



DUTCH ASSOCIATION OF FEMALE MATHEMATICIANS

# Half-year report

by EWM The Netherlands

In the past half year, EWM-NL has been busy on many fronts. We have spent some effort in “house-keeping”, working on settling our mailing list, social media, and communication with our members. We have been redesigning our website (and volunteers are welcome to help with this effort!) We have worked on the board structure, budget and planned activities, and sharpened the mission and vision of EWM-NL. We have started writing the EWM-NL house rules, for which more volunteers are needed.

To bring this mission in fruition, we have also been involved in organizing various events. In Fall 2017, EWM-NL will go on tour! We will be visiting all mathematics departments and institutes in The Netherlands in order to connect better with our members and get direct feedback from the community on the most pressing issues female mathematicians face.

Additionally, we have been actively promoting the further exposure of the photographic exhibition “Women of Mathematics”, and we have been helping the interested universities with organizing this event.

We continue supporting our own Mentor Network, which faced a few delays in the transitional period when we overtook the management from NWO.

Together with PWN, and with the support of NWO, we have started setting up an action list that we wish to bring to the attention of NWO, the Executive Boards of the Dutch universities, and the Deans of Mathematics departments. The actions are broad in nature, varying from policy amendments to an overview of best practices. We welcome your feedback on this topic!

We have been invited to the programme committee of the National Mathematical Congress, where we work on making sure that the voice and goals of female mathematicians in the Netherlands are represented in the main event in the mathematics community in the country.

We have been working on having a constant representation of EWM-NL in events organized by the mathematics clusters and the two gravitation programmes in the Netherlands.

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# EWM

## The Netherlands

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### June-July 2017

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# Mentor network

by EWM The Netherlands

How do women experience a career in academia? What are my opportunities for professional development? How do I create a good work-life balance? What career options are there after completing a PhD in mathematics? How do I find an academic job?

The mentor network of EWM The Netherlands is aimed at all female scientists who need advice on topics related to their mathematical career, such as balancing family and a career in science, networking with other scientists, getting further in your career.

## Register as a mentee

Are you a female mathematician working in The Netherlands and in search of some good advice? You can sign up to the network and based on your stated preferences and common interests, you will be matched to a more senior mathematician whom you can

direct your questions to, via email or in person. The frequency and contents of the meetings are determined by the participants.

## EWM-NL is looking for mentors

If you are interested in supporting another mathematician in their career by giving advice and sharing your experiences, you can become a mentor.

We encourage mathematicians of all levels *and genders* to become mentors.



## REGISTER TO THE MENTOR NETWORK

Register as a mentor or mentee by filling out the forms in the website below.

### WEBSITE

<http://www.platformwiskunde.nl/mentor-network-onder-ewm/>

# Career support grants    Special issue    Contacts call

by EWM The Netherlands and LNVH

The board of EWM The Netherlands has voted to make three small grants of up to 500 € available to support the career development of its members. Should funds permit, more grants may be made available. See also the previous newsletter for details or email us for further information at [info@ewmnetherlands.nl](mailto:info@ewmnetherlands.nl).

We would also like to bring your attention to the "Distinguished Women Scientists Fund", established by the *Dutch Network of Women Professors (LNVH)*. The fund is made available to female postdocs, up to 3 years after promotion and residing and working in the Netherlands. More information can be found [here](#).

by Journal of Humanistic Mathematics

We would like to draw your attention to a Special Issue Call for Papers on "Mathematics and Motherhood" for the [Journal of Humanistic Mathematics](#). Abstract submissions are due **October 1, 2017** and initial submission of complete manuscripts is due **January 1, 2018**.

This special issue of Journal of Humanistic Mathematics will explore the intersectionality of mathematics and motherhood with the aim of empowering more women in mathematics to pursue careers in the mathematical sciences and the professoriate. The issue will feature articles, autobiographical stories, poetry, and essays from a diverse set of women who have found success and balance in their mathematics career and motherhood.

by EWM The Netherlands

EWM The Netherlands is being present at each Dutch university by a local representative.

We are looking for members who wish to become the EWM-NL local contact person in the [University of Twente](#) and the [University of Groningen](#).

Local representatives facilitate the discussion with the mathematics community at each university and bring the concerns raised by members to the attention of the executive board. In addition, they actively promote and share the mission and vision of EWM The Netherlands.

# Reinforce the EWM-NL board

by EWM The Netherlands

The executive board of EWM The Netherlands ([EWM-NL](#)) is looking for affiliated members to lead various initiatives.

There are many actions we are planning, for which we need more volunteers. Specifically, we are looking for members willing to lead the following actions:

- ➔ Help with writing up the EWM-NL house rules.
- ➔ Help with investigating best practices in diversity policy.
- ➔ Help with representation at Dutch scientific events.
- ➔ Brainstorm about contents of NMC, sensitive to the EWM-NL mission.
- ➔ Help with organizing the “Woman in the Spotlight” column.

Interested mathematicians (of any gender!) please contact us at [info@ewmnl.nl](mailto:info@ewmnl.nl).

## JOIN AS AFFILIATED BOARD MEMBER

Volunteer as affiliated board member for a specific portfolio by emailing us at [info@ewmnl.nl](mailto:info@ewmnl.nl).

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