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Association for Women in Science Announces 2009 Fellows
New Fellows Honored During AAAS Annual Meeting

Chicago, IL, February 15, 2009 – The Association for Women in Science (AWIS) has announced its 2009 Class of Fellows. The seven women and one man will be formally recognized at an awards ceremony and reception held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), in Chicago, Illinois. The reception takes place from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., in the Grand Ballroom, Fairmont Chicago Hotel. The public is invited.

To honor the AWIS Fellows, Mayor Richard M. Daley has declared Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009 “Women in Science Day” in the City of Chicago.

The 2009 AWIS Fellows are:

Donna J. Dean, Ph.D., Senior Science Advisor, Lewis-Burke Associates LLC

Winifred Doane, Ph.D., Professor Emeritas, Molecular & Cellular Biology Program, Arizona State University

Howard Georgi, Ph.D., Mallinckrodt Professor of Physics, Department of Physics, Harvard University

Ursuala Goodenough, Ph.D., Professor of Biology, Department of Biology, Washington University

Jo Handelsman, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Bacteriology and Plant Pathology, University of Wisconsin - Madison

Beverly Karplus Hartline, Ph.D., Special Assistant to the Provost and Interim Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, Delaware State University

Judith M. Iriarte-Gross, Professor of Chemistry, Department of Chemistry, Middle Tennessee State University

Dr. Virginia Valian, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Psychology and Biopsychology, Hunter College-CUNY

Criteria for selection as an AWIS Fellow is a demonstrated exemplary commitment to the achievement of equity for women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The first AWIS Fellows were named in 1996, as part of AWIS' 25th anniversary celebration. The 2009 Class brings, to date, 142 AWIS Fellows so honored by the organization.

Founded in 1971, the Association for Women in Science (AWIS) is the largest multi-disciplinary scientific organization for women in the United States. AWIS is dedicated to achieving equity and full participation of women in all fields of science and technology. Now in its 38th year as the premiere professional association for women in STEM disciplines, AWIS has more than 3,000 members and over 50 chapters. Membership is open to any individual who supports the full participation of women in science.