

# Women in QIT - question list

## 1 Introduction

- When was it clear to study Physics or something in the MINT field?
- What did you study?
- When did you decide to do Phd or to want to become a professor?

## 2 Family

- If you have a partner, how did you find a place where you both would be happy?
- Do you have kids? If yes:
  - Were you afraid to get pregnant or to tell it someone?
  - How did your partner / family react?
- Is there a "good time" to get pregnant?

## 3 Sexual assault

- Have you ever heard about sexual assault in your career?
- Have you thought about it while choosing your adviser? If yes:
  - How did you handle it; or how would you nowadays handle it?

## 4 Women programs

- Do we need "Women in something" programs?
- Is it legitime to have such programs and what are they good for?
- Do you feel that participating in "Women in something" programs gives you an unfair advantage?
- Do you worry about what outsiders think of such programs?
- Do you feel you must go to social events in order to advance your career?

## 5 Men versus Women

- Did you ever feel uncomfortable as a women in a lecture hall or at a conference (possibly being the only women)? What can men do to make you feel better in such a situation?
- Were there comments like "The reason you are at this position is cause you are a woman." ?
- Do/Did you feel like you do more service work than your male peers? Service work meaning: being on committees, organizing conferences/ events, etc.

## 6 Further questions

- It seems that scientists (of any gender) must always show strength - we are all energetic, always focused, always ready to do things, always active.
  - Do you feel the same?
  - Does this cause additional problems for women?
  - How much "weakness" is accepted in science?
- What is something you wish you had known as a graduate student / postdoc / more junior professor?
- Do you have further advices?
- Do you wish some changes for the new generation?