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- To:** Dr. Monique Frize
- From:**
- Subject:** Canadian Committee on Women in Engineering, 1990-2011: (CCWE+20)
- Time & Date:** April 29-30, 2011
- Location:** University of Ottawa (Tabaret 083)
- Why:** What has happened in the past 20 years? What has worked and not worked to increase the participation of women in the engineering profession?
- Workshop:** This national event is expecting over 70 women and men for a two day reflection to identify main issues that continue to limit the active participation of women in Engineering and to make recommendations on how to increase the proportion of women in study programs at all levels, in academia and research, in industry, in the associations, and technical societies. The discussions will focus on young people's (especially girls and young women) career expectations and how they relate to the way science and engineering is taught; family flexible and friendly policies; eliminating systemic biases and ensuring career progression for competent women; designing curriculum that connects the student with relevant societal concerns, etc... Examples of successful programs will be presented and plenary sessions will be held after each small group discussion. Resolution for future actions will be developed on the second day.

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