

CAS Paleontologist Named L'Oréal-UNESCO Outstanding Women in Science

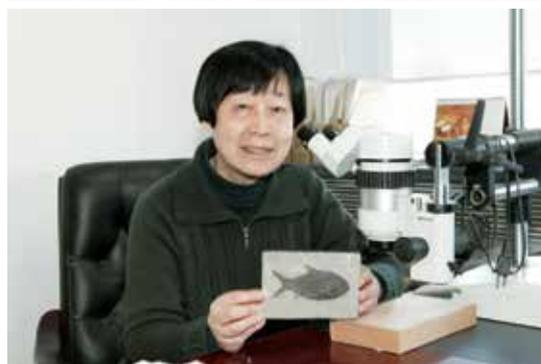
Paleontologist Dr. CHANG Meemann (ZHANG Miman), CAS Member and senior professor of the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology (IVPP), Chinese Academy of Sciences, was selected on November 13, 2017 by UNESCO and the L'Oréal Foundation as one of the five outstanding female scientists from around the world for “her pioneering work on fossil records leading to insights on how aquatic vertebrates adapted to life on land.”

Dr. CHANG and other four women scientists, Profs. Heather Zar, Janet Rossant, Caroline Dean and Amy T. Austin, respectively from Argentina, Canada, South Africa, and the United Kingdom, will receive the 2018 L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science Awards in life sciences on March 22, 2018 in Paris, on the 20th anniversary of the L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science program.

The L'Oréal-UNESCO for Women in Science Awards celebrate the excellence of eminent women in science all over the world, at a time when women are under-represented in science and many other areas, as an effort to promote equality between women and men in science.

Dr. CHANG, a paleontologist and evolutionary biologist, graduated from Moscow University in 1960 and received her Ph. D. from Stockholm University in 1982. She has since been a research professor at IVPP. She served the office of the director of the institute from 1983 to 1991, president of the International Paleontological Association from 1992 to 1996, and president of the Paleontological Society of China from 1993 to 1997. In 1991, she was elected as a Member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Each year for almost two decades, the Women in Science winners are selected by an independent jury of ten high-profile members of the international science community. This year, the committee was chaired by Professor Elizabeth H. Blackburn, co-winner of Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 2009 and laureate of the 2008 L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science



Award. Each winner will receive a prize of €100,000 in recognition of their excellent contributions to the advancement of science. (CHEN Pingfu)