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"We'd like to share some of our latest Elsevier Foundation milestones with you as we create an exciting community of tech-enabled partnerships in diversity, health and research. But, before this, we'd like to give a big thank you to our Elsevier Foundation Board and partner community. For us, it's all about working together to find those synergies across our partnerships: sharing best practice, embedding technology and tapping expertise within Elsevier, so we can achieve more together."

– Ylann Schemm, Elsevier Foundation Director

Ylann Schemm (left) and Prof. Geri Richmond Elsevier Foundation Board Member, Founder of COACh and Professor of Chemistry at the University of Oregon (far right), award a WaterFirst! Workshop certificate to Dr, Resty Naiga from Uganda.

Water First! Workshops

African women are at the forefront of the daily struggle for water security, but few are in key leadership positions in the water resources area. To tackle this disparity, 35 women researchers in water-related fields came together in Accra, Ghana, for a 3-day workshop led by Dr. Geri Richmond who founded University of Oregon's COACh organization. Part of the Water First! series, the workshop is aimed at increasing the ability of women to be more effective in their efforts through leadership training and strategic planning to address water security challenges facing the continent.

July DataDive

DataKind and the Elsevier Foundation partnered to bring hackers and coders together with three UK charities for a

48-hour hackathon at the Elsevier office in London on July 13 and 14. During the DataDive, Street League , Mind in the City, Hackney Waltham Forest and The Mix worked with around 100 data scientists, developers and designers. They used data to solve key problems in their communities, visualizing data sets to give their partner organizations insights or prototypes to inform their work and create real world change.

Read more on Elsevier Connect: "#DataDive London: changing the world one data scientist at a time"

Gender Summits 16 and 17

The Gender Summits are a multi-stakeholder platform tackling the gender dimension in research. Since 2011, the Elsevier Foundation has supported Dr. Elizabeth Pollitzer, Director of Portia and the founder of the Summit with grants to help early-career women scientists navigate the research landscape and the strategic development of the GS. This past year, the Elsevier Foundation was proud to play a convening role in bringing together key Dutch stakeholders, including the Dutch Ministry of Culture, Education and Science to organize the European Gender Summit in Amsterdam on October 3-4. Kumsal Bayazit, Elsevier CEO and Elsevier Foundation Board Member, shared Elsevier's Progress in improving gender diversity in science and many of the learnings from the GS. A few months earlier, Ylann Schemm was able to highlight key tech partnerships within the Elsevier Foundation in a panel on AI and Diversity held by Anders Karlsson, Vice President of Global Strategic Networks, during the Gender Summit Asia Pacific.

Top 5 attend Summer School on Sustainable Chemistry for Sustainable Development

As part of the Elsevier Foundation-ISC3 Green Sustainable Chemistry Challenge, whose winners were awarded in May, the five shortlisted candidates all received a travel grant to the annual Summer School on Sustainable Chemistry – held at the University of Leuphana of Lüneburg, September 16-20. The next edition of the Challenge closed for submissions on September 15: the top 50 proposals that were selected for the second phase of the Challenge have been announced, while the 5 shortlisted proposals will be announced in December.

Elsevier Foundation and Research4Life

Ylann Schemm, Director of the Elsevier Foundation, recently took on the role of Vice Chair for Research4Life's Executive Council at the July General Partner's Meeting. Together with Elsevier which provides over a quarter of the peer reviewed content, the Elsevier Foundation has been a staunch supporter of this UN publisher partnership which providing access to research in developing countries. We currently support two Research4Life capacity building partnerships, the FAO's Research4Life Online Training, a MOOC due to launch by the end of 2019 and over the past decade, training and outreach grants through MLA/Librarians without Borders.

Read more on: "What you don't know about Research4Life"

Girls Inc. of NYC and the Pre-G3: Elsevier Foundation Data Analytics Prep Program

In July, Girls Inc. of New York City launched their new Pre – G3: The Elsevier Foundation Data Analytics Preparatory Program for Girls aimed at equipping 13-15 year old girls for success when embarking in data analytics studies in high school. Research-based and hands-on, the program teaches data analytics through a social justice lens to improve core skills, build confidence and prepare the girls for the more advanced G3 or Generation Giga Girls curriculum.

Read more on: Teaching data science through the lens of social justice issues"

African Symposium on Big Data, Analytics and Machine Intelligence for Financial, Health and Environmental Inclusion in Developing Countries.

With support from the Elsevier Foundation, longstanding partner, the World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) hosted an African workshop for their network of early career scientists to plant the seeds for critical data-analysis expertise on the continent. Held in Akure, Nigeria in June, the workshop brought over 70 new and established researchers from 14 different countries.

Read more on: African researchers received hands-on training in big data and machine learning techniques"

What's next?

SDG Inspiration Day

On November 25, the Elsevier Foundation and Elsevier will host an a special SDG Inspiration day together with the UN Global Compact Netherlands , on "The Power of Data to Advance the SDGs". The SDG day will be held in Amsterdam at the KIT's SDG House and will share case studies and insights from the private, public and non-profit sectors on how they use data to make a difference in their contributions to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. For more information please visit the Inspiration Day site .

> Register here >

Elsevier Foundation-OWSD 2020 Awards

The 2019 winners of the OWSD Elsevier Foundation Awards for Early Career Women Scientists in the Developing World will be announced at the AAAS Annual Meeting in Seattle, Feb 14-17, 2020. The 2020 awards focus on the Biological Sciences. Since 2012, the Elsevier Foundation and OWSD recognize the achievements of women researchers who have made significant contributions to the advancement of scientific knowledge. Stay tuned, and learn more about the amazing 2019 winners in the Physical Sciences.

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