



Newsletter - January 2021

## 500 Women Scientists Bern-Fribourg

We hope you had a restful end of 2020 and a renewed motivation to fulfil your projects for 2021. The year has started slow but we already have few news we want to share with you.

We also wanted to thank all the new subscribers to our Newsletter, please feel free to contact us to share your news. In addition, we want to remind you that you can also join our pod [here](#) and get actively involved in our activities.

**500 Women Scientists Bern-Fribourg Pod Coordinators**  
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### TOP STORIES

## No, we don't want more Matildas

The Spanish Association of Women in Research and Technology (AMIT, by the Spanish acronym) has recently launched the campaign [#NoMoreMatildas](#). This campaign, named after [Matilda Joslyn Gage](#), is aimed to bring awareness to the many female scientists who are not recognised in the current education system for their contribution to science. Female scientists only represent a 7% of the scientists portrayed in school and high school textbooks, when we all know there were many more. For that reason, AMIT has created an annex to include in all Spanish textbooks including the stories and discoveries of some of the many women underrepresented throughout the history of science.



From 500 Women Scientists Bern-Fribourg, we would like to start a similar initiative in

Switzerland and inspire girls from an early age to pursue a career in science. If you are interested in this project and have any ideas on how to contribute, please get in touch!

## No more excuses for manels!

A [manel](#) is a panel whose participants are all men. In 2018, [Request a woman scientist](#) was launched to provide a database for women experts all over the globe, with the intention of no longer letting the excuse “We wanted to include women, but we couldn’t find any!” pass. After a relaunch in January 2021, the platform has now grown up, has a more appealing design and is more user-friendly and a new name - [gage](#). It claims to be the world’s largest directory of women and gender minorities in science, technology, engineering, math and medicine (STEMM), and it likely is ;).

“We exist. Find us!”

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### Survey on career grants

We would like to ask you to give us 5 minutes of your time to answer 10 questions and participate in our [survey](#) concerning motivations to apply for career funding. We are interested in the thoughts, opinions and experiences of people from **all genders** concerning career grants (not only by SNSF, but also by other institutions and funding bodies).

#### DON'T MISS

The panel discussion on the **9th February** organised by the ALBA network: [Do I have to act like a man to succeed in science?](#)

#### CHECK OUT

[Know the Gap](#) and their gender series program for interesting talks!

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