

The Athena SWAN (Scientific Women's Academic Network) Charter was established in 2005 with the aim of "Encouraging and recognising commitment to advancing gender equality" within STEM subjects, i.e., science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The Athena SWAN agenda has grown overtime to promote equality in general. Scan the QR code opposite for more background about Athena SWAN at Heriot-Watt, including guidance and resources.

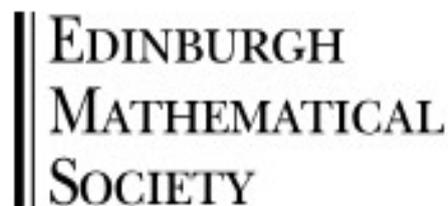


1. Prestigious new role for Professor Beatrice Pelloni in Edinburgh



Professor Beatrice Pelloni FRSE
School of Mathematical & Computer Sciences,
Heriot-Watt University

Professor Beatrice Pelloni FRSE, a mathematician and former Executive Dean of our School of Mathematical and Computer Sciences (MACS), has been elected as the **President of the Edinburgh Mathematical Society (EMS)** at its Annual General Meeting on Friday 24 October. She will serve in this role for two years.



For membership information of the Edinburgh Mathematical Society scan the QR code below:



<https://www.ems.ac.uk/membership-information/>

2. Prestigious RSE Lady Margaret Moir Medal awarded to Dr Audrey Repetti in Edinburgh



Many congratulations to **Dr Audrey Repetti** for being awarded **The RSE Lady Margaret Moir Medal** for her contributions to non-convex optimisation and machine learning theory for computational imaging, leading to the creation of algorithmic structures and hypothesis testing tools that have had a far-reaching impact in medical and astronomical imaging.

RSE *The Royal Society of Edinburgh*
KNOWLEDGE MADE USEFUL

Dr Audrey Repetti, Associate Professor,
School of Mathematical and Computer Sciences,
Heriot-Watt University

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The RSE Lady Margaret Moir Medal by scanning the QR
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Dr Audrey Repetti said, *“I am very grateful to the RSE for this recognition. Mathematical imaging is an interdisciplinary field that offers a wonderful playground for evolving from theory to applications. I have been very lucky to meet and work with great people in the last decade, familiarising me with real-world imaging challenges as a mathematician, and motivating me to build tailored optimisation and machine learning methods.”*



<https://rse.org.uk/award/rse-lady-margaret-moir-medal/>

3. A White Ribbon University



25 November marks the start of the [16 days of activism against gender-based violence](#) (GBV) - a global campaign calling for the elimination of GBV. For 2025, the theme is #NoExcuse for online abuse. 1 in 3 women experience GBV in their lifetime, and it is thought that up to 58% of women and girls face digital violence (such as online abuse, stalking, trolling).

At Heriot-Watt, the 16 days is an opportunity to get our community involved with our [White Ribbon campaign](#); a campaign to involve men in tackling violence against women.

Here is what you can do over the 16 days:

Make your own pledge: Show your support for our White Ribbon campaign by [making your own pledge](#) 'never to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women in all its forms'. It only takes a few minutes to do.

Encourage your colleagues to make a pledge:

Spread the word! Share the [pledge link](#) with your team and on various Teams channels you're a part of, with your own short message of support.

Get educated on Consent Matters:

The Consent Matters modules covers sexual consent, communication, how you can support others, and where to find help if you or someone you know should ever need it. [You can access the modules on Canvas here](#). Any issues with access, contact the IS helpdesk.

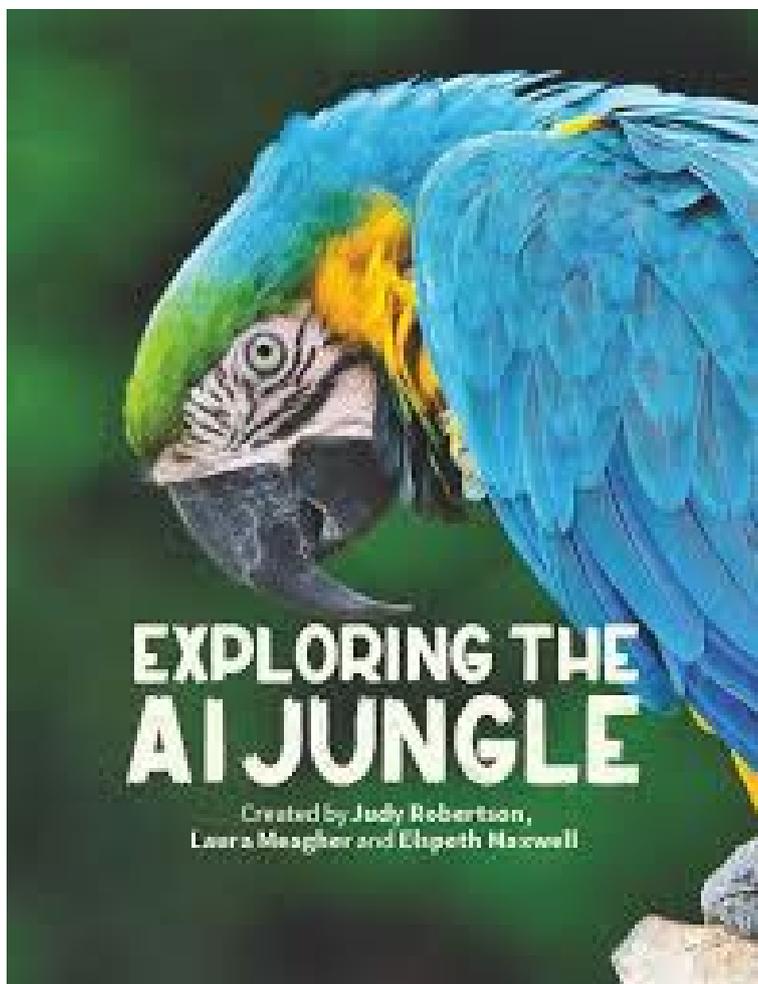
4. MACS Neurodiversity network



MACS Neurodiversity network now has a separate Teams space for staff who identify as neurodivergent. If you would like more information, or to join the MACS ND Network on Microsoft Teams, please contact **Mateja Presern:**

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5. A Good Read



exploring-the-ai-jungle.shorthandstories.com

Do you have ‘A Good Read’ that you would like to share with the readership of the Newsletter? If so, please send your suggestion to: athena-macs@hw.ac.uk

If you have suggestions or questions related to Athena SWAN, or an event that you would like to advertise, then please send them to us via athena-macs@hw.ac.uk. In addition, if you would like to be part of the MACS Athena SWAN Team (a.k.a. the Self-Assessment Team (SAT)) then please do get in touch.



*Audrey Repetti and Andrew Ireland
(MACS Athena Swan Coordinators)*

