ACM–W Europe
Make a difference

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Who am I?

CAU Researcher
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ACM Lover

Book Lover

Supporter of Child Education
How did I start?

Bilkent University Women in Computing
First Non-US ACM-W Student Chapter
How did I start?

2005
ACM Student Membership

2006-2007
Chapter Chair

2008-2011
Chapter Vice Chair

2014-2016
Sponsorship Volunteer

2019-
Registration Chair

2019-
Steering Committee

2019-
ACM-W Europe Vice Chair

2021-
Chair

2022
ACM-W Europe
ACM–W Europe

ACM–W Europe – ACM Women in Computing Europe

- Standing committee of ACM Europe
- Established in 2012
- Aims to carry out the ACM–W vision and mission within the scope of the ACM Europe strategy
ACM–W Europe

Vision

The ACM–WE vision is a transformed European professional and scholarly landscape where women are supported and inspired to pursue their dreams and ambitions to find fulfillment in the computing field.

Mission

The ACM–W Europe mission is to foster

- women’s education and careers in computing,
- encourage the European professional and scholarly community to promote the participation and professional development of women in computing and recognize their contributions to the field.

It fulfils the ACM–W mission to support, celebrate and advocate internationally for the full engagement of women in all aspects of the computing field.
ACM-W Europe Structure

Executive Committee

Ex-Officio

Working Groups
ACM–W Europe Working Groups

- Celebrations Working Groups:
  - Celebrations Advisory Committee
  - womENcourage Steering Committee
- Student and Professional Chapters Working Group
- Communication and Outreach Working Group
- European Volunteer Network
Steering Committee Activities: womENcourage™

2014 - Manchester, UK

2015 - Uppsala, Sweden

2016 - Linz, Austria

2018 - Belgrade, Serbia

2019 - Rome, Italy

2020 - Baku, Azerbaijan

2021 - Prague

2023 - Trondheim, Norway
womENcourage™ is an ACM Celebration of Women in Computing, was initiated by ACM-W Europe and aimed at connecting women from diverse technical disciplines and encouraging them to pursue their education and profession in computing.
womENcourage™

Poster Submissions
- 89.0% Accepted
- 11.0% Rejected

Participation
- 38 different countries

Scholarship
- 320+ students
womENcourage™

- Keynote Speakers
- Tech Talks
- Panels
- Poster Presentation
- Workshops
- Hackathon
- Career Fair
- Cultural Events

womENcourage 2022
Larnaca, Cyprus

acm’s women in computing
acm-w Europe
womENcourage™ Hackathon

- The womENcourage Hackathon is an exciting, full-day event where teams race to create a functional prototype, to offer a technological solution to a real-life problem.
- Everyone with an interest in technology can attend the hackathon to learn, build and share their creations in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.
womENcourage™
Poster Presentations
womENcourage™ Career Fair
Communication and Outreach

Focus on activities that are crucial for fulling the ACM-W Europe mission. ACM-W Europe welcome volunteers to cover a wide range of tasks and activities.

You can work with us on any number of our initiatives:

- Newsletter
- Social Media
- Web Site

Follow us on:
- Facebook: acmweurope
- LinkedIn: acm-w-europe
- Instagram: acmwomenencourage
- Twitter: acmweurope
Guiding the New Events

ACM Celebration of Women In Computing: AfricaCWIC 2022
18-19-20 May, 2022

ACM Celebration of Women in Computing: AfricaCWIC - 2022

- https://africacwic.acm.org/2022/
ACM Chapters

ACM Chapters Connect Computing Professionals Worldwide

> 180 professional
> 680 student chapters worldwide
ACM Chapters

Professional Chapters

- Provides a unique combination of social interaction and professional dialogue among peers, in their own geographic area.
- Chapter members' backgrounds represent all facets of computing, from academia, research, business and industry;
- Focuses on the kind of information and insight that cannot easily be gathered in any other way.
ACM Chapters

How to Start a Professional Chapter

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**Step 2:** Enter the names of the individuals to serve as Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer

→ **must be ACM Professional Members**

**Step 3:** Enter chapter contact information (postal address and phone number).

**Step 4:** Enter the names of at least ten (10) individuals willing to carry out the chapter's mission and participate in activities.

**Chapters in India** are required to have at least ten (10) ACM members.
ACM Chapters

Student Chapters

- Provides unique opportunities for networking, mentoring and bonding over common interests.
- Provides support both within the student community and to local communities outside the institution.
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How to Start a Student Chapter

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**Step 1:** Enter chapter name, chapter email address, chapter type, and chapter sub-type.

**Step 2:** Enter the names of the individuals to serve as Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer.

- **These individuals must be ACM Student Members.**
- In addition, a **Faculty Sponsor with an ACM Professional Membership** is required.

**Step 3:** Enter chapter contact information (postal address and phone number).

**Step 4:** Enter the names of at least ten (10) individuals willing to carry out the chapter's mission and participate in activities. The last name, first name, and email addresses of these members will be required through the automated chartering application.
ACM Chapters

https://www.acm.org/chapters/find-a-chapter
How To... Make a Difference
with starting a chapter...

ACM’s Professional and Student chapters worldwide serve as hubs of activity for ACM members and the computing community at large. They provide seminars, lectures, learning forums and networking opportunities with peers and experts across the computing spectrum.
Why start a chapter?

To connect with others who are in same interest with you.
Why start a chapter?

To enhance self confidence
Why start a chapter?

To network with academy, business and leaders from all around the world
Why start a chapter?

To put a smile on people’s face with your creative events.
What did I gain?

Maximized my creativity

Strength in organizing and planning

Improved communication skills
What did I gain?

Team Work

Lessons Learned
What are the challenges?

Be motivated and not be afraid of making mistakes.
What are the challenges?

Listening carefully → choosing the right words because we are all different.
What are the challenges?

Leading the change

We are all different
What are the challenges?

Step back so others can step up
What are the challenges?

Accepting the criticism and learning from it.

Admitting mistakes → learning to admit:
“yes I was wrong”

To learn asking for feedback really helpful!
The impact in my career

Giving from your time to help others makes you a positive person.
The impact in my career

Became more self-confident
The impact in my career

A good communication and a big smile on your face open the doors easier.
The impact in my career

Having a place in professional network → widens your career goals
Thank You!

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