# Activities of the Association Femmes \& Sciences and Other Networks of Women in STEM in France 

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Directed by Huguette Delavault, 1997 (mathematician).
Vers la Parité dans les instances de décision ?

LA PLACE DES FILLES DANS UNE FLLIERE
de formation des cadres,

DU LYCEE AUX GRANDES ECOLES scientifiques

Palais du Luxembourg, Paris, 11/I/1997




- Starting in 1998, very dynamical politics of the European Union Commission towards gender equality.
- It has been possible to compare situations between European countries...

See the European Reports « She Figures » since 2003.


- In France, from 1998 to 2002, parity has been discussed very often...

Figure 3.3: Proportion of women in grade A academic positions, 2002-2010
Figure 6.3 Evolution of the proportion (\%) of women among Grade A positions, 20

## Networks of Women in STEM: a path towards more gender equality?

## Statistics

In 1991 Eva Bayer suggested that the EMS set up a Women in Maths committee. With EWM's help, they collected statistics about women mathematicians across Europe.

Percentage of women full professors
in 1993.
Percentage of women full professors


Percentage of women mathematicians


Percentage of women mathematicians


The WiM committee organised a round table discussion in Paris 1992 at the first European Congress of Mathematics

## Networks in France and in Europe (1980-1990)

- Femmes Ingénieures (Women Engineers), Est. 1982
$\rightarrow$ European Network: EPWS.
$\rightarrow$ World network: International Network of Women Engineers and Scientists (INWES).
- European Women in Mathematics (EWM), Est. 1986
$\rightarrow$ World Network: Committee for Women in Mathematics
(International Mathematical Union).
- femmes et mathématiques (Women and Mathematics), Est. 1987.
$\rightarrow$ European Networks: EWM and EPWS.


## Networks in France, Europe and World (2000-2015)

- Femmes \& Sciences (Women \& Science), Est. 2000 (+ APMST, now Parité Science - Parity-Science in Grenoble).
$\rightarrow$ European Network: EPWS
- ECEPIE (Equality of Chances in Studies and Engineering Jobs in Europe), Est. 2003.
$\rightarrow$ European Network: EPWS
- Elles bougent (Women on the move), Est. 2005.
- European Platform for Women Scientists (EPWS), Est. 2006.
- African Women in Mathematics Association (AWMA), Est. 2013.
- Committee for Women in Mathematics (International Mathematical Union), Est. 2015


## Other networks in France (2000-2014)

- Femmes et Physique (Women and Physics), commission of Société française de physique (French Physical Society).
- Femmes et Informatique (Women and Computer Science), commission of Société informatique de France (France Computer Science Society).
- WIN - France (Women in Nuclear).
- Cercle interElles (Women Leaders in the Private Sector), Est. 2000.
- AFDESRI (Women Leaders in Higher Education and Research), Est. 2014.
- Femmes du numérique (Women in Numerics), commission of Numeum, professional union of companies in Numerics.


## More French or European networks (2011-2022)

- CPED (Permanent Conference of Equality officers in French universities), Est. 2011.
- GenderTime (Transferring Implementing Monitoring Equality), 2013-2016.
- 14 similar European FP7 projects:

Genis Lab (2011-2014), Integer (2011-2015), Genera (2014-2018), Trigger (2014-2018)...

- ACT (Promoting communities of practice to increase knowledge, collaborative learning and institutional change on gender equality in the European Research Area), European H2020 project, 2018-2021
- VOICES, Cost Action on Early Career Researchers

European H2020 project, 2021-2024

## Actions towards girls and women in STEM (1)

- Visit high schools and universities (about 12,000 students or pupils a year).
- Organize forums for young women (and men) mathematicians.
- Organize specialized conferences «Sthg and Women».
- Mentoring (post)-doctoral women students.
- Make known the scientific contributions of women in STEM now and then (portraits, names of streets, schools, amphitheaters...).

Actions towards girls and women in STEM (2)

- Collect data about women in STEM.
- Create networks in countries, institutions, universities.
- Make lists of women experts and diffuse them.
- Promote gender studies and gender viewpoint in each discipline.
- Send letters, tweets about lack of women in scientific conferences, editorial boards...


## Actions towards women in STEM (3)

- Elaborate the terms of new laws for higher education and research or following them up.
Ex: At least 40 \% of each sex in recruitment committees in France. [She Figures 2021]
- Elaborate indicators for measuring gender equality.
- Supporting gender balance within research teams and the inclusion of a gender dimension in research (French National Research Agency) [She Figures 2021]
- Addressing discrimination against women in Higher Education Institutions [She Figures 2021]


## Dare Science and Technology



## Booklet Women \& Science: Beyond Common Believes



## Femmes \& Sciences Conferences 2011... 2021



16 novembre 2018


## Girls and Math/Computer Science: an Enlightning Equation

About 15 to 20 such days a year in France (1800 to 2000 girls a year)
[Actualités ]
Journée "filles et maths" à l'Institut Henri Poincaré Article ajouté le dimanche 10 déc. 2017


## Meetings of Young Girls Mathematicians/Computer Scientists

## Anna Song

 Isotopy of geometric braids


## Women in STEM now and then (1)

## Sophie Germain (1776-1831)

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| Anne Boyé et |
| Christine Charretton |



## Women in STEM now and then (2)



## Videos of women scientists: serve as role models



## International Study

## (2017-19, still continuing into SCGES) Gender Gap in Science

## Gender GAP in Science

A Global Approach to the Gender Gap in Mathematical, Computing, and Natural Sciences: How to Measure It, How to Reduce
Q SEARCH It?

| Project | Work packages | Organization |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A Global Approach to the <br> Gender Gap in Mathematical, <br> Computing, and Natural <br> Sciences | Description of the <br> methodologies and goals of the <br> three tasks within the project | List of the working groups, <br> committees and boards <br> involved in the project | About <br> Publications, archives and <br> promotional materials of the <br> project |

International Science Council


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## What about governments? (1)

- Quotas? Very difficult in some countries in the field of education... but exist in politics!
- No quotas for decision-making positions...
- Chairs for women: Germany (0.8 to 8 \% women mathematics professors in 20 years).
- Laws, conventions, charters: creation of Equality officers at university... but without any budget!
- Guides, recommendations: Guide for a public communication without sex stereotype (2015).


## What about governments? (2)

- Successive gouvernments pass... Networks stay and continue their job with new people supporting their objectives.
- Associations and individuals have been active for years... until gouvernments and legislators decide to do sthg and have new rules est'd.
- ... and what one gouvernment has done or promoted, the next one or the one after might undo it! No warranty!


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