

Professor Marina A. Petrukhina received this year's University Award for Excellence in Research and Creative Activities.

Prof. Petrukhina is the author of 150 original articles in refereed scientific journals, including 4 reviews, two book chapters and 5 patents. Her multiple publications appeared in top of the line periodicals (*Science*, *JACS*, *Angew. Chem.*, *Chem. Commun.*, *Coord. Chem. Rev.*) and have been recognized as "feature articles" and highlighted on the journal covers. Since 2001, she delivered 46 invited lectures at various universities within the US and abroad in addition to 33 oral presentations and over 100 poster presentations at various national and international meetings and conferences. Prof. Petrukhina supervised over 30 students, conceived and led academic projects supported by different national and international agencies. She established a novel and well-funded research program that brought new fundamental and technological advances in the area of curved carbonaceous materials. This program led to her broad national and international visibility and recognition. She has recently been an Editor for the book entitled "Fragments of Fullerenes and Carbon Nanotubes: Designed Synthesis, Unusual Reactions, and Coordination Chemistry" (John Wiley & Sons, 2012, 454 pp.) and currently serves on the Scientific Advisory Board of the American Chemical Society journal, *Organometallics*.

The public ceremony and reception to recognize her award will be held in the Campus Center Ballroom on Thursday, April 11, 2:30 pm.