

Press Release

Women Scientists Represent HPI at the U.S. Grace Hopper Celebration

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Minneapolis/Potsdam. Hasso Plattner Institute (HPI) will again be among the attendees at this year's "Grace Hopper – Celebration of Women in Computing" the international conference by and for women in computer science, taking place from 2 – 5 October in Minneapolis, Minnesota. For the third time women computer scientists from HPI will be representing their institute at the U.S. conference with a booth.

"Math, computer science, the natural sciences and technology fields are unfortunately often not the first choice for young women as majors. At HPI already during the bachelor studies, practically-oriented projects show how exciting and varied the computer science profession is for women," said institute director, Prof. Christoph Meinel. "For the most part, female HPI students - who make up 20% of the student population - complete their studies with excellent results," said Meinel. This is all the more reason for HPI to encourage young women to pursue a course of studies in computer science.

Women graduates with a degree in the practically-oriented HPI major "IT Software Systems Engineering" have excellent professional opportunities whether in the corporate world, in research or as company founders.

Information about study programs can be found at: <http://www.hpi.uni-potsdam.de/studium/studieninteressierte>, with further information about PhD programs at: http://www.hpi.uni-potsdam.de/research_school/home.

Women computer scientists from HPI will be presenting the following topics at booth 418 in Hall B:

- openHPI: professional IT knowledge, free to everyone
- tele-TASK: innovative e-lecturing technology
- IPv6SSL – network testing for the Internet of the future
- BlogIntelligence: a fast overview of the blogosphere
- tele-Board – connecting ideas worldwide
- tele-Lab – virtual lab for IT security
- Security Analytics Labs (SAL) – IT vulnerabilities database

For more information, please go to the HPI website:
www.hpi.uni-potsdam.de/gracehopper

Profile of Hasso Plattner Institute

The Hasso Plattner Institute for Software Systems Engineering GmbH (HPI) in Potsdam is Germany's university excellence center for IT Systems Engineering. It is the only university institution in Germany offering the bachelor and master program in "IT Systems Engineering" – a practical and engineering-oriented study program in computer science, in which 450 students are presently enrolled. The HPI School of Design Thinking is Europe's first innovation school and modeled on the Stanford d.school. It offers yearly 240 places for a supplementary study. There are a total of ten HPI professors and over 50 guest professors, lecturers and contracted teachers at the Institute. HPI carries out research noted for its high standard of excellence in its nine topic areas, as well as at the HPI Research School for PhD candidates, with its further research branches in Cape Town, Haifa and Nanjing. HPI teaching and research focus on the foundation and application of large-scale, highly complex and interconnected IT systems. The development and exploration of user-driven innovations for all sectors of life is an additional area of importance. HPI always earns the highest positions in the CHE university ranking.

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