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University of California, San Diego astronomer E. Margaret Burbidge has been chosen to receive the 1988 Albert Einstein World Award of Science from the World Cultural Council.

The \$10,000 award, medal and diploma will be presented at a ceremony in Mexico City Saturday, November 19.

Burbidge was selected in recognition of her illustrious career as a research astronomer. During her career she has published more than 300 research articles containing fundamental contributions to several areas of astrophysics, particularly stellar evolution, galaxies, radio galaxies and quasars. Burbidge was a pioneer in observing and interpreting the spectra of quasars.

Burbidge, a professor of astronomy in the UCSD Department of Physics and a University Professor in the nine-campus UC system, also has a record of outstanding accomplishments in research, teaching and public and professional service. She has served as director of England's Royal Greenwich Observatory and as president of both the American Astronomical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The World Cultural Council is an international organization founded in Mexico in 1981 "to increase the efficient and positive use of knowledge and to promote fraternity among men, nations and governments." The Albert Einstein World Award of Science was created to recognize scientific and technological progress. The recipient is chosen by an interdisciplinary committee of scientists, including 20 Nobel laureates.

(Editors: Dr. Burbidge is a resident of La Jolla, CA.)

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