

## European Level Organisations for Women Mathematicians

There are several organisations and committees supporting women mathematicians in Europe.

The first and best known is the membership organisation European Women in Mathematics (EWM), [europeanwomeninmaths.org](http://europeanwomeninmaths.org). Founded in 1986, EWM has several hundred members and coordinators in over 30 European countries. Its executive consists of a convenor, currently Susanna Terracini (Torino, Italy), and a standing committee. Every other year, EWM has a general meeting which this year took place in the Hausdorff Center, Bonn. It has an email network and publishes an electronic newsletter. It also runs a biennial summer school: the 2013 school was held at ICTP Trieste as part of the Mathematics for Planet Earth programme. EWM also organises or supports other women in maths activities: this year in France there will be a meeting 'Women in Numbers' in Luminy this October and in November a forum for young women in mathematics in Lyon. EWM has produced several videos which can be found on its website; watching them is a good way to get a taste of the unique atmosphere of EWM meetings. Details of how to join EWM can be found on the website.

EWM is independent from, but has links to, its sister organisation the Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM) based in the United States. It also works closely with various national level organisations, for example the LMS Women in Mathematics Committee and *femmes et mathématiques* in France. A variety of links can be found on the EWM website.

The second organisation for women mathematicians in Europe is the European Mathematical Society's Women and Mathematics Committee [www.euro-math-soc.eu/comm-women2.html](http://www.euro-math-soc.eu/comm-women2.html), currently chaired by Caroline Series (Warwick). The committee's remit is to address issues relating to the involvement and progression of women in mathematics, and to support and promote the recognition of the achievements of women mathematicians. It acts largely as a liaison body between the EMS, EWM and other similar organisations on these issues. Past activities have included gathering statistics on the numbers of women mathematicians in different European countries, setting up a blog (now incorporated into the EWM website), and organising panel discussions at European Congresses.

Finally, in 2008, EWM and the EMS Women in Maths Committee jointly set up the EWM/EMS Scientific Committee, [www.euro-math-soc.eu/comm-women2.html](http://www.euro-math-soc.eu/comm-women2.html). Its members are twelve distinguished women mathematicians, among them Dusa McDuff, Ursula Hamenstaedt and Ragni Piene. Currently chaired by Cornelia Drutu (Oxford), the main function of this committee is to advise EMS and EWM on scientific programmes and speakers for events aimed at emphasizing women's scientific contributions, such as those organised separately or jointly by EWM and the EMS. Together the three groups have recently been

instrumental in setting up a majority female summer school on Apollonian Packings, held in Institut Mittag Leffler in June 2014, see [www.math.ucsd.edu/~alina/ewm/](http://www.math.ucsd.edu/~alina/ewm/)

There is currently no international organisation for women mathematicians. However under the direction of Ingrid Daubechies, current president of the IMU, progress towards further international coordination is being made. Following the first International Conference for Women Mathematicians (ICWM) which took place just before the 2010 ICM in Hyderabad, a second ICWM will be held in Seoul immediately before the ICM in August 2014, [sites.google.com/site/icwm2014/](http://sites.google.com/site/icwm2014/). The ICWM is an opportunity to meet other ICM participants in a relaxed atmosphere and hear talks by prominent female mathematicians, and we encourage any interested readers to consider taking part.

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