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Women in HPC Recognized by HPCwire Readers' Choice Award for Leadership in Workforce Diversity

Annual HPCwire award granted to recognized leaders in the global HPC community.

Austin, Texas, November 16, 2015 – The Women in HPC Organization (WHPC) was acknowledged today for their efforts to bring recognition to the issue of diversity in HPC, as voted on by the readers of HPCwire. WHPC has been awarded the HPCwire Readers' Choice for Workforce Diversity Leadership, presented at the 2015 International Conference for High Performance Computing, Networking, Storage, and Analysis (SC15).

The coveted annual HPCwire Readers' and Editors' Choice Awards are determined through a nomination and voting process open to the global HPCwire community, as well as by selections from the HPCwire editors. The awards are an annual feature of the publication and constitute prestigious recognition from the HPC community.

Women in HPC is funded by Edinburgh Parallel Computing Centre (EPCC) and the UK Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC). "Equality and Diversity is a top priority for EPSRC and we are committed to supporting engagement of under-represented groups within HPC and across all the areas of science research that we support" said Dr. Alison Wall, Associate Director and Equality and Diversity lead at EPSRC. "We're delighted that the Women in HPC network at the University of Edinburgh has received this award via our ARCHER outreach programme".

Alison Kennedy is the Executive Director of EPCC, one of Europe's leading supercomputing centers, and also the Executive Director of WHPC. "We are very honoured to receive this recognition from our peers within the HPC community and the editors of HPCwire," she said. "We started this organization to bring awareness to the lack of diversity in the technical fields in the UK. We are thrilled that we are receiving international recognition for our efforts."

Tom Tabor, CEO of Tabor Communications and publisher of HPCwire, believes that HPCwire readers are among the most informed in the HPC community. "These awards are ultimately given to the organizations that are making the greatest impact in advancing technology and

humanity itself through high performance computing,” said Tom. “The HPCwire Readers’ and Editors’ Choice Awards send a strong message of support and appreciation from those in the global HPC community. We are proud to be able to recognize these efforts each year and our congratulations go out to all the winners.”

About Women in HPC

The Women in HPC (WHPC) network was created with the vision to encourage women to participate in the HPC community by providing fellowship, education, and support to women and the organizations that employ them. Through collaboration and networking, WHPC strives to bring together women in HPC and technical computing while encouraging women to engage in outreach activities and improve the visibility of inspirational role models. Women in HPC is supported by EPCC (www.epcc.ed.ac.uk) and through the EPSRC (www.epsrc.ac.uk) research grant EP/N006321/1. For more information visit www.womeninhpc.org.uk.

About HPCwire

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