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# Information Theory Society Outreach Effort


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# Events

- Event at ISIT, very well attended –thanks to the organizers for assisting with the event location and publicity
- Event at Allerton, led by Todd Coleman. Participants:
  - Todd Coleman, UIUC
  - Elza Erkip, NYU-Poly
  - Olgica Milenkovic, UIUC
  - Roy Yates, Rutgers
  - Aylin Yener, Penn State


**Panel: Balancing your career and personal life - a perspective from the Information Theory community**



panelists : **Andrea Goldsmith (Stanford)** , **Robert Gray (Stanford)**, **Muriel Medard (MIT)**, **Ubli Mitra (USC)**

**When: Wednesday 12:45 - 2:00 PM**  
**Where: Ballroom East**

How do you balance career and personal needs? Two-body problems, when (whether) to have children, how to address perceptions in your professional environment - in this panel, several members of the Information Theory community will share their perspectives on these and other issues.



**FINDING MENTORS IN GRAD SCHOOL AND BEYOND**

What is the usefulness of mentoring?  
How important is mentoring within an institution versus outside?  
Come hear some perspectives and a discussion.

A panel featuring:  
Todd Coleman, UIUC  
Elza Erkip, NYU-Poly  
Olgica Milenkovic, UIUC  
Roy Yates, Rutgers  
Aylin Yener, Penn State

Where: Allerton Library  
When: Wednesday, September 24, 2008, 7:30-9pm

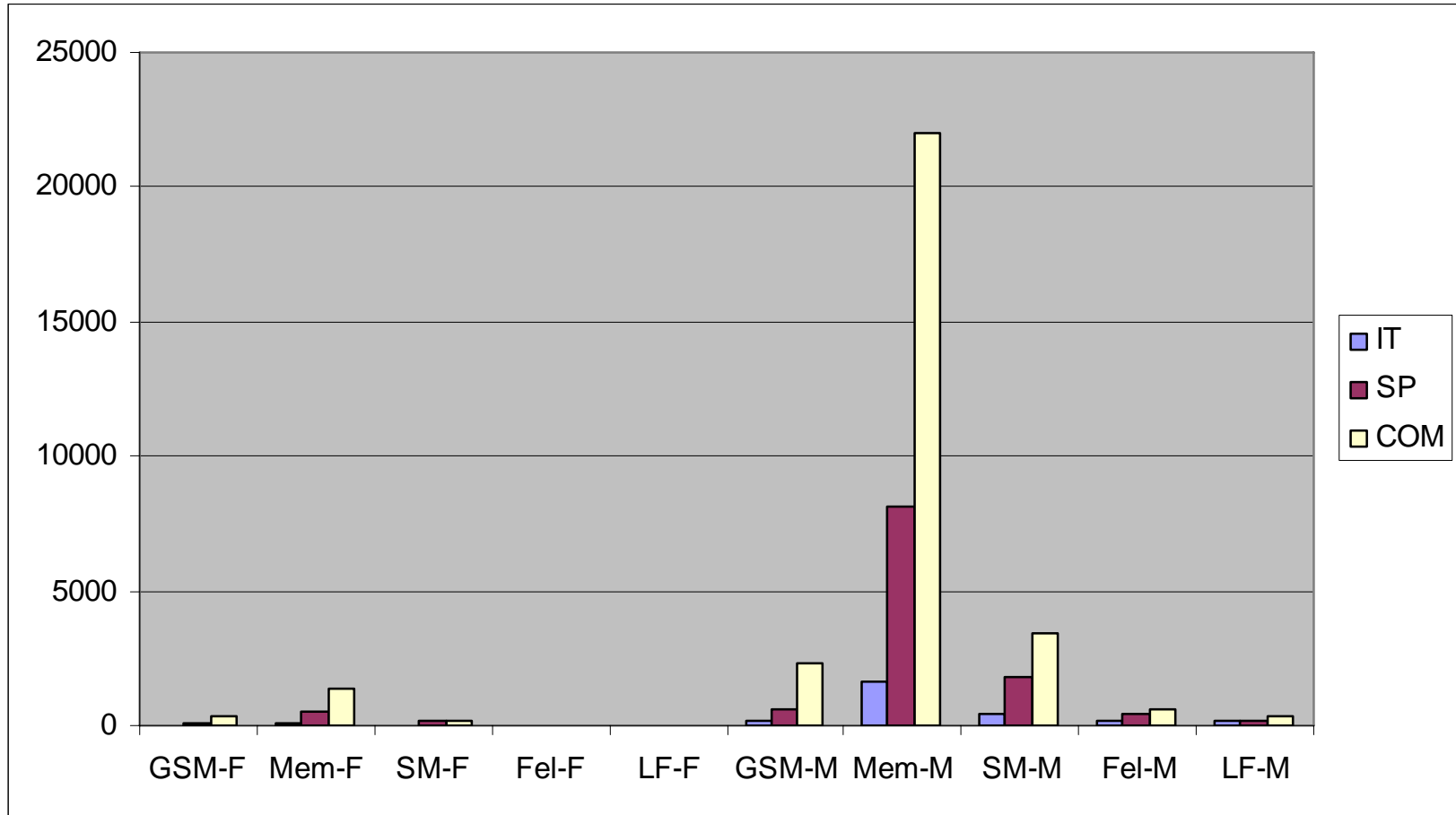
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# IT Society participation of women with respect to sister societies

