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What did you study?

Mathematics

Why are you passionate about science?

My mother used to play games with me using numbers and set theory, using my older sister's books.

Brief description of your job/what are you working on right now:

Researcher in number theory and mathematical didactics.

Inventor of mathematical exhibits.

Have you always wanted to do the job you have now:

When I was 4 I knew I wanted to do mathematics, although I had no idea of what the job would be. When I went to the University I believed that I would become a mathematical teacher....I only discovered what a PhD was when I was already at the University.

What do you wish people knew about your job?

It is very cool, makes you ready to do any other job. It is an ethical job, and research helps the world!

What's your favourite thing about your job:

My colleagues are a set of very intelligent people.

What inspired you?

Helping others gives me a lot of energy.

Training (university/college/apprenticeship)

Math competitions in high-school, University, PhD, 2 Postdocs, 1 Lecturer, now Professor.

What were you like at a young age?

Courageous, I never followed what the others did without reflecting whether it made sense for me (I did not smoke or do stupid things just to uniformize).

What were your favourite subjects at school?

Math, German

Hobby:

Inventing jokes, making artworks, singing.



Favourite food:
Cream custard.

Weird fact:
I was 2 years younger than my school-mates (and that was illegal!).

Skill/Party trick:
I can speak to strangers by finding some excuse for it.

What would your autobiography be called:
Simply me, the small mathematician who saw things the others overlooked.

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