

Forum 2023

The fifth edition of the women's forum organized by the EDI Commission of the FBM was held in the lounge on the 20th floor of the CHUV, on August 25, 2023, with Madame Ruth Dreifuss, former federal councilor and first female President of the Swiss Confederation. After a brief introduction given by Professor Caroline Pot, president of the EDI Commission, a discussion around a large circle, led by Professor Francesca Amati, co-president of the commission, allowed each participant to ask questions to Madame Dreifuss. The discussion was followed by an aperitif dinner where participants at the sound of a bell, rotated between several tables to get to know people from different generations and expertise. The event was a magical moment that unlocked a great force within the group in the presence of Madame Dreifuss, whilst maintaining respect of each other's individuality. It was also an opportunity to forge new links with other female professors in the faculty.

The reactions of the participants emphasizing the event's success included:

"It was an evening that will remain engraved in my memory.

"Such an inspiring and motivating exchange".

"I came away stronger from this exchange".

"I'll remember the discussion with Ruth Dreifuss for a long time: she was so inspiring and encouraging, and I've rarely met such a genuine and determined female politician. I came away full of energy!"

Forum 2022

The fourth edition of the forum organized by the FBM - EDI Commission was held at the Musée de la Main (Rue du Bugnon 21) on June 9th, 2022. A brief introduction was given by Professor Marc Robinson, President of the EDI Commission. A lecture entitled "Women in science: what we have achieved and what needs to be done!" was given by Prof Susan Gasser, Director of the ISREC Foundation and honorary Professor of the UNIL. This lecture sparked discussions on career advancement opportunities for female scientific researchers and the importance of women's role in leadership positions.

Forum 2021

The EDI Commission organized its third Women's Forum on April 29th from 5.30-7.00 pm via Zoom, with a talk by Prof Nicky Le Feuvre, vice-dean of academic careers and equality, and future Dean of the UNIL SSP (social and political science) faculty. The conference was entitled "Occupational Feminisation: a Challenge for Gender Studies" ("La féminisation du marché du travail : un enjeu analytique pour les études genre").

Over 40 members of the FBM's faculty registered for the event, including Emeritus Professor and former FBM Dean, Béatrice Desvergne (Laureate of the FBM Equality Prize 2020).

The discussion that followed the presentation enabled participants to share their experiences, ideas and advice ... The journey towards greater equality and inclusion will continue.

"Thank you for an inspiring forum".

"A very big thank you, hoping to continue these interesting discussions"

Forum 2019

The second edition of this forum took place on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at La Datcha (Rue des Côtes-de-Montbenon).

This informal, fun get-together between female professors at the FBM, was accompanied by an aperitif-dinner, and centered around a lecture given by Professor Estelle Doudet (Faculty of Humanities). Her presentation, entitled "Talk like a man? Literary debates on the sexuation of language, from the Middle Ages to the present day" ("Parler comme un homme? Débats littéraires sur la sexuation du langage, du Moyen Âge à nos jours"), shared her thoughts on the importance of language in the societal positioning of women through the ages.

Forum 2018

The first edition of the forum was held at the Musée de la Main (Rue du Bugnon 21) on Monday, October 29th, 2018. A brief introduction to the Pro-Femmes commission was given by Professors Sophie Martin and Christine Sempoux, President and Vice-President of the commission. This was followed by a moment of exchange between the female professors of the FBM in the form of speed-dating and then an aperitif which enabled everyone to get to know each other.