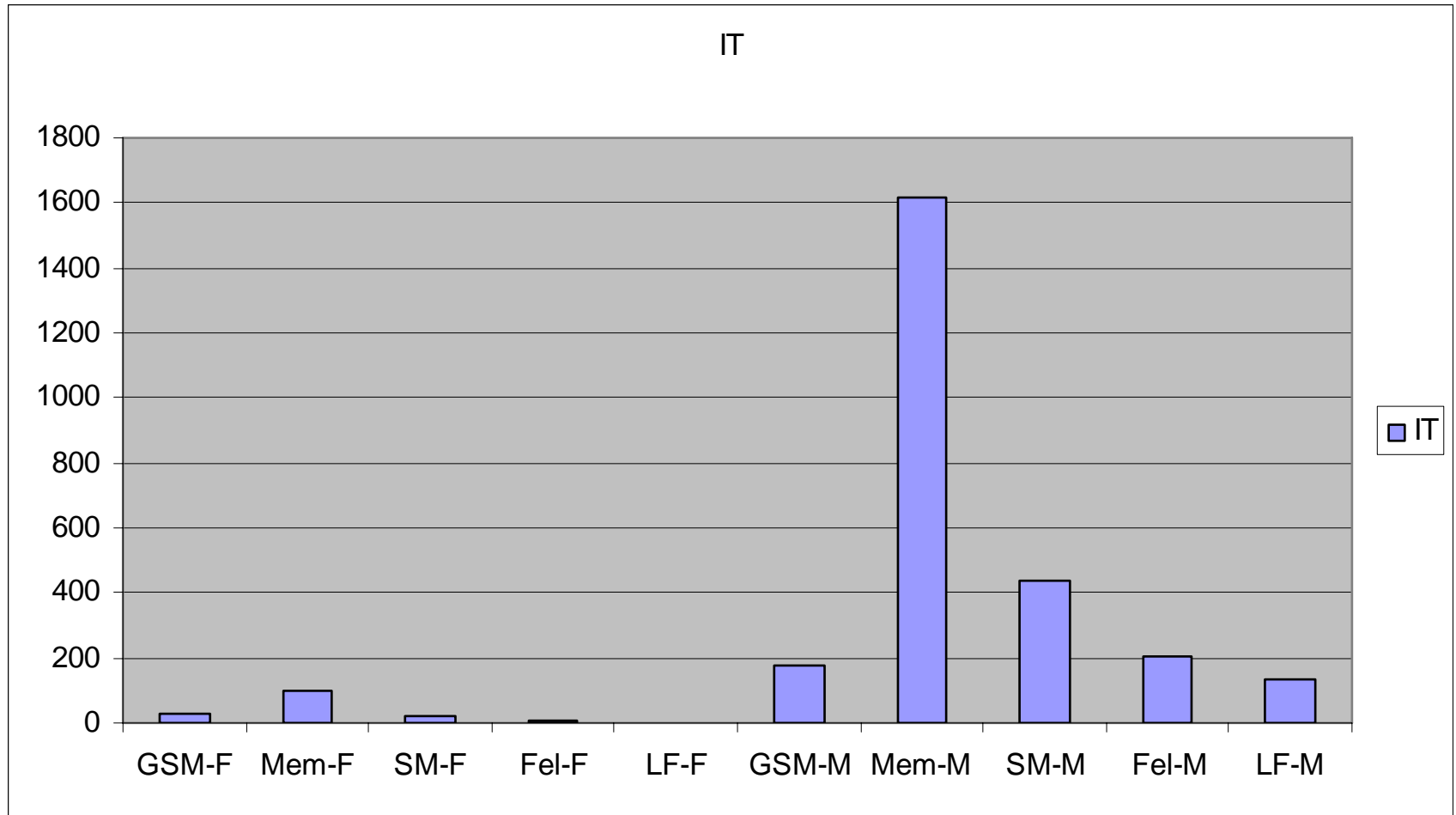
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SP	79	473	134	30	0	613	8176	1828	440	160
COM	330	1385	211	19	2	2331	22039	3458	606	327

- Numbers obtained from the IEEE in “raw” form

# Visualization of participation numbers



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# Connecting members

- Inspired by the successful approach of networking N<sup>2</sup> Women (networking networking women) initiative (<http://www.comsoc.org/N2Women/>), we are creating a new mailing list
  - Current effort:
    - Drew up a list of women active in the Information Theory Society: [withits@mit.edu](mailto:withits@mit.edu) (Women in the Information Theory Society)
    - Currently collecting members of the list by suggestion of current members
    - When the list has attained critical mass, will work on a page of the IT Society web site with links to members' web sites
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