Asian Pacific Women's Information Network Center (APWINC)

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APWINC was established on November 1996 at Sookmyung Women's University, and aims at promoting women's informatization and women-related communication technologies in the Asia Pacific region. APWINC is executing UNESCO Chair in communication technology for women in Asia Pacific region. For this purpose, APWINC promotes ICT educational training at three levels: dissemination, specialization and globalization. Dissemination is the promotion of basic computer skills; specialization is the development of expertise in ICT skills; and globalization is the international and regional networking through training workshops such as WENT, forums such as Digital Media Forum, symposiums such as UNESCO Chair Symposium. It conducts researches on gender and ICT. Currently the researches on Survey on women's informatization and developing indicator in Asia and the Pacific region, Supporting women exporters optimizing ICT in APEC region, etc. And it publishes annual APWIN journal on gender and ICT.

Recent APWINC (http://apwinc.sookmyung.ac.kr/ehome) activities on ICTs and Gender are as follows:

Presented papers on women's empowerment through ICT

1. APEC WLN (Women Leaders Network) (August 2002, Acapulco Mexico)
2. 2nd APEC Ministerial on women meeting, (September 2002, Guadalajara Mexico)
3. NWEC on women’s information (October 2002, Tokyo Japan)
4. UNESCAP-UNCTAD Ministerial Conference on e-commerce strategies (November 2002, Bangkok Thailand)
5. Policy Dialogue on Gender & ICT (December 2002, Tokyo Japan)
6. Forum on Gender and ICT in Asia Pacific for WSIS (January 2003, Tokyo Japan)
7. 16th APEC SME WG: (February 2003, Highland Malaysia)
8. APEC WLN (July – Aug. 2003, Chiang Mai Thailand)
9. International symposium on partnership and networking through ICT (July 2003, Seoul ROK)
10. Forum on ICTs and Gender (Aug. 2003, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia)
11. 5th UNESCO Chair symposium (Aug. 2003, KL Malaysia)

Organized/hosted the international conferences

1. Forum on Gender and ICT in Asia Pacific for WSIS (January 2003, Tokyo Japan)  
   Co-organizer : JAWW, APC-WNSP, UNESCO
2. International symposium on partnership and networking through ICT (July 25 2003, Seoul ROK)
3. Forum on ICTs and Gender (August 19-23, KL Malaysia)  
   Co-organizer : Government of Malaysia, ITU, UNESCAP, UNESCO, GKP, IDRC, COL
4. 5th UNESCO Chair symposium (August 22, KL Malaysia)  
   Co-organizer : RIAW , UNESCO
5. WENT 5th Anniversary Symposium, “Are ICTs Empowering Women or Are Women Empowering ICTs?”, (Oct. 16, 2003, Seoul, ROK)  
   Co-organizer : APC-WNSP, UNESCAP  
   Sponsors: UNESCAP, Sookmyung Women’s University, The Women News
   Co-organizer : Akita Prefecture local government, Japan
7. WENT AWARD at WSIS (December 10, Geneva, Swiss)  
   Co-organizer : APC-WNSP, UNESCAP

Organized and hosted ICT/ e-Business training workshop:

1. Preparatory meeting on WENT-AP (Women’s Electronic Network Training Workshop in Asia Pacific)- one track was e-Commerce (Aug 1-7, Manila PH)  
   Co-organizer: APC-WNSP
2. IT Program for Women from the Asia Pacific region (July 14-27, Seoul ROK)  
   Participants : 22 Government Officers from 14 countries  
   Co-organizer: KOICA
   Participants : 22 Women CIOs from 14 countries  
   Co-organizer: APC-WNSP  
   Sponsor (Partner): UNESCAP

   Coorganizer: KRNIC (Korea Network Information Center)
   Participants: 25 women CEOs of ROK

Initiated international research networks
1. International (Global) Research Network on ICTs, Science, and Gender
2. APEC WLN Academic Link

Published
Research reports:
1. Facilitating Economic Activities of APEC Women through IT Capacity Building, Supported by Ministry of Gender Equality (September 2002)
2. Capacity Building for Women, such as Economic Related IT - Second Ministerial Meeting on Women, Agenda 5.5 (September 2002), Supported by Ministry of Gender Equality
3. Survey and Developing Women’s Informatization Indicator (July 2003), Supported by Sookmyung Women’s University, Korean Commission for UNESCO, UNESCO
4. ICT Status of Six Asian Countries (July 2003), supported by Sookmyung Women’s University, Korean Commission for UNESCO, UNESCO
5. Women’s Right in Information Society (September 2003), Supported by Research Institute of Asian Women

Books:
3. Proceeding of UNESCO Chair Symposium 2003
5. APWIN Journal on Gender and ICT in the Information Society, 2003
6. Survey and Developing Women’s Informatization Indicator, 2003

CDs:
1. Capacity Building for Women, such as Economic Related IT for 2nd Ministerial Meeting on Women, supported by Ministry of Gender Equality, September, 2002
2. IT Program for Asia Pacific Region for Government Women 2003 Training Manual CD, supported by KOICA, July 2003
4. Forum on ICTs and Gender: Optimizing Opportunities, Video Clip CD, Aug. 2003
5. UNESCO Chair Symposium 2003, Video Clip CD, Aug. 2003