

University of Leicester gives Dr. E. Margaret Burbidge honorary Doctor of Science

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Dr. E. Margaret Burbidge, professor of astronomy at the University of California, San Diego, will be granted an honorary degree of Doctor of Science by the University of Leicester at ceremonies in Leicester, England in July.

Mrs. Burbidge last October was appointed director of the Royal Greenwich Observatory in England, and will take up her new appointment there this summer on a leave of absence from UCSD. She is the first woman to be named to the prestigious post in the 300-year history of the observatory.

Mrs. Burbidge is the wife of Dr. Geoffrey R. Burbidge, professor of physics at UCSD. During Mrs. Burbidge's term as observatory director, her husband plans to divide his time between research in England and his work at UCSD.

The Barbidges are world-renowned for their astrophysical research in many fields, including the chemical compositions of stars, nuclear astrophysics and extragalactic astronomy. They reside in La Jolla, and have one daughter, Sarah, age 15, who is a student at La Jolla high School.

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