

Brief Report

The 11th General Meeting of EWM took place near Marseille, France, from the 3rd to the 7th of November 2003. Forty-four women participated, from France, Italy, the UK, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, The Netherlands, Serbia and Montenegro, Russia, Ukraine, the Czech Republic, Algeria, Morocco and the USA.



The venue for the conference was the [CIRM](#) (Centre International de Rencontres Mathematiques) in Luminy, between the city of Marseille and the "Calanques" coastal cliffs, a very pleasant and welcoming center for mathematical conferences.



The mathematical program consisted of three series of talks. The session on **Functional Analysis and Spectral Theory** (with an orientation towards Ergodic Theory) chaired by Karma Dajani, had talks by her and by Paola Loreti, Svetlana Katok, Kathy Merrill, Anne Siegel. The applied session devoted to **Biomathematics** was chaired by Alessandra Carbone, with talks by Natasha Jonoska, Marie-France Sagot, Rebecca Wade, Susan Holmes. The interdisciplinary session devoted to **Numerical Methods**, chaired by Rosa Maria Spitaleri, had talks by her and by Tatyana Kozubskaya, Michelle Schatzman, Tatiana Vasileyva, Zorica Uzelac, Dahbia Boukari.

Titles and abstracts of the talks can be found at <http://www.math.helsinki.fi/EWM/meetings/luminy03.html>

A poster session was held, where all the participants were invited to present themselves and their work.

The new EWM web-based mentoring scheme formed the basis for a discussion session on the

theme of mentoring.

Those who had not seen it before watched the EWM video "Women and Mathematics across Cultures". The exhibit "Women in mathematics, Why not you" produced by the French association femmes et mathématiques" with beautiful portraits of 16 contemporary women mathematicians was hanged in the library of the CIRM and will stay there for one month to be admired also by participants in other conferences. This exhibit (in French or in English) is available to be shown in other places. Contact "femmes et mathématiques" if you wish to borrow it (fetm@ihp.jussieu.fr).

Karma Dajani and Jennifer Von Reis will edit the proceedings of the meeting.



During the week, a pre-general assembly gave an opportunity to inform about EWM and discuss actual issues in preparation for the General Assembly, which took place on Thursday, November 6th. New members of the Standing Committee Tatiana Ivanova and Badrieh Kojok were elected, and "old" members re-elected. The convenor was chosen to be Laura Tedeschini-Lalli.

Tatiana Vassilieva offered to organize the 12th General Meeting in Volgograd, Russia in the late summer 2005. Plans for a possible EWM event at the European Congress of Mathematicians summer 2004 were also discussed but not finalized. If you are thinking of attending ECM and would like to meet with other women there or organize a small event, please contact Sheung Tsun Tsou (tsou@maths.ox.ac.uk). A group of 19 women mathematical physicist will be holding a workshop in Oberwolfach next year. Minutes of the General Assembly are available on the EWM web page <http://www.math.helsinki.fi/EWM/info/minutes03.html>

The organizing committee consisted of Laura Fainsilber (Sweden), chair, Valérie Berthé (France), Elisabeth Rémy (France), Aviva Szpirglas (France), Tatiana Ivanova (Russia), Sheung Tsun Tsou (United Kingdom), Irene Sciriha (Malta).

The meeting was sponsored by the CIRM, the Institut Mathématique de Luminy, the city of Marseille, the region Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur, and donations from participants, Michelle Schatzman and others.



The French organization "Femmes et Mathématiques" organized on Saturday 8th a special day entitled "Mathématiques au féminin en Méditerranée" in Marseille, attended by some of the participants of the EWM meeting. Along with mathematical talks, it focused on the living and working conditions of three women mathematicians from Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia. A report (in French) on that meeting will be available on ["femmes et mathématiques"s web site](#).

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