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Marie Sklodowska-Curie: The Life of a Pioneer Scientist

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Abstract: Marie Salomea Sklodowska-Curie (1867-1934) was the first ever female to win a Nobel prize, the first ever scientist to win two Nobel prizes and the only person to win her prizes in two different fields. Born in Russia-occupied Poland she emigrated to France to earn her post-high school degrees and eventually became the first ever woman professor at the Université de Paris. Her life, accomplishments and honors will be discussed with emphasis on her impact to radioactivity.

Biography: Paris Svoronos earned his PhD in Organic Chemistry at Georgetown (1979) and has served as a full-time faculty at CUNY Queensborough Community College (CUNY-QCC) for over 40 years (1981-2021). He was the first Chemist to be selected as Professor of the Year by the CASE/Carnegie Foundation (2003) and the only community college faculty to be presented the James Flack Norris Award by the ACS-NE section (2021). He has served Long Island Subsection of the American Chemical Society (LI-ACS) as its Chair (2002), Director-at-Large and current Secretary. He was selected as the ACS-NY Section Chair (2015), Community College first Professor of the Year (2019) and alternate counselor. He is an ACS fellow (2018), as well as a recipient of the Stanley Israel Award for advancing diversity in the chemical sciences (2018), and the Ann Nalley Regional Award for volunteer service (2016). He has served MARM as co-General Chair (2008, QCC) and co-Program Chair (2016, Mount St. Vincent) as well as an ACS-General Chemistry Test Committee member (2018-2021).

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