

**European Mathematical Society** The committee worked for some years on a “questionnaire project” on the careers of mathematicians, a project started in 2000 and carried out until 2004 during Emilia Mezzetti’s chairing term.

The text of the questionnaire was the following:

1. Male / female
  2. Date of birth
  3. Universities where have you studied?
  4. Post-graduate education: when and where?
  5. PhD: when? Doctorate: when?
  6. Education and profession of your parents
  7. Children: how many?
  8. Do your children deal with mathematics? What is their age and professions?
  9. What is your partner’s education and where does he/she live?
  10. What was your motivation in selecting your place of work: your career or your partner’s career?
  11. When did you get your first
    - temporary job
    - permanent job on your speciality?
  12. How many temporary jobs / permanent jobs dealing with mathematics did you have?
  13. Does the selection of the place of work depend on where you live?
  14. When was the most significant progress
    - in salary
    - professional status
    - research (best paper)
  15. Were there any time-gaps in your career?  
If so, what was the reasons:
    - a) family
    - b) health
    - c) administrative reasons
    - d) other
  16. Who or what influenced the choice of your profession?
    - a) family
    - b) school
    - c) mathematical circles (additional study in mathematics)
    - d) books
    - e) other
- Comments:

This questionnaire was tested on mathematicians in various european countries.