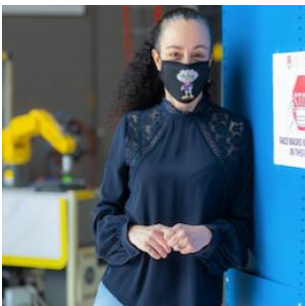




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WHATS COMING UP:

CCWESTT 2022 - Call For Presenters

The national CCWESTT Conference will be taking place in Halifax, May 12-14, 2022 at the Marriott Harbourfront Hotel. WISEatlantic, along with Women in Aerospace Canada - Atlantic, will be co-hosting this event. A call for presenters is open from now until November 22, this conference welcomes submissions from all genders and intersections of diversity, from all sectors of SETT, at all phases of the career lifecycle, to share knowledge, experiences and promising practices. Visit ccwestt.org/call-for-abstracts/ for full details on submissions. Conference registration will open in early 2022 at ccwestt.org/registration/ WISEatlantic has limited sponsorship funds for women in Atlantic Canada to attend, details to come in our January newsletter.

Women in Science Speaker Tour

After a hiatus in 2020, the WIS Speaker Tour, with our partner Science Atlantic, is back for 2021/2022! Dr. Alana Pindar of CBU did her first talk on November 4 at ST. FX. Dr. Nadja Bressan of UPEI will be doing a public lecture on her research in Veterinary Medicine Engineering at Saint Mary's University on November 30 at 11:30am. Full details are available at WISEatlantic.ca/events

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO:

Science Literacy Week 2021

To celebrate Science Literacy Week, WISEatlantic partnered with the Tantallon Public Library for a virtual workshop. This year's theme was climate, so we brought in Dr. Aldona Wiacek to present her research on air quality and its relation to our environment. Following her talk, attendees participated in an interactive activity on 'fake news' with WISEatlantic Communications Assistant Molly Murray.

Insight-2-Inspire with Techsploration

On September 28th, we participated in and sponsored the in-person Insight-2-Inspire Alumnae Mentorship event with our partner Techsploration. It was good to be in person again while listening to successful mentorship stories, participating in fun networking activities and games, and learning about the importance of mentorship from EnPoint.



Dr Aldona Wiacek



Meghan sharing her experience with mentoring

FEATURES:

New Website for CWSE Network

The NSERC National Network of Chairs for Women in Science and Engineering have officially launched a website! If you're looking for more information on the Network or any of the individual Chair programs across the country, this is the place to go. You'll also find resources created by the Network or Chair programs, upcoming events, important announcements etc.

You can visit the new site at: stem-inclusion-stim.ca/

Canadian Black Scientists Network Survey

Dr. Tamara Franz-Odenaal, the Canadian Black Scientists Network, and Canada Research Chair Dr. Jennifer Adams, are studying the experiences of Black university students and postdocs in STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and Medicine/Health Sciences) in Canada.

The survey takes 20-40 minutes to complete, and eligible participants will be entered into a draw for a \$25 Amazon gift card (1 drawn for every 50 respondents). Want to participate? Visit wiseatlantic.ca/news/ for full details. For more details on the Canadian Black Scientists Network visit canblacksci.ca



Research Team

WISEATLANTIC BLOG

Scientists and Engineers are Everyday People!

BY JEANETTE MCPHERSON

Over the last few years I have had the opportunity and honor of interviewing and photographing amazing Atlantic Canadian women in the STEM fields for a WISEatlantic project called the "Career Spotlight Booklet Series".

I say honor, as I was blown away by the talent these women emulated. Each one of them made me feel welcomed (even though I thought I would be intimidated!) and all were excited to share with me their educational and career experiences and triumphs.

To date, I have completed two books in the series, "Women in Science" and "Women in Engineering" and presently in the process of completing "Indigenous Women in STEM".

You can find these two booklets on the WISEatlantic website, on the resource page, and they have also been distributed to some schools in Atlantic Canada.

A common theme throughout the interviews was the fact that if you don't know what you want to do right now, don't worry! You can always change directions. Just do "something" and the rest will follow, and if you do change your mind, that's okay too! For instance, one woman I interviewed never intended to be a professor as she thought she was an introvert and hated speaking in front of people, but she found once she had the expertise and experience she became more confident.

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