



European Association for Chemical and Molecular Sciences

## News Release

### Publication of *European Women in Chemistry*

EuCheMS is pleased to announce the publication of *European Women in Chemistry* - a compilation of short profiles of over 50 remarkable European women chemists from the early pioneers to the present day. The book, published by Wiley-VCH, looks at the scientific story as well as the personal sacrifices and societal opposition that many of these great women scientists had to overcome to make their mark in the early days of chemistry.

The women profiled in *European Women in Chemistry* range from famous and well-known figures, such as Nobel Laureates Marie Curie, Ada Yonath, Irène Joliot-Curie and Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin, to women whose reputations are not so well known, but whose contributions have been vital. The book covers the major contributions of women chemists, from developments in crystallography, elucidation of the structure of ribosome and the discovery of DNA and radiation. Many of their discoveries were ground breaking and award winning and set chemistry on new paths.

The book was conceived by EuCheMS to mark the International Year of Chemistry (IYC2011). Launched at an event organised by UNESCO in Paris on 27-28 January, IYC2011 is a worldwide celebration aimed at increasing the public appreciation of the role of chemistry in meeting world needs, promoting the interest of young people in the subject and generating enthusiasm for the creative future of chemistry, as well as celebrating the role of women. 2011 also marks the 100th anniversary of the Nobel Prize awarded to Madame Marie Curie.

*European Women in Chemistry* was edited by Jan Apotheker, Royal Netherlands Chemical Society, and Livia Sarkadi, Hungarian Chemical Society, and includes a Foreword by Nicole Moreau, President of IUPAC (International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry)

Useful links:

- for more information on IYC2011 events and activities [www.chemistry2011.org](http://www.chemistry2011.org)
- to order the book <http://dmmsclick.wiley.com/click.asp?p=12923758&m=35221&u=782586>

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**Note:** EuCheMS – the European Association for Chemical and Molecular Sciences - is a non-profit making association. Its object is to promote cooperation in Europe between those non-profit-making scientific and technical societies and professional institutions in the field of chemistry whose membership consists largely of individual qualified chemists/chemical scientists and whose interests include the science and/or practice of chemistry/ chemical sciences. It was founded in 1970 and currently has 46 member societies in 34 countries.

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