

IEEE Kansai WIE Symposium 2017



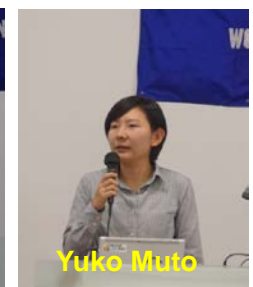
IEEE Kansai WIE Symposium 2017 was held at UMEDA campus of Osaka Institute of Technology on October 7, 2017. Kansai Section WIE AG organized the symposium with cooperation of Kansai Section YP AG. The total number of participants was 42 including 14 IEEE members and 28 non-members. The symposium consisted of a welcome message, three role model talks by women engineers, and a group-talk session.

Welcome message, which was given by the Chair of Kansai Section WIE AG, included the history of the Kansai WIE AG, and also the introduction of the IEEE Day!

Three role model talks were given by three women researchers from different generations. The first talk, titled “Social media analysis - Techniques, applications, and globalization -”, was given by Prof. Takako Hashimoto from Chiba University of Commerce. She explained the novel approaches which are well suit for short documents such as twitter, and their application to the large amount of tweets at the Great East Japan Earthquake. Moreover, from her great experience as the IEEE WIE and IEEE R10 WIE Chair, she also introduced 7 Tips to be active internationally.



The second talk, "A&UN. Live my original life through the development of robots", was given by Ms. Ikuyo Matsuo from ATOUN Inc.. She introduced the power-assisted suits and arms, which are based on robotics technologies and women perspective. She also introduced many trials, as a group leader and a mother, for assisting and supporting each other to optimize her and her co-workers' work-life-balances. The



third talk entitled “How female engineers at Microsoft work” was given by Ms. Yuko Muto from Microsoft Development Co., Ltd.. In addition to the jobs of software engineers, she introduced the flexible working styles at the Microsoft.

We also had a group talk session where all the participants were divided into eight groups and they exchanged opinions and information on how to enjoy science, technology and life in each group and then across the groups. The



symposium ended with the closing remark by Prof. Miki Yamamoto, the IEEE Kansai Section chair.

Participants enjoyed the symposium to get images of careers as women researchers and make a WIE network.