

Role Models for Mobility:

Portraits of Women from the Marie Curie Fellows Association

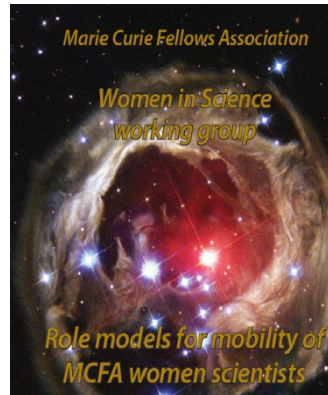
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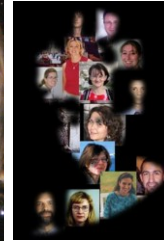
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Mobile Women in Science, Engineering and Technology



Promote mobility among women scientists

Empower women scientists and discourage discrimination and marginalisation

Foster gender equality and scientific excellence in SET

Encourage the promotion of equality policies at national and European level

Other activities of m-WISET

- Cooperation with WIRES /USA in finding partners for research projects
- Cooperation with ECWT
- Represented in the COST action genderSTE – particularly activities on Climate Change
- Cooperation with Eurodoc – issues on the Charter and the Code
- Cooperation with EuroScience – sessions at ESOF

Dual career and mobility against the brain drain



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Through mobility you can learn more of the way of life of people in other places



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Travelling the world of science breaking boundaries and exploring the cosmos



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It is more recognised and accepted nowadays that mobility is a key-factor in achieving a successful scientific career. The benefits gained from the mobility experience range from acquiring new skills, being exposed to new cultures, opening of new horizons, exchanging of information, getting access to better research facilities etc. For almost 20 years the Marie Curie Fellowships have been one of the main instruments to promote a culture of 'mobility' in the European Union and beyond. However the numbers of women who leave their country to go and spend a period 'abroad' is still limited and even less is still the number of women who reach the top level in their career. It can be difficult to fulfil the needs of a couple, what is called dual-career or even more settling down to have a family. Quite often the 'mobility' is seen as an obstacle rather than a mean to achieve both. In addition 'mobility' can be daunting as there is no guarantee to find a place in the previous Host Institution or country once the 'mobility' period is over. The Women in Science Working Group of the Marie Curie Fellows Association (MCFA) will present the experiences of women who have been 'mobile' and also been successful in their career without losing the focus of having a life-work balance.