

# Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing Conference 2008

## A Program of the Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology

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**What:** 2008 Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing Conference - [www.gracehopper.org](http://www.gracehopper.org)

**Theme:** *We Build a Better World*

Overview: Women in computing are building a better world; from bringing computers to children in the third world to mentoring their peers in large corporations. The Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing Conference brings together women in all aspects of computer science and engineering. The event offers women the opportunity to learn about new technologies, to build networks and advance their careers in both industry and academia.

**Where:** Keystone Resort, Keystone Colorado

**Website:** [www.gracehopper.org](http://www.gracehopper.org)

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**When:** October 1-4, 2008

**Why:** The leading conference for women in the field of computer science, the Grace Hopper Celebration provides a forum to inspire, educate, encourage and create awareness of opportunities for women in the field of computing and to celebrate the considerable achievement of women in the field. This year's theme, *We Build a Better World*, emphasizes the positive impact women in the computing and technology fields are having on the world and will also provide inspiration to the attendees to continue to make change happen within their organizations.

**Who:** The largest gathering of *Women in Computing in the World* includes leading women from industry and government, professors and researchers, graduate and undergraduate students. Plenary sessions, technical papers, panels, poster sessions, ACM Student Research Competition (SRC), PhD Forum and workshops will be delivered by successful researchers and professionals in the area of computer science.

**Anticipated attendance:** 1600+ (2007 attendance – 1436)

## **2007 Keynotes**

- Mary Lou Jepson, Chief Technology Officer, One Laptop Per Child (OLPC) Project
- Fran Allen, IBM Fellow Emerita

## **Invited Technical Speakers:**

- To Be Announced

## **Conference Leadership:**

- General Chair – Anne Condon, University of British Columbia
- Program Chair - Heidi Kvinge, Intel

**History:** Co-founded in 1994 by Dr. Anita Borg (1949-2003) and Dr. Telle Whitney and named to honor the legacy of US Navy Admiral, Grace Murray Hopper. Admiral Hopper's work on compilers and on making machines understand ordinary language instructions led ultimately to the development of the business language COBOL.

There have been seven Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing Conferences:

- 1994 in Washington D.C.
- 1997 in San Jose, California
- 2000 in Cape Cod, Massachusetts
- 2002 in Vancouver, British Columbia
- 2004 in Chicago, Illinois
- 2006 in San Diego, California
- 2007 in Orlando, Florida

Each year the Conference has grown and 2007 was a complete sell out with a record setting 1436 attendees from 68 different companies, 206 academic institutions and 12 government labs and agencies. The Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computer Conference is global in scope with representatives from 23 countries attending in 2007. These countries represented were Albania, Australia, Bahrain, Belarus, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Germany, India, Israel, Mexico, Pakistan, Puerto Rico, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Sudan, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and the United States.

## **Green**

The 2008 Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing Conference is committed to being a Green Conference.

The Conference Design: Plenary sessions, technical papers, panels, poster sessions and workshops by successful researchers and professionals in the area of computer science.

## Grace Hopper Conference 2007 Sponsors

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**Awards Banquet and Celebration:** Announces the award recipients of the prestigious

- Anita Borg Award for Technical Leadership
- Anita Borg Social Impact Award sponsored by Microsoft
- Anita Borg Change Agent Awards
- Denice Denton Memorial Award

### About the Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology (ABI):

In an increasingly competitive global marketplace the Anita Borg Institute provides resources and programs for industry, academia and government to help them recruit, retain and develop women leaders in high tech fields resulting in higher levels of technology innovation. ABI programs serve high-tech women creating a community and providing tools to develop their careers. The Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology is a not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) charitable organization. ABI Partners: Hewlett-Packard, Microsoft Corporation, Sun Microsystems, Google, IBM, Intel, Cisco and Juniper Networks [www.gracehopper.org](http://www.gracehopper.org).

**About ACM:**

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The Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing is a program of the Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology (ABI) and is co-presented by the Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology and the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM).

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