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Beyond the Glass Ceiling: Women Academics in Engineering, Technology and Life Sciences across Europe

UNICAFE Dissemination Conference, Istanbul, November 12-13, 2008
**Venue: Istanbul Technical University, Faculty of Architecture, 34437, Taksim,
Istanbul, TURKEY**

Women contributions to engineering, technology and life sciences sectors have been exponentially increasing in the last decade. On the other hand women still face great difficulties in developing professional careers in equal opportunities to those of men in these sectors, especially regarding their proportion and representation at the higher levels of hierarchical ladder. UNICAFE Project* (2006-2008) aimed to conduct a survey with seven partnering universities from six countries, on university career of female scientists at life sciences versus technical universities. *Beyond the Glass Ceiling: Women Academics in Engineering, Technology and Life Sciences across Europe Conference* aims to present the outcomes of UNICAFE project and to bring together the scholars and researchers from all over the world who are currently working on the current situation and future perspectives of Women Academics in engineering, technology and life sciences.

Conference will focus on enhancing and disseminating existing knowledge on career patterns of female scientists at universities. Conference also aims to draw the attention of the university management and decision makers to the importance of ensuring equal opportunities to women and men and the practice of gender mainstreaming as a policy of the European Union.

Conference welcomes papers on the following themes;

- Career path
- Access to resources
- Personal life and work balance
- Best practices
- Attracting female students and academic staff
- Future policies

Conference Organizing Committee:

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Important Dates:

Deadline for submission of extended abstracts	15 August 2008
Announcement of accepted abstracts	15 September 2008
Conference	12-13 Nov. 2008

All abstracts and related questions should be sent to info@womenacademics2008.org

Conference website:

<http://www.womenacademics2008.org>

All conference presentations will be accessible from Beyond the Glass Ceiling Conference website. Organizing committee is in contact with refereed journals to publish selected papers in a special issue.

Extended abstracts will be 1000 words (besides bibliography and footnotes) in length.

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