



# invitation



**Tuesday,**

**8th of October 2024**

**09:00—17:00**

Pefkos City Hotel  
70, Misiaouli & Kavazoglou 3016,  
Limassol—Cyprus

## **Empowering Women in Computing 24 (EWiC 24) ACM-W Celebration**

The Association for Computing Machinery's Committee on Women in Cyprus (ACM-W Cyprus) is hosting an event dedicated to empowering and supporting women in the computing field.

This event will feature an Open Panel Discussion with distinguished professionals and academics from the computing industry, who will share their success stories and offer insights on how to balance personal life with the demanding professional responsibilities that come with a career in tech.

Creative Coding Workshops will take place, within diverse multi-disciplinary groups, providing participants with a dynamic and enjoyable environment to enhance their coding skills while fostering confidence and collaboration.

### **Organizers:**



### **Co-Organizers:**

UCLan Cyprus  
CtI Eurocollege  
Cyprus College

### **Supporters**

Cyprus Computer Society  
CCS Women's Group  
CUTing Edge Limassol – An American Space

The event will be conducted in English.  
Participation is free of charge but prior registration is necessary at:

<https://forms.gle/worqoeEsHX8CAfKD7>

# programme



## Session #1: "Empower Her – Computing world Needs Her"

09:00 – 09:15 | Registrations

09:15 – 09:30 | Welcome

Dr. Antigoni Parmaxi (Vice chair of ACM—W Cyprus)

09:30 – 10:30 | Open Panel Discussion: "Women in Computing: Breaking Barriers"

10:30 – 10:45 | Coffee Break

## Session #2: " Creative Coding: Empowering Women to Innovate and Thrive"

10:45 – 11:00 | Presentation: Digital Making in Computing Education

11:00 – 11:30 | Hands-on Exploration: Microcontrollers & Their Capabilities

11:30 – 13:30 | Workshop: Ideation & Design of Smart Artifacts

13:30 – 14:00 | Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:00 | Workshop Continuation: Smart Artifact Implementation

15:00 – 15:45 | Artifact Presentations and Experts Evaluation

15:45 – 16:55 | Awards Ceremony

16:55 – 17:00 | Closing Remarks

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# meet Speakers



**Dr Antigoni Parmaxi** is the Coordinator of the Learning Development Network (LDN) of the Cyprus University of Technology. She is also a Tenured Teaching Personnel (Greek Language) at the Language Centre of CUT and co-director of the Cyprus Interaction Lab.



**Ms Skevi Skordallou** a US graduate majoring in Information-Systems. She has extensive experience in ICT for international business in Insurance, Airline, Shipping and other industries. As a team leader she successfully mentored and supported women. She also actively promotes and supports ECDL/ICDL certification. Her long involvement in promoting women in IT in Cyprus, is achieved by her membership on the Board of Cyprus Computer Society and on CEPIS WOMEN IN ICT Task Force and also through organizing and supporting projects, conferences and events. She is actively involved in developing The European Digital Women Diversity Charter– DiversIT Charter.



**Dr Liza Charalambous** co-founder and CTO of Malloc, a digital security expert with 10+ years of experience in the domain of security (cyber-security, digital forensics, cybercrime and surveillance). Since 2014 until today Liza is dedicated to the domain of digital security and continuously seeks to further improve her skillset, while also supporting local and EU initiatives aiding strengthening women in STEAM and leadership positions. Liza is a member of Google for Startups Women Founders, AWS CTO fellowship and DIGITAL SME Focus Group on Artificial Intelligence. Over the years Liza facilitated and participated several hackathons to encourage women and young entrepreneurs, additionally, she has contributed to the successful completion of numerous collaborative projects with distinguished organisations such as IBM, Europol, Interpol as well as many CSIRTs and Law Enforcement around Europe. In 2022, Liza was awarded by the Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry as one of the most important young disruptors of Cyprus in Innovation, Research and Technology, as well as a Woman of the Year in Innovation by Madame Figaro 2022. Liza has received her PhD in Computer Engineering from the University of Cyprus in 2019 with research in the Learning of Robust Classifiers with data with uncertainties. Liza is also awarded with an MSc in Digital Signal Processing and Intelligent Systems (2011) and with a BSc in IT and Multimedia Communications, both from Lancaster University UK (2010). During her studies she realized her passion for digital security as she worked as a researcher for BAE Systems UK within the framework of EPSRC for aircraft surveillance. She was also awarded for two consecutive years the award for the best project award for her BSc and MSc dissertations. Liza also received the Princess Victoria's metal from the Faculty of Science and Technology of Lancaster University for her exceptional performance.



**Dr Antigoni Komodiki** is an education specialist. She is the CEO at Junior Achievement Cyprus. Aside from her degree in Teaching, she holds an MA in Educational Leadership, a PGCE in Gifted Education and a PhD in Environmental Entrepreneurship Education from the Cyprus University of Technology. During the past twelve years, she coordinated 5 European projects under the Erasmus+ and Comenius schemes and took part in many European seminars, meetings and projects. In 2017, one of her projects received the National Award for the Promotion of Entrepreneurship in Cyprus and she represented Cyprus in the European Awards for the Promotion of Entrepreneurship. In 2023 she received the Woman of the Year in Innovation in MF Women Awards. She is also an International Visitors Leadership Programme alumni as she has traveled to the USA in Autumn 2023 and received training in Women and Entrepreneurship. In June 2024, she received the IVLP Impact Award 2024 for the program Young Female Leaders which runs.

# meet Mentors



**Dr Andriani Piki** is a Lecturer in Computing and the Course Leader of BSc (Hons) Computing at UCLan Cyprus. She holds a PhD in Educational Technology from Royal Holloway University of London, an MSc in Business Information Systems, and a BSc (Hons) in Computer Science from the University of Cyprus. She is an experienced educator, mentor, and researcher leading EU-funded projects focusing on user experience design, the role of game-based learning for promoting the Sustainable Development Goals, and educational and wellbeing applications of social robotics and Artificial Intelligence (AI). She is also a coordinating member of the Cyprus Computer Society Women's group (CCS-W), a professional ACM member, and the Treasurer for the Cyprus ACM-W Chapter.



**Ms Dora Konstantinou (PhD C.)** is a Lecturer in Computing and Head of the Computing Department at CTL Eurocollege. She holds a B.Sc. in Computer Science and an MSc in Educational Leadership and Management. Currently, she is pursuing a Ph.D. at the Cyprus University of Technology in the field of HCI at the Department of Multimedia and Graphic Arts and Cyprus Interaction Lab. With extensive experience as an educator and project supervisor, she specializes in incorporating Digital Making into the formal Computing curriculum of Higher Education. Ms. Konstantinou is also a certified trainer in CISCO Networking courses and an active member of both the ACM and ACM-W.



**Mr Petros Papagiannis (PhD C.)** is the Coordinator of the School of Computing and a Computer Science Instructor at Cyprus College, where he collaborates closely with faculty members to maintain the highest standards of education and instill a profound enthusiasm for computer science. Simultaneously, he is a Ph.D. student at Cyprus University of Technology and serves as a research associate for the Network Systems and Science Research Laboratory at the same institution. With a strong background in software development, Petros brings over 10 years of experience to his role. His unique combination of academic research, software development proficiency, and leadership in education makes him a valuable contributor to the fields of computer science and network systems.