

The 6th Annual BFIIN (British Female Inventor & Innovators Network) exhibition, conference & award 2005

The Painted Hall, Greenwich Maritime, London

16–17th February 2005

The BFIIN event was staged with the aim of recognising the achievement of innovative women, highlighting key barriers which restrict growth potential while working towards the provision of necessary capacity building support. This event, which remains a unique platform for the discussion of issues and priorities for inventive & innovative women across the nation. It prides itself with promoting, recognising and celebrating the achievements of women while raising awareness of the many positive contribution that these incredible women bring to economic growth.

BFIIN continues to serve to improve self confidence, self esteem, increase motivation, broaden horizons, experience, and raise the aspiration of creative, inventive and innovative women

This was the 6th year of the British Female Inventor of the Year Award. Now it encompasses the Global Women's Inventor of the Year competition and conference which celebrates the ingenuity, innovation and design expertise of women inventors across the world.

Shortly from the welcome address of Ms. Fiona Bartels-Ellis

Head Equal Opportunity and Diversity, British Council

“The British Council as the United Kingdom's international organisation for educational opportunities and cultural relations connects people worldwide. In fulfilling this role we build appreciation of scientific innovation and strengthen engagement with the diversity of UK culture. The celebration of achievement organised by the Global Women's Inventors and Innovators Network is a good opportunity to acknowledge the contribution female innovators and inventors make and we are pleased to be participating in this

Worldwide we continue to search for ideas to improve the quality of our lives and rely on those individuals who find solutions through a mixture of their curiosity, intelligence and tenacity. They deserve our respect, thanks and support.”

Read more:

www.bfiin.com

www.gwiin.com

Some inventions of the BFIIN:

Handl Cookware. Celia Gates

The design provides a solution to the age old problem of handling heavy saucepans. The ergonomic handle supports a body developed with a unique heat distribution system manufactured from aluminium and stainless steel laminate. A uniform heat is obtained across the base of and side-walls of the Pan. The concave internal bowl aids the flow of conventional currents in hot fluids. This avoids “hotspot” and the consequent sticking of food. The lid is double-wall insulated and the knob boasts an innovative spoon rest. www.handlcookware.com

Envirocomp. Linda Vickerage

The invention is an Environmentally Friendly liquid Compost System.

Bagged Pushchair. Ngozi Place

The invention is a collapsible pushchair which folds down in such a way that is small enough to fit in a rucksack

Accessible Database for Systematic Reviews. Margaret Westby

In large systematic reviews with more than 100 included studies it can be difficult for the reviewer to feel in control, being faced with endless papers, large amount of data and great difficulties to get an overview of all the information. The innovation helps the reviewer handle the data and automate some decision making processes, thereby taking some of the pressure of being overwhelmed with information away. www.daphnejackson.org

UK4m (U-Klick 4 marketing). Gerry Brierley

A way that an individual/business with limited marketing knowledge, resource and finance could produce a marketing plan, which would help them grow their business. www.uk4m.com

Dick Moby. Karen Welman & Sian Sutherland-Arden-Suzie

Sexy boxers for men, that regulate body temperature, using a technology originally by NASA. www.dickmoby.com

Surgical Patient Information System. Akgun Ozkok

The Surgical Information System supports decisions in the treatment of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm. A user can interrogate this information system for analysis of results when planning surgery and post monitoring. www.daphnejackson.org

Pophood. Sarah London

Pophood is a flexible frame for rain wears hoods, which enables them to stay up in place firmly without blowing back the wind and rain.

Redweb “Persona”. Liz Williams

The “Persona” is a personal safety alarm with an unique device designed to deter, defend and defeat an aggressor in personal attack or attempted abduction cases. redwebsecurity.com

The Sling Jacket. Cintra Jaggan-Vince

A one-sleeved jacket with an integrated, adjustable and detachable sling, which has primarily designed for individuals suffering from one-sided arm paralysis, especially post-strokes. www.dignifiedliving.co.uk

“The Instant Florist”. Anne Helen Lloyd

“The Instant Florist” is a device that facilitates the production of hand tied bouquets of flowers. It is quick and easy to use even for those with no floristry experience and produces professional hand tied bouquets with fewer blooms than the traditional twisting method.

Newhair. Simi Belo

Newhair is a new type of premium wig made to a unique (patent pending) design, created to provide women everywhere with glamorous and realistic looking hair, instantly. www.newhair.co.uk

Neckleash- Fashion with Function. Elisabeth Lederman

The answer for professional women who must wear a badge, but want to look sharp on the job. Made out of silver and glass beads, it’s available in 10 contemporary styles in tasteful muted tones that complement rather than compete with jewellery. www.neckleash.com

Read more: www.bfiin.com

On the BFIIN conference, award ceremony of the British Female Invent 2005 and seminar of the European Women Inventor and Innovator Network (EWIIN) participated Virve Poom, Karoli Hindriks and Viive Rosenberg from the NGO QUIN-Estonia.

Some useful links:

London Knowledge Network

www.londonknowledgenetwork.org.uk

The hart of British Invention and Innovation

www.ideas21.co.uk

Women Invention & Innovation

www.contravision.com

The Global Directory of Women in Business

www.bagladyit.com