



# NZ OzWIT 2012: Building New Pathways

Inaugural NZ\_OzWIT Conference /  
12th Australian Women in IT Conference  
10<sup>th</sup> – 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.

International keynote speaker **Professor Dame Wendy Hall** DBE FRS FREng, Dean, Faculty of Physical and Applied Sciences, University of Southampton

The NZ\_OzWIT conference will be held at **Chateau on the Park, Christchurch, New Zealand.** [www.chateau-park.co.nz](http://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 25<sup>th</sup> CITRENZ annual conference (8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> October, 2012). <http://www.citrenz.ac.nz/> Delegates are encouraged to consider attending both conferences. Joint sessions will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> 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
Notification of Acceptance:	1 August, 2012
Deadline for final version:	15 August, 2012

*Submission details will be available at [www.ozwit.org](http://www.ozwit.org).*

## **Conference Committee:**

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