



**Since February 2022:** Principal of  
St. Hilda's College at the University of Oxford

**2015 - January 2022:** Rector of the Swiss  
Federal Institute of Technology [ETH Zurich]

**2022 New Year Honours:** Made Dame Commander of  
the Order of the British Empire [DBE] for  
services to engineering and sports administration

**2018:** Honorary doctorates from  
the University of Sheffield and Wollongong

**2016:** Honorary doctorate from the University of Bern

**2013:** Honorary doctorate from the University of Bath

**2012:** Made Commander of the Order of the British Empire  
[CBE] for services to sport, specifically the triathlon

**2007 - 2009:** Head of the Network for Natural Hazards  
at ETH Zurich [HazNETH]

**2001 - 2005 / 2009 - 2011:** Head of the Institute  
for Geotechnical Engineering at ETH Zurich

**1997:** Appointed Professor of Geotechnical  
Engineering at ETH Zurich, making her its first  
female civil engineering professor

**1997:** Made Officer of the Order of the  
British Empire [OBE]

**1990:** Joined the University of Cambridge as a lecturer

**1988:** Became the first female research  
fellow at Magdalene College

**1984 - 1989:** Doctoral student at Magdalene  
College, in the Cambridge Soil Mechanics  
Group, graduated with PhD in 1989

**1984:** Master's degree [MPhil] in soil mechanics  
from St. Catharine's College, University  
of Cambridge

**1979 - 1983:** Worked for the Alexander Gibb engi-  
neering firm on a range of geotechnical enginee-  
ring projects in the UK, Australia and Fiji

**1978:** Bachelor's degree in engineering sciences  
from Girton College, University of Cambridge

**Still competing in rowing**

**2007 - 2012:** Chair of the Bri-  
tish Triathlon Federation

**1992 - 1996 / 2008 - 2016:**  
Vice-President of the Inter-  
national Triathlon Union [ITU]

**Springman played an important part  
in establishing triathlon among  
modern multisport disciplines.  
She was a key figure behind its  
Olympic status and its inclusion  
in the Commonwealth Games**

**She also played a leading role  
in convincing the International  
Paralympic Committee in 2010  
to add the paratriathlon to the  
programme for the 2016 Paralym-  
pic Games in Rio de Janeiro**

**1984 - 1993:** sporting ca-  
reer at the elite level:

- **20 European ETU medals** in  
individual and team competition
- **Five-time competitor in  
the Ironman competition** in  
Hawaii, the World Triathlon  
Long Distance Championships,  
**twice achieving fifth place**
- **1985 and 1986:** European  
Triathlon Long Distance  
Champion in the first two  
years of the championships
- **1988: European Champion**  
over the Olympic distance