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**“Women in Science and Engineering:
The Unfinished Agenda”**

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Conversations with Eminent Women in
Science*

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Elga Wasserman. Elga Wasserman is the author of *The Door in the Dream: Conversations with Eminent Women in Science*, a recent book based on her interviews with women members of the National Academy of Sciences. A *summa cum laude* graduate of Smith College, Dr. Wasserman earned a Ph.D. degree in organic chemistry from Harvard / Radcliffe in 1949 and a J.D. from Yale Law School in 1976. Her career included a stint as a research scientist. She then moved into academic administration and in the early 1970s oversaw the transition of Yale College to coeducation. In 1973 she entered Yale Law School and, after clerking on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, she practiced law and divorce mediation for almost 20 years. Dr. Wasserman, a Senior Research Scholar at Yale Law School, is currently lecturing and writing about women scientists in academia and beyond.

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