

## Press Release

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### President Obama Announces Appointment

**Dr. Margaret Murnane of KM Labs has been appointed Chairman of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science by President Barack Obama. Dr Murnane is a founder of Kapteyn-Murnane Laboratories, a worldwide leading manufacturer of Ultrafast laser systems which are available in the UK through distributor Laser Lines Ltd.**

Dr. Margaret Murnane is a Fellow of JILA and a Distinguished Professor in the Department of Physics at the University of Colorado. Dr. Murnane is also a Fellow of the American Physical Society, the Optical Society of America, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2006 and the National Academy of Sciences in 2004.

In recognition of her work, she has been awarded the 2011 Royal Dublin Society Irish Times Boyle Medal for Scientific Excellence, the 2010 R.W. Wood Prize of the Optical Society of America, the 2010 Schawlow Prize of the American Physical Society, the 2009 Ahmed Zewail Award of the American Chemical Society, and a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Fellowship in 2000. She was first appointed to the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science in 2010.

Dr. Murnane received her B.S and M.S. from University College Cork, Ireland, and her Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley.

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