

EWM General Assembly, Cortona 2015

1. Welcome from the EWM convenor, Susanna Terracini, who remarked that the meeting has been wonderful and pointed out especially the novelty of having special scientific sessions.

Next General Assembly : Berlin, July 17th, when there will be a full day of survey lectures given by five prominent women (already selected).

Social event : July 20th. There will be a general audience talk on celestial mechanics given by Alessandra Celletti, and the official opening of a photography exhibit.

2018. Next general meeting. Candidate : Turkey.

Susanna Terracini agrees to stand as convenor for one more year.

Joint EWM-Institute Mittag Leffler -Committee EMS Women in Math: one highly successful summer school on Appolonian circle packings, held at the Institut Mittag-Leffler (Sweden). It is intended that these become a series of events. The next is proposed for 2016, to be on the topic of nonlinear PDE's and geometry.

- 2.i Appointed to take minutes: Colette Guillopé, France, and Sara Munday, Great Britain.
- 2.ii Appointed to check the minutes: Marie-Françoise Roy, France, and Susanna Terracini, Italy.
- 2.iii Appointed to count the votes: Jasmin Raissy, France.

3. There are 35 participants, 28 of them are EWM members.

4. Financial reports: Marie-Françoise presented the EWM Financial Report for the period September 2013-August 2015, in the absence of the Treasurer, Camilla Hollanti, who was not able to attend (see appendix). The financial report was approved by the Assembly. Germany collects the fees of German members, many by direct collection from their bank accounts. It is also mentioned that a country can keep EWM fees, or part of them, to organise a local EWM meeting. In the future we could spend a little more money for the general meeting. There are now around 1500 euros in the account.

Vote of the financial report. Approved.

5. Situation of membership: 360 members (registered via the website), 160 of whom have paid their fees in 2013 or 2014 or 2015 + around 50 in Germany. In 2011 and 2012, there were only 90 who paid their fees in 2013 (+ 40 German members), so this year the situation is better (due to payment being made easier on the website, and the new website).

6. Categories of fees : 5, 20 and 50 euros.

Vote on keeping the same level of fees. Approved.

There was a discussion about having arrangements with national mathematical associations to bundle fees together. It was agreed that this will be trialled in Italy, with the level of fee set at €15 to be collected by the Italian national mathematical society along with their own fees.

7. Minutes of the previous General Assembly: the minutes of the General Assembly, held during the 15th General Meeting of EWM in Bonn in September 2013, were approved.

8. Report of the convenor on past activities since the last General Meeting. A complete report (see appendix) has been given to the participants at the beginning of the present General Meeting.

Susanna Terracini gives the list of the different events of the 2013-2015 period. The report was approved by the General Assembly.

More information given by Susanna about modes of communication. Firstly, there is the mailing list EWM-ALL, which can be posted to by anyone. This is useful for discussion (for instance, recently, the discussion on conferences where there are very few women invited).

There is also the list EWM-member, which can only be used by certain administrators, but is in reality never used.

Finally, there is a Facebook group.

9. Election of members of the standing committee for the next 3 years: there must, legally, be from 8 to 12 members of the committee.

Continuing members, elected in Bonn until 2017 (but it is decided to contract this to 2016):

Angela Pistoia (Italy),

Sylvie Paycha (Germany),

Sanja Rapajic (Serbia),

Chiara Simeoni (Italy),

Lisbeth Fajstrup (Denmark).

Members elected in Barcelona, finishing their term at this meeting:

Susanna Terracini (Italy),

Camilla Hollanti (Finland),

Daniela Velikova (Slovakia),

Elena Resmerita (Austria),

Sara Munday (UK),

Corinna Ulcigrai (UK – not standing for re-election),

Olga Lukina (moved to USA – not standing for re-election).

Sara Munday has stood down from the committee, and will join as an « EWM volunteer », joining Marie-Françoise Roy (France) and Anca Croitaru (Romania).

New candidates : Jasmin Raissy (France), Nazife Erkursun Ozcan (Turkey) and Katrin Leschke (UK).

All new candidates, as well as ST, CH, DV and ER are unanimously elected to the committee. The total number of members is then 12.

Susanna Terracini is candidate for convenor until 2016, and there is no other candidate. She is elected by the General Assembly by an unanimous vote (29 favorable votes).

Unanimous vote for the Deputy Convenor: Angela Pistoia.

Susanna and Angela are enthusiastically congratulated by the General Assembly for continuing on this responsibility.

10. Regional coordinators: 32 countries have coordinators, 20 are active (see their report in the annex). It is a topic for further discussion to see how more coordinators could be active: How to recruit them ? How to get answers from them? Their role is

- to disseminate information about the existence of EWM and publicise its activities;

- to establish more connections with national mathematical associations;

- to collect data about women mathematicians, and disseminate the data, in particular with the help

of national mathematical associations.

11. Links with international associations or committees, Newsletter, mailing list, website.

(i) Link with EMS: Caroline Series is the chair of the Women in Math committee of EMS. Very good contact with EWM. Official route to the EMS. The Mittag-Leffler workshops exist because of our contact.

(ii) The joint scientific committee of EWM and EMS is chaired by Cornelia Drutu, United Kingdom. Its role is to select the speakers for the General Meeting, make suggestions for the EMS Lectures, and for the ICM Noether Lecture.

(iii) IMU created a Committee for Women in Mathematics (CWM). Marie-Françoise is chair, Caroline Series co-chair.

(iv) Magnhild Lien is present and represents AWM.

(v) The Association for African Women mathematicians, created in 2013, is mentioned also, its president, Marie-Françoise Ouedraogo, is in attendance.

A discussion develops about the role that EWM or the scientific EWM-EMS committee might have in terms of funding meetings.

Susanna points out that there are many committees for women mathematicians, but it is very difficult to find funds for these women mathematicians conferences. Could it become the way to fund our EWM meetings ? Possibly one or two people for far away countries ?

12. Marie-Françoise agreed to continue her responsibility for the website.

13. Newsletter: Jasmin Raissy and Sara Munday agreed to continue as editors of the EWM newsletter. Sara Munday and Elena Resmerita were thanked for the quality of their work as editors.

14. Katrin Leschke, United Kingdom, agreed to take over responsibility for the mailing list EWM-ALL (about 400 members).

Discussion about the candidature of Ankara, Turkey. Fantastic for the women in Turkey. But, what about the socio-political situation in Turkey in 2018? The outcome of the discussion was most agreeing that it is not reasonable to try to guess so far ahead what the political situation will be in Turkey (or Europe generally) so far in advance, and that Turkey should indeed make a proposal. The first and most important step is to secure funding.

Other possibilities : Meeting in Poland (Banach center), St Petersburg (Steklov center).

15. Thanks and conclusions.

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