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Scientific American's Mariette DiChristina named AAAS Fellow

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Scientific American Editor in Chief Mariette DiChristina has been named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) for the Section on General Interest in Science and Engineering. This is an honor bestowed upon members of the association by their peers.

DiChristina joins 500 other newly elected Fellows of the world's largest general scientific organization, who will be honored on February 19 during the AAAS Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. DiChristina is being honored for distinguished science journalism and editing that has had a major impact on public understanding of science.

"I feel honored and humbled by this recognition from my peers, and to be included in such an esteemed group in the science community," said DiChristina. "At *Scientific American* I have the privilege of engaging our reader's intellectual curiosity about the wonder and beauty of science and I'm grateful to be acknowledged for something that is so important to me personally."

DiChristina has been the Editor in Chief of *Scientific American* since December 2009. She is the eighth person and first female to assume the top post in the magazine's 165-year history. During her 20-plus career in journalism, she has garnered many awards and served as the president (in 2009 and 2010) of the 2,500-member National Association of Science Writers.

Under DiChristina's leadership, *Scientific American* is committed to promoting STEM education and wider engagement of the public with science. In September 2010, Nature Publishing Group, *Scientific American's* parent organization, became a member of Change the Equation, a CEO-led initiative to cultivate widespread literacy in STEM in the U.S., as part of President Obama's "Educate to Innovate" campaign. *Scientific American* is launching several programs in 2011 in support of the initiative's goals.

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Full Biography for Mariette DiChristina:

Mariette DiChristina oversees *Scientific American*, *ScientificAmerican.com*, *Scientific American Mind* and all newsstand special editions. She is the eighth person and first female to assume the top post in *Scientific American's* 165-year history. A science journalist for more than 20 years, she first came to *Scientific American* in 2001 as its executive editor. She was named an AAAS Fellow in 2011. She was also the president (in 2009 and 2010) of the 2,500-member National Association of Science Writers. She has been an adjunct professor in the graduate Science, Health and Environmental Reporting program at New York University for the past few years. DiChristina is a frequent lecturer and has appeared at the New York Academy of Sciences, California Academy of Sciences, 92nd Street Y in New York, Yale University and New York University among many others.

Previously, she spent nearly 14 years at *Popular Science* in positions culminating as executive editor. Her work in writing and overseeing articles about space topics helped garner that magazine the Space Foundation's 2001 Douglas S. Morrow Public Outreach Award. In spring 2005 she was Science Writer in Residence at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Her chapter on science editing appears in the second edition of *A Field Guide for Science Writers*. She is former chair of Science Writers in New York (2001 to 2004) and a member of the American Society of Magazine Editors and the Society of Environmental Journalists. DiChristina was honored by New York's Italian Heritage and Culture Committee in October 2009 for her contributions as an Italian American to science journalism and education in New York City. In January 2010, she was honored by the National Organization of Italian American Women as one of its "Three Wise Women" of 2009.

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