
Women Chemists Worldwide 2025-2026

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This special issue of Arkivoc is for “Women Chemists Worldwide”

This special issue brings together a collection of articles highlighting the scientific achievements of women all around the World in different areas of chemistry. We thank all the authors and co-authors for their willingness to participate in the adventure. We hope that this special issue will be a source of inspiration for readers.

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Despite their involvement, their dedication to research and their discoveries, women still represent only around 33% of researchers and, less than 4 % of Nobel Prizes for science have been awarded to women. Even if women in science are achieving ground-breaking research across the World, their work rarely gains the recognition it deserves.

However, different institutions and organizations are fighting to encourage women to take a scientific career, to recognize their merits in sciences (IUPAC, L'Oreal, UNESCO, UN, etc.) and to advocate the cause of women scientists. We can cite Audrey Azoulay, Director General of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization, who said "by advancing the cause of women, we can drive progress in science"

If, in 2025, we still have special prizes to help empower more women scientists and to recognize women's scientific excellence, this means that we still have a lot of work to do to reach gender equality and to encourage young girls to pursue a scientific career. Women scientists still need to fight to be judged purely on the merit of their discoveries and the potential of their work to change the World.

In this context, the editorial board of Arkivoc has decided to have a special issue to highlight the scientific achievements of women all around the World in different areas of chemistry. This issue brings together outstanding contributions in different fields of chemistry.

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