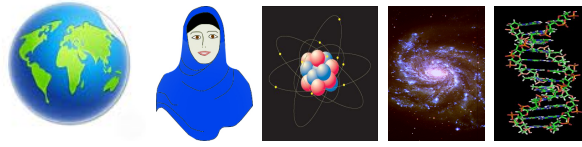


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## INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF MUSLIM WOMEN IN SCIENCE (ISMWS)

### ISMWS CHARTER

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Women throughout the world are making rapid strides in all forms of human endeavor. This is true in basic areas such as health and education, as well as in the most advanced avenues of arts and sciences. However, progress is not evenly spread and is lacking in many parts of the world. The situation is exceptionally dire and distinctively weak for Muslim women in regards to their involvement in science. While they are intellectually capable, admirably inquisitive and deeply interested in exploration of the science of the universe, they often remain quietly behind by the traditional family responsibilities and cultural environments. It is therefore an opportune time to address what we recognize to be a widespread and profound need, the advancement of Muslim women scientists, not only from Islamic countries but worldwide.

While upholding their traditional values, and consistent with their social and cultural environments, we would like to encourage and inculcate their natural abilities in the pursuit of scientific disciplines at the highest levels. With that aim, we form this International Society of Muslim Women in Science which will have the following objectives.

1. Seek and enroll Muslim girls and women engaged in, or desirous of, a professional career in science education and research,

- 2.** Enable mutual interaction on a global scale through electronic emails and other means of communication.
- 3.** Build up a supporting and collaborative network.
- 4.** Establish associations and affiliations with other international scientific societies and organizations for possible collaborations, such as, (i) American Physical Society (APS), (ii) International Network of Women Engineers and Scientists (INWES), (iii) American Association for Women in Science (AAWS)
- 5.** Observe days, such as, International Women's Day, Islamic Social Festive Days, for unity and support toward advances
- 6.** Give recognition for support and motivation for achievements toward science.
- 7.** Circulate a newsletter with useful information and achievements of members, maintain a website of information
- 8.** Provide information on opportunities for fellowships, job positions.,
- 9.** Provide information and find venues for participation in international scientific conferences,
- 10.** Provide information and help on higher studies, such as for Masters and Ph.D, in international advanced institutions,
- 11.** Coordinate programs with educational and research institutions in all countries,
- 12.** Approach national and international governmental and non-governmental agencies for support in activities of the society, such as from the Organization of Islamic Countries (OIC) and United Nations agencies such as UNESCO.
- 13.** Organize international workshops, conferences, and courses on general and specialized scientific topics
- 14.** Provide scholarships/grants for advanced studies at major universities
- 15.** Open up ISMWS Chapters at institutions, places, countries as appropriate.
- 16.** Establish a center, institute, or even a university in a convenient located and relatively open and accessible city in an Islamic country. Such an institution should support permanent and visiting faculty and other positions.
  - We will add and modify the terms and policies, upon consent of our members, to accommodate the needs of other Muslim women in science.

- We would consider science women of other religion if they and our members find it to be beneficial for them.

With the above objectives and aims we form this society.

May Allah bless us with success.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sultana N. Nahar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

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