

Dear Friends, dear Women and Girls in Science of our Network,

On the Feb. 11th, our scientific community will celebrate the International Day of Women and Girls in Science. As the United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres says: We can all do our part to unleash our World's enormous untapped talent – starting with filling classrooms, laboratories, and boardrooms with women scientists. Our ECMetAC network is especially friendly to women in science, promoting at the same time gender equality and inclusion. For that we established an awarding system appreciating all genders equally. Another mechanism functioning within our network is acting for increasing visibility of women and girls who have equal chances to have oral presentations during our annual ECMetAC-Days conferences. We propose chairing of scientific session to women in science as well. Also, we support our female scientists organizing annual workshops developing soft skills like programming of their scientific carrier, intercultural communication, personal and team skills trainings, etc. We propose to our young female researchers (and also to other genders) mentoring program supporting in defining and achieving all professional goals. And finally, we offer our friendly attitude to share our experience in science with all, especially youngest women like PhD students.

For this special occasion of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 we wish you to be brave in ideas and stubborn in realizing them to the end!

More information you may find here:

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/women-and-girls-in-science-day>

<https://www.ecmetac.eu/research?view=seerad&id=9>

Yours,

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