

There were 43 applications from 15 different countries. The Prize Selection Committee awarded six Honorable Mentions:

- Sarah Bronner, USA, University of California, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- Paul Brown, UK, University of Bristol, Bristol, United Kingdom
- Gaston Corthey, Argentina, Universidad Nacional de La Plata, La Plata, Argentina
- Thierry Fouquet, France, Aix-Marseille University, Aix-en-Provence, France
- Sayantan Paria, India, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India
- Joshua Robinson, USA, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA

 www.iupac.org/news/news-detail/article/iupac-announces-winners-of-the-2013-iupac-prizes-for-young-chemists.html

Recipients of the IUPAC 2013 Distinguished Women in Chemistry or Chemical Engineering Awards

The awardees of the IUPAC 2013 Distinguished Women in Chemistry or Chemical Engineering are as follows:

- Irina P. Beletskaya, Moscow State University, Russia
- Annette Doherty, Senior VP Product Development, GlaxoSmithKline Plc, UK
- Mary Garson, University of Queensland, Australia
- Evamarie Hey-Hawkins, University of Leipzig, Germany
- Kazue Kurihara, Tohoku University, Japan
- Liliana Mammino, University of Venda, South Africa



- Elsa Reichmanis, Georgia Institute of Technology, USA
- Concepció Rovira, Institute of Materials Science of Barcelona, Spain
- Maria Vallet-Regi, Universidad Complutense, Spain
- Angela Wilson, University of North Texas, USA
- Yi Xie, University of Science & Technology of China, China

The awards program, initiated as part of the 2011 International Year of Chemistry celebrations, acknowledges and promotes the work of women chemists/chemical engineers worldwide (see Mar-Apr 2013 *CI*, www.iupac.org/publications/ci/2013/3502/iw2_call.html). The 11 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 was particularly interested in nominees with a history of leadership and/or community service during their careers.

In 2011, 23 women were honored during a ceremony held at the IUPAC Congress in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on 2 August 2011. The event was sponsored by a challenge grant from the American Chemical Society and by Dow Chemical. This year, a similar award ceremony will take place during the IUPAC Congress in Istanbul, Turkey, on 16 August 2013. The ceremony and reception in honor of the recipients will follow the symposium: *Women in Chemistry: Gaining Momentum*.

Green Chemistry for Life

On 29 March 2013, UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova and the chief executive officer of the Russian company PhosAgro Maxim Volkov, signed a partnership agreement to promote “green chemistry.” The agreement establishes the joint Green Chemistry for Life project, to be carried out in close cooperation with IUPAC, which will provide grants to support promising projects proposed by young scientists.

Established initially for five years, the project will provide grants worth a total of USD \$1.4M to young scientists from developing countries who are working on the application of advanced chemistry technologies for issues like environmental protection, human health, food supplies and the use of natural resources.