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2009 L'ORÉAL-UNESCO Awards  
*PHYSICAL SCIENCES*

Dear Professor,

The level of the candidates nominated for the 2009 L'ORÉAL-UNESCO Awards dedicated to PHYSICAL SCIENCES was excellent. After extensive deliberations, the International Jury presided by **Professor Ahmed ZEWAİL**, 1999 Nobel Prize in Chemistry and in the presence of **Professor Christian de DUVE**, 1974 Nobel Prize in Medicine, Founding President, has designated the following laureates:

- **Pr. Beatriz Barbuy** *for LATIN AMERICA*  
Professor at the Institute of Astronomy, Geophysics and Atmospheric Sciences at the University of São Paulo in Brazil.  
**“for her work on the life of stars from the birth of the universe to the present time”**
- **Pr. Athene M. Donald** *for EUROPE*  
Professor of Experimental Physics at the Cavendish Laboratory in the Department of Physics at the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom.  
**“for her work in unravelling the mysteries of the physics of messy materials, ranging from cement to starch.”**
- **Pr. Akiko Kobayashi** *for ASIA (OCEANIA and PACIFIC)*  
Professor and Chair of the Department of Chemistry, College of Humanities and Sciences at Nihon University in Japan.  
**“for her contribution to the development of molecular conductors and the design and synthesis of a single-component molecular metal”**
- **Pr. Eugenia Kumacheva** *for NORTH AMERICA (Canada and USA)*  
Professor in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Toronto in Canada.  
**“for the design and development of new materials with many applications including targeted drug delivery for cancer treatments and materials for high density optical data storage”**
- **Pr. Tebello Nyokong** *for AFRICA and ARAB STATES*  
Professor in the Department of Chemistry at Rhodes University in South Africa.  
**“for her work on harnessing light for cancer therapy and for environmental clean-up”**

The Awards ceremony will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 and will be presided by the Jury President, Professor Ahmed ZEWAİL.

We remain at your entire disposal for any further information you may need.  
Yours sincerely,

Renée CLAIR (for UNESCO)

Jennifer CAMPBELL (for L'ORÉAL)

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