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## The 2001 L'Oréal - Unesco Awards Go To Women In Science From Around The World

Paris, February 28, 2001 - The 2001 Awards for Women in Science with the support of UNESCO were presented today at UNESCO headquarters to five distinguished women scientists from different regions of the globe. Presented by L'ORÉAL's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Lindsay Owen-Jones, and by UNESCO's Director General, Koïchiro Matsuura, the Awards recognized the work of scientists from Africa, the United States, Asia/Pacific, Latin America and Europe:

Adeyinka Gladys FALUSI (Nigeria) has been studying molecular genetics related to hereditary blood diseases such as alpha-thalassaemia and sickle cell disease. Her research at the University of Ibadan, has been instrumental in opening the way to prevention of these diseases through prenatal diagnosis.

Joan STEITZ (U.S.A.), Sterling Professor of Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry at Yale University, whose research has brought to light the mechanisms of gene expression and opened the way to the diagnosis of rheumatic and autoimmune diseases.

Suzanne CORY (Australia), Director of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research in Melbourne, where her research into understanding the process of programmed cell death has resulted in breakthroughs of great clinical importance for the development of cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Mayana ZATZ (Brazil) is leading a fight against neuromuscular dystrophies. She participated in the sequencing of the first plant pathogen (Xylella), published in July 2000, and she was recently named to head a center of the Human Genome.

Anne McLAREN (U.K.), whose remarkable work on embryo development resulted in the development of in vitro fertilization and prenatal diagnosis. Today her research at the Wellcome/CRC Institute in Cambridge pushes the limits further, with germ cells and pluripotential stem cells.

At the ceremony in Paris, ten UNESCO-L'ORÉAL Fellowships, worth US\$10,000 each, were awarded to young women scientists to assist them in pursuing careers in research. They are:

- Rebecca Salu Livingstone (Nigeria), Zoology; Ibadan University, Nigeria.
- Reine Raïssa Note (Congo), Pharmacology; Beaujon hospital, Clichy, France.
- Analilia Arroyo Becerra (Mexico), Plant biology; Independent University of Madrid.
- Jacqueline Chaparro Olaya (Colombia), Parasitology; King's College, London.
- Suraini Abd-Aziz (Malaysia), Biochemistry; Putra Malaysia University.

- Allison Joy Haywood (New Zealand), Planktonology; Monterey Bay Research Institute, U.S.
- (more) - Amaal Mohamadein Ahamad (Egypt), Ecotoxicology; Zagazig University, Egypt.
- Chantal Farra (Lebanon), Human genetics; Children's Hospital of Boston, U.S.
- Miroslava Atanassova (Bulgaria), Microbiology; at the INRA, Nantes, France.
- Jarmila Nahalkova (Slovakia), Plant biology; Swedish Institute of Agriculture, Uppsala.

Deeply committed to research, the L'ORÉAL Group signed a 5-year partnership agreement in 1999 with UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization). The annual awards program "For Women in Science" highlights the fundamental contribution of women scientists to research, notably in the life sciences. The 2001 Awards are the third in the series, and now constitute a community of 35 Laureates and Fellowship beneficiaries.

EDITORS: For more information and photos:

Photos of Laureates, Fellowships, and Awards Ceremony :  
[www.forwomeninscience.com/press/index.asp](http://www.forwomeninscience.com/press/index.asp)

From February 28, download profiles and background information from the "For Women in Science" site: [www.forwomeninscience.com](http://www.forwomeninscience.com)

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