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Women in High Performance Computing (WHPC) Announces Intel as its First Corporate Champion

Intel to kick off foundational program supporting growing global network of women in the sector.

Edinburgh UK, December 19, 2018 – Women in High Performance Computing (WHPC) today announced Intel Corporation as its first Corporate Champion. WHPC’s mission is to promote best practices in workforce diversity and inclusion in HPC through education, outreach, training, and research.

“Women represent less than 15% of the HPC sector; it is essential that we continue to work at the grassroots level and globally to grow the HPC talent pool and benefit from the diversity of talented women and other under-represented groups,” said Dr. Toni Collis, Chair and Founder of WHPC and Chief Business Development Officer at Appentra Solutions. “With support from Intel, we can begin focusing on global programs and initiatives that can accelerate our goals and amplify our impact.”

Intel’s support launches the WHPC Corporate Champions program. Its aim is to build a foundation for a sustainable WHPC program and support the WHPC mission.

“Intel understands the importance of diversity and inclusion in the development of high performance computing solutions” said Trish Damkroger, Vice President and General Manager, Intel’s Data Center Group. “Since WHPC’s inception, Intel has actively supported the organization’s goals and has partnered with the HPC ecosystem to increase participation of under-represented groups — women and those with diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds — in computational and data science programs.”

“WHPC programs are evidence-based and deliver results,” said Kelly Nolan, Founder of TalentStrategy.org and Vice-Chair and Business Development Lead for WHPC. “From creating platforms for early career women seeking new positions, to training allies on best practices, to supporting a global and growing network of expert and professional women in the sector, Intel’s support is the first of hopefully many corporations making a commitment to supporting women in HPC.”

About Women in HPC

Women in High Performance Computing (WHPC) was created with the vision to encourage women to participate in the HPC community by providing fellowship, education, and support to women and the organizations that employ them. Through collaboration and networking, WHPC strives to bring together women in HPC and technical computing while encouraging women to engage in outreach activities and improve the visibility of inspirational role models. Women in HPC is stewarded by EPCC at the University of Edinburgh. For more information visit <http://www.womeninhpc.org>.

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