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## **CCR's 2010 Diversity Award Goes to Argonne Lab's Marion Thurnauer**

**Washington DC** – The Council for Chemical Research (CCR) has selected Marion Thurnauer, Distinguished Fellow Emeritus, Argonne National Laboratory to be the recipient of its 2010 Diversity Award.

Dr. Thurnauer was the founder of the Science Careers in Search of Women conference, the first of which was held in 1988 for college undergraduates and has since become an annual event for regional high school girls interested in science. This conference has influenced the future of nearly ten thousand young women over the past two decades.

"Marion is an inspirational leader not only in chemistry and photosynthesis but by promoting diversity at Argonne, across the Chicago region, and throughout the chemical enterprise," says Seth Snyder, 2010 Chair of the CCR Governing Board. "In addition, Marion guided my career from a new graduate to a CCR Representative."

Dr. Thurnauer has been a pioneer as a women chemist. When she joined Argonne's Chemistry Division, she was the only woman scientist in the Division. When she rose to the level of Division Director, she was the first woman to lead an R&D division at Argonne. Dr. Thurnauer was co-PI on Argonne's Center for Nanoscale Materials, one of the original five centers supported by DOE Office of Science. Marion accomplished all of this while remaining actively engaged in chemical research spanning, magnetic resonance, theory, photosynthesis, artificial photosynthesis, and nanoscience.

Dr. Thurnauer will receive her award at a ceremony on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, during CCR's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting in Atlanta GA.

The Council for Chemical Research is a not-for-profit organization that brings together industry, academia and government laboratories that conduct research in chemistry-related science and engineering in the US. CCR was formed in 1979 to promote cooperation in basic research and encourage high quality education in the chemical sciences and engineering. The mission of the CCR is to benefit society by advancing research in chemistry, chemical engineering, and related disciplines through leadership collaboration across discipline, institution, and sector boundaries.

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