Women in High Performance Computing (WHPC) Receives Honors in 2016 HPCwire Readers' and Editors' Choice Awards
Annual HPCwire Awards Awarded to Leaders in the Global HPC Community

Salt Lake City, UT — November 14, 2016 — Women in High Performance Computing (WHPC) has been recognized in the annual *HPCwire* Readers' and Editors' Choice Awards, presented at the 2016 International Conference for High Performance Computing, Networking, Storage and Analysis (SC16), in Salt Lake City, Utah. The list of winners were revealed at the *HPCwire* booth at the event, and on the *HPCwire* website, located at www.HPCwire.com. WHPC was recognized with the following honor(s):

- Readers' Choice: Workforce Diversity Leadership Award
- Editors' Choice: Workforce Diversity Leadership Award
- Readers' Choice: Outstanding Leadership in HPC, for Toni Collis, Director or WHPC

The coveted annual HPCwire Readers' and Editors' Choice Awards are determined through a nomination and voting process with the global HPCwire community, as well as selections from the HPCwire editors. The awards are an annual feature of the publication and constitute prestigious recognition from the HPC community. These awards are revealed each year to kick off the annual supercomputing conference, which showcases high performance computing, networking, storage, and data analysis.

This is the second year that WHPC has been honored to receive the Reader's Choice Workforce Diversity Leadership Award. "Receiving recognition from HPCwire's readers is wonderful as it highlights the impact we are having and the international recognition for our efforts," said Toni Collis, Director of WHPC, based at EPCC, The University of Edinburgh.

WHPC is supported by EPCC and the UK Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) through the ARCHER Outreach programme. "EPCC has been fully committed to diversity throughout its 26-year history. The EPSRC grant associated with the ARCHER service has allowed us to take leadership in

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the diversity in HPC activity on a worldwide scale. I am delighted that this has been recognised in these HPCWire awards to the successful Women in HPC initiative and to Toni who has led this with such commitment," said Alan Simpson, Technical Director, EPCC and ARCHER CSE Service Director.

Dr Susan Morrell, Head of Research Infrastructure at EPSRC said, "The WHPC initiative demonstrates the continuing importance of supporting and recognising under-represented groups in science and engineering. This success will raise awareness and visibility of WHPC activities across the sector and provide inspiration to current and future generations. Equality and diversity is a key priority for EPSRC and we are delighted that WHPC has been recognized in the HPCWire Awards for a second year. "

"From thought leaders to end users, the *HPCwire* readership reaches and engages every corner of the high performance computing community," said Tom Tabor, CEO of Tabor Communications, publisher of *HPCwire*. "Receiving their recognition signifies community support across the entire HPC space as well as the breadth of industries it serves. We are proud to recognize these efforts and make the voices of our readers heard, and our congratulations go out to all the winners."

More information on these awards can be found at the HPCwire website (http://www.HPCwire.com) or on Twitter through the following hashtag: #HPCwireAwards.

About *HPCwire*

HPCwire is the #1 news and information resource covering the fastest computers in the world and the people who run them. With a legacy dating back to 1986, *HPCwire* has enjoyed a legacy of world-class editorial and journalism, making it the news source of choice selected by science, technology and business professionals interested in high performance and data-intensive computing. Visit *HPCwire* at www.hpcwire.com.

About *WHPC*

Women in High Performance Computing (WHPC) was created with the vision to address the under-representation of women in HPC by encouraging 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. WHPC is supported by EPCC (www.epcc.ed.ac.uk) and through the ARCHER Outreach EPSRC (www.epsrc.ac.uk) research grant EP/N006321/1. For more information visit http://www.womeninhpc.org.

About *Toni Collis*

Toni Collis is the Director and co-Founder of WHPC and works as an Applications Consultant in HPC Research at EPCC. A Doctor of Philosophy in 2011 in Computational Physics, Toni specialises in HPC applications, performance optimisation and in particular numerical integration and multi-body simulations. As Director of WHPC Toni has been instrumental in setting the vision of WHPC, promoting discussions on the importance of improving diversity and providing women with opportunities to showcase their work, receive

mentoring and networking opportunities, and leads research in the issues specific to the under-representation of women in HPC. Toni has also worked with a number of organisations and conferences to improve the representation of women and will be the Supercomputing (SC) conference Chair for Inclusivity in 2017.

About *EPCC*

EPCC is a leading European centre of excellence in advanced research, technology transfer and the provision of high-performance computing services to academia and industry. Based at The University of Edinburgh, EPCC's aim is to accelerate the effective exploitation of novel computing throughout industry, academia and commerce. This is achieved through a range of activities including research, training programmes, and commercial contract work. For more information visit http://www.epcc.ed.ac.uk.

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