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## **Maria Strømme named Swedish Woman of the Year 2016 by SWEA International, Inc.**

Maria Strømme, professor of nanotechnology at Uppsala University and vice president of the Swedish Royal Academy of Engineering Sciences, has been named the Swedish Woman of the Year 2016 by SWEA International, Inc.

The recipient must be a woman who represents and highlights today's Sweden worldwide. Maria Strømme is SWEA International's 25th Woman of the Year since the award was introduced in 1989.



Maria Strømme was appointed as professor of nanotechnology at Uppsala University in 2004, becoming Sweden's youngest professor in an engineering discipline. She has been praised for her successful interdisciplinary research and her ability to help the public understand nanotechnology. Maria strives to find workable solutions to human problems. Her research group invented Upsalite®, a new porous material used to help the human body assimilate poorly soluble drugs; Upsalite® has become a worldwide sensation.

Another major area of interest for Maria is sustainable solutions for energy storage and use. For example, Maria Strømme's research group is currently developing an environmentally friendly, organic, highly efficient battery that is flexible and can be produced in a manner similar to the process for paper.

"The future is in nanotechnology," asserts Maria Strømme, comparing it to computer technology in the 1970s.

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