A talk by Joan BENNETT

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Professor Bennett is a past president of both the American Society for Microbiology and the Society for Industrial Microbiology and Biotechnology, as well as past vice president of the British Mycological Society and the International Union of Microbiological Sciences. She was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 2005 and is currently chair of the Committee on Women in Science, Engineering and Medicine for the National Academies.