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## **Awardees of the IUPAC 2019 Distinguished Women in Chemistry or Chemical Engineering**

To celebrate International Day of Women and Girls in Science this February 11, IUPAC is pleased to announce the awardees of the IUPAC 2019 Distinguished Women in Chemistry or Chemical Engineering:

Professor Kim **Baldrige**, School Pharmaceutical Science and Technology, Tianjin, China  
Professor Donna **Blackmond**, The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, CA, USA  
Professor Susan **Bourne**, Department of Chemistry, Rondebosch, South Africa  
Professor Janine **Cossy**, ESPCI, Paris, France  
Professor Vicki **Grassian**, University of California San Diego, La Jolla, CA, USA  
Professor Otilia **Mó Romero**, Univ Autonoma Madrid, Madrid, Spain  
Professor Elizabeth Ann **Nalley**, Cameron University, Lawto, OK, USA  
Professor Carol Vivien **Robinson**, University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom  
Professor Molly **Shoichet**, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada  
Professor Luisa **Torsi**, University of Bari Aldo Moro, Bari, Italy  
Professor Chris **Willis**, School of Chemistry, Bristol, United Kingdom  
Professor Pernilla **Wittung-Stafshede**, Chalmers University, Gothenburg, Sweden

The awards program, initiated as part of the 2011 International Year of Chemistry celebrations, was created to acknowledge and promote the work of women chemists/chemical engineers worldwide. These 12 awardees have been selected based on excellence in basic or applied research, distinguished accomplishments in teaching or education, or demonstrated leadership or managerial excellence in the chemical sciences. The Awards Committee has been particularly interested in nominees with a history of leadership and/or community service during their careers.

An award ceremony will take place during the IUPAC World Chemistry Congress in Paris, France, coinciding with the special symposium on Women in Chemistry and reception in honor of the recipients. See [www.iupac2019.org](http://www.iupac2019.org) for details.

Dr. Carolyn Ribes, chair of the IUPAC committee on Chemistry and Industry and co-chair of the special symposium, remarked: "We are pleased with this year's awardees and eager to recognize their contribution in a special session organized for the 2019 IUPAC Congress. Each year since 2011, the award has gained more attention in the community. During this year's Congress and with the help of IUPAC leadership, we plan to continue this trend."

The International Day of Women and Girls in Science is a global day celebrating achievement and promoting full and equal access to and participation in science for women

and girls. The day also marks a call to action for further achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.

*About IUPAC:*

IUPAC was formed in 1919 by chemists from industry and academia. Since then, the Union has succeeded in fostering worldwide communications in the chemical sciences and in uniting academic, industrial and public sector chemistry in a common language. IUPAC is recognized as the world authority on chemical nomenclature, terminology, standardized methods for measurement, atomic weights and many other critically evaluated data. In more recent years, IUPAC has been pro-active in establishing a wide range of conferences and projects designed to promote and stimulate modern developments in chemistry, and also to assist in aspects of chemical education and the public understanding of chemistry. More information about IUPAC and its activities is available at [www.iupac.org](http://www.iupac.org).

*<https://iupac.org/iupac-2019-distinguished-women/>*

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