sazaly Abu Bakar, Director of Tropical Infectious Diseases Research and Education Center (TIDREC).

Biosciences PhD student, **Shiau-Ying Tham**, supervised by Prof Sandy Loh, won Tricampus Postgraduate Prize and European Association for Cancer Research EACR-Worldwide Cancer Research Meeting Bursary Award.



23 - Shiau-Ying Tham receiving the award from Prof Deborah Hall, Vice Provost for Research and Knowledge Exchange.

Biomedical Sciences PhD students, **Fei Kean Loh** and **Ashwinder Kaur**, supervised by Dr Chee Mun Fang, won prizes at the International Conference on Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (ICBMBB).



24 - Loh Fei Kean (left) and Ashwinder Kaur (right) with their supervisor, Dr Fang Chee Mun.

Nadia Rajaram, our PhD student who is also a research associate at Cancer Research Malaysia, featured in CLEO Hot Shot 2018.



25 - Nadia Rajaram is part of a global team that is working towards reducing the burden of cancer.

A scholarship was presented to **Shun Mei Lee**, who represented Malaysia at the BAM National Interstate Championship 2017 in Singapore. Tengku Ahmad Rithauddeen Badminton Scholarship was granted to Shun Mei in collaboration between University of Nottingham Malaysia and Ampang Jaya Badminton Centre (AJBC).



Bi Xuan Chan, first year Nottingham University Business School (NUBS) Malaysia student of University of Nottingham Malaysia has won the Tengku Ahmad Rithauddeen Award Essay Writing Competition titled: How Best to Promote Malaysia's National Interest in the Changing Global Environment. This is the first time a student from the University of Nottingham has won this competition, which has been held annually since 2014.



Third year Chemical Engineering students, **Pei Ying Wang** and **Jie Min Yap**, won the 3rd place at NACES 2018 (National Chemical Engineering Symposium), for the competition category "Chemical Engineering Challenges".



26 - Dr Norzahir Sapawe (Head of Research and Innovation, UniKL MICET), Dr Zulhafiz Tajudin (Deputy Dean of International, Industrial & Institutional Partnership UniKL MICET), Pei Ying and Jie Min (from left to right).

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