NZ_OzWIT 2012: Building New Pathways

**Inaugural NZ_OzWIT Conference /
12th Australian Women in IT Conference
10th – 12th October 2012**

http://www.OzWIT.org

We invite **industry representatives, academics, researchers, school teachers and students** involved in broadening the participation of women in information technology to meet and share programs, discuss strategies and assess progress towards increased diversity of our exciting profession.

The NZ_OzWIT conference will be held at **Chateau on the Park, Christchurch, New Zealand.** www.chateau-park.co.nz.
We invite you to visit beautiful Christchurch, the Garden City, http://www.christchurch.org.nz/ and participate in the revitalisation and re-energising of this beautiful city.

NZ_OzWIT will follow the 25th CITRENZ annual conference (8th-10th October, 2012). http://www.citrenz.ac.nz/ Delegates are encouraged to consider attending both conferences. Joint sessions will be held on 10th October 2012.

NZ_OzWIT brings together the **Australian Celebration of Women in ICT (OzWIT)** with its neighbours in New Zealand.

NZ_OzWIT has a mission of informing, sharing, community building, and re-energising those involved in the recruitment and retention of women in information technology. Papers* posters and panel presentations are invited on any of the following topics (note this list is not exclusive):
- Retention of women in ICT (industry and academe)
- Taking a place at the table of decision-makers
- Building multiple pathways and diversifying IT professional identities
- Outreach or School programs

Academic papers will be double blind peer reviewed

We remind everyone involved in ICT that declining numbers of women in IT is not only a female issue.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The New Zealand and Australian Women in Information Technology (NZ_OzWIT) conference aims at gathering high-quality contributions to the women in computing area of research. Papers for NZ_OzWIT will be **double blind peer reviewed**.

We will accept **Research Papers, Posters and proposals for Panels**.

Research papers can be 6 to 8 pages in length and should have:
- a clear theoretical basis building on existing literature
- a strong empirical basis drawing on relevant research methods
- an explanation of the paper's impact and or contribution to the existing women in computing literature.

All papers should follow the ACM SIGCSE formatting guidelines. Templates for submissions can be found at the ACM SIG Proceedings website.
(http://www.acm.org/sigs/publications/proceedings-templates)

Panels discussing relevant and important issues related to the conference themes of:
- Retention of women in ICT (industry and academe)
- Taking a place at the table of decision-makers
- Unblocking the pipeline and increasing student diversity
- Outreach or School programs

Panel proposals should include title, abstract and short bio of each panel member. Industry, professional and academic panels are welcomed.

Posters of work in progress and student research are also encouraged.

Tentative Deadlines

Submission deadline:	20 June, 2012
Re-submission deadline:	27 June, 2012
Notification of Acceptance:	1 August, 2012
Deadline for final version:	15 August, 2012

Submission details will be available at www.ozwit.org.

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