

Kansai WIE Symposium 2015

Kansai WIE Symposium 2015 was held at UMEKITA Knowledge Center of Osaka Institute of Technology on September 26, 2015. Kansai Section WIE AG organized the symposium with cooperation of Kansai Section YP AG. The total number of participants was 38 including 16 IEEE members and 22 nonmembers. The symposium consists of welcome messages, three role model talks by women researchers, announcement of career-related information, and a group talk.

Welcome messages include two video messages from Takako Hashimoto, Chair of IEEE WIE and Supavadee Aramvith, Coordinator of IEEE R10 WIE as well as a message from Chair of Kansai Section WIE.

Three role model talks were given by three women researchers from different generations. The first talk was given by Mieko Ohsuga from Osaka Institute of Technology. Her talk introduced her researches on Psycho-physiological Engineering and its application at both industry and university. She also mentioned how she has balanced her life and work. The second talk was given by Misato Nabeto from OMRON. She introduced an experience of work at Netherlands for two years. She told the audience that a challenge of new technology brought a life in a new environment to her and her family. The third talk was given by Ami Tanaka from Ritsumeikan University. She introduced her research on Energy Harvest and talked how manufacturing is important and interested.

The symposium also gave information for women students and researches including information on job posting. The symposium ended with a group talk where all the participants were divided into groups and they exchanged opinions and information on how to enjoy science, technology and life in each group and then across the groups. The participants enjoyed the symposium to get images of careers as women researchers and make a WIE network.

