Cover Picture

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The cover picture shows a novel hierarchic endohedral clusterization of H_2O molecules in the form of a dodecahedron ($(H_2O)_{20}$, red), a further "mounted" dodecahedron (green), and a rhombicosidodecahedron ($(H_2O)_{60}$, yellow