

Awardees of the IUPAC 2017 Distinguished Women in Chemistry or Chemical Engineering

To celebrate International Women's Day this March 8th, IUPAC is pleased to announce the awardees of the IUPAC 2017 Distinguished Women in Chemistry or Chemical Engineering:

Prof. Misako Aida, Hiroshima University, Japan

Prof. Lifeng Chi, Soochow University, Suzhou, China

Prof. M. Concepcion Gimeno, University of Zaragoza, Spain

Dr. Jaqueline Kiplinger, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, NM, United States

Prof. Zafra Lerman, Malta Conferences Foundation, Evanston, IL, United States

Prof. Thisbe K. Lindhorst, Universität Kiel, Germany

Prof. Ekaterina Lokteva, M.V.Lomonosov Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia

Prof. Yvonne Mascarenhas, University OF Sap Paulo, Sao Carlos, Brazil

Dr. Veronika Ruth Meyer, Empa St. Gallen (retired), Swiss Federal Laboratories for Materials Science and Technology, Switzerland

Prof. Ingrid Montes-González, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Prof. Frances Separovic, University of Melbourne, Australia

Prof. Jihong Yu, Jilin University, China

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 São Paulo, Brazil, coinciding with the special symposium on Women in Chemistry and a reception in honor of the recipients. See www.iupac2017.org for details.

Professor Vanderlan da S. Bolzani, co-chair of the special symposium, remarked: "We are especially pleased with this year's awardees and eager to recognize their contribution in a special session organized

for the IUPAC 2017 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. My hope is to make every day International Women's Day!"

The International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. www.internationalwomensday.com

<https://iupac.org/iupac-2017-distinguished-women/>



Neil Garg is the Recipient of the 2016 Thieme-IUPAC Prize

We are delighted to announce that the 2016 Thieme-IUPAC Prize has been awarded to Neil Garg of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). The prize includes an award of €5000 and was presented to Neil Garg in January 2017 at the 13th Winter Conference on Medicinal & Bioorganic Chemistry in Steamboat Springs, Colorado/USA following his Thieme-IUPAC lecture.

In his research, Neil Garg has had a major impact on the field of synthetic organic chemistry. He and his coworkers develop new reaction methodologies and synthetic strategies to prepare complex organic molecules. Specific areas of interest include cross-coupling reactions, green chemistry, heterocycle synthesis, and natural product total synthesis.

Sponsored jointly by Georg Thieme Verlag, IUPAC, and the editors of SYNLETT, SYNTHESIS, Science of Synthesis, and Houben-Weyl, the prize is awarded to a scientist under 40 years of age whose research has had a major impact in synthetic organic chemistry. The prize is given on the basis of scientific merit for independent research dealing with synthesis in the broadest context of organic chemistry, including organometallic chemistry, medicinal and biological chemistry, designed molecules, and materials.

www.thieme.de/en/thieme-chemistry/thieme-iupac-prize-55182.htm