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Why participate in the GI?

The "Gesellschaft für Informatik e.V." (GI) is an Informatics association with about 20,000 members and the largest German-speaking Informatics networking community. Since 1969, the GI has promoted the intellectual exchange of ideas between all the member special interest groups.

The GI offers members a network to represent their specific interests and support the appropriate services in respect of information, further training and career development within the various Informatics sectors such as science, business, teaching, research and politics.

The name says it all! The GI serves to unite people and institutions that share similar professional interests, intentions and experience.

Members have the advantage of accessing exclusive opportunities within the largest Informatics network and some of the benefits include:
> Exchange of experiences
> Non-manufacturer related training
> Independent member advice
> Position-based discussions
> Standpoint development
> Representation of Informatics in respect of politics and various societal groups

In addition to these, other attractive benefits such as access to information, participation in conferences, informative magazines and many more are also made available to members.

Further details can be found on our website at **www.gi.de**. The GI brings together students, developers, lecturers, managers, scientists, freelancers and entrepreneurs through common interest. There are more than 130 established nation-wide special interest groups, conferences, training courses, advisory panels and online resources.

The groups also include more than 30 inter-related and practically-orientated discussion themes, which provide all those that are interested, with an up-to-date and multi-faceted programme. The group list is available at **www.gi.de/gliederungen/ regionalgruppen/**.

Europe's continued growth has the GI currently involved in the development of European Projects and Organizations that focus on further education and the vocational training sector. One of the central focal-points is the promotion of young talents and through this students are able to attend conventi-ons and per-sonal interviews with renowned scientists. The GI also maintains relationships within the business and public administration sector and thus provides a forum and link between basic research and applied Informatics.

The GI makes Informatics a matter of public interest and through information brochures and public events it actively participates in promoting dialogue between sciences, econo-my, politics and public life. It also acts within an advisory role to policy-makers, entrepreneurs, universities and scientific institutions and consid-ers itself a progressive, pioneering and forward-thinking body in all aspects of Informatics.

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> Databases and Information Systems
> Technical Informatics
> Operating Systems, Communication Systems, and Distributed Systems
> Life Science Informatics
> Graphic Data Processing
> Business Information Systems
> Informatics in Legal and Public Administration
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Women and Informatics at GI

Background

The percentage of women in Informatics, computer science and information technology is low. This sector still seems to be a male-dominated environment. Numerous studies have indicated that a variety of reasons exist for women having decided against pursuing a career in the Informatics industry, included is either slower progression or no progression at all after entering the field, respectively.

Traditional gender roles, difficulty in balancing family and career, lack of information and networking are only a few of the problems which women may have to face. The consequence is that on the one hand Informatics has become an integral part of daily life for both men and women, but on the other, Information Technology systems are predominantly developed from a male perspective. Moreover, this also results in an economic loss due to the unused potential talent of women within research, education and industry.

The group's introduction

The group for Women in Informatics was founded in 1986 and unites more than 300 women working within the field of Informatics and Information and Communication Technology. It brings together IT experts and women who are engaged in schools, higher education institutions, vocational training, industrial and occupational sociology and in the history of technology.

The group is part of the Informatics and Society Group (FB IUG) of the Gesellschaft für Informatik. It is also a member of the National Council of German Women's Organization (Deutscher Frauenrat) and the Competency Centre Technology-Diversity-Equal Chances (Kompetenzzentrum Technik, Diversity, Chancengleichheit).

Brief outline of goals

> Committment to the equal representation of women in the Information Technology sector

> Increasing awareness of new role models for women

> Promotion opportunities for young talent

> Genuine work-life equality, in respect of salary, career and working conditions

> Intensifying efforts to make known the high level engineering skills of female Informatics scientists, within the profession and publicly

> Improved public relations that will enable a more realistic and perceivable public understanding of Informatics

> Inspire young girls and women to become interested in STEM professions (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

> Provide networking opportunities and the preparation of information specifically designed for women in Informatics

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Get involved? YES!

The membership offers you the following advantages:

> **Networking** opportunities with other members and contacts, benefit from the exchange of experiences at nationwide group meetings, workgroups and various special events

> **Information** provided through our magazine, newsletter and updated information related to the topic "Women and Informatics"

> **Continued Education** through workshops and conferences on technical and social issues, organized for women by women

> **Support** for training and career through mentoring, addressing gender-sensitive issues within educational institutions, in politics and society