

A REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF ASSOCIATION FOR TURKISH WOMEN IN MATHEMATICS

In June 2012, a group of women mathematicians in Turkey established the Association for Turkish Women in Mathematics. The aim of the association is to support women in mathematics, both in academic and social areas, and encourage young women to pursue academic careers in mathematics.

To achieve this goal, the association is trying to bring women mathematicians together by organizing meetings in several formats. The first and Inaugural meeting was held on November 23, 2012 in Ankara at Cankaya University. In this one day activity, two general talks were given by senior women mathematicians and there was a panel session on "Being a Woman Academician in Turkey". More than 100 women mathematicians had attended the activity from Ankara and nearby cities. The second activity was held on February 8, 2013 in Istanbul, at Bahcesehir University, with more than 100 participants. The format of the meeting was the same as the first one, two general talks being given by senior women mathematicians following a panel session on "Being a Woman Academic Administrator in Turkey".

The third meeting organized by the association was the First Workshop of Women Mathematicians. The meeting was held during May 02-04, 2014, in Gebze, Kocaeli at the Gebze Institute of Technology. The main themes of the workshop were Algebra, Algebraic Geometry, Graph Theory and Numerical Analysis. There were three talks in each area; one general talk given by a senior women mathematician, following two talks given by young women mathematicians. There were also poster presentations, mostly done by graduate students. From undergraduate to senior mathematicians, mostly women but also some men, there were nearly 150 participants at this meeting. It is important to note that the membership in the Association is open to all Turkish citizens with a degree in Mathematics or working in a Mathematical field, regardless of being a woman or man.

There were no funds for these meetings, except for the support of the host institute. All of these meetings were realized by the dedication of women mathematicians in local organizing committees, members of the association and the participants. The feedback after all three meetings were very positive, promising for the future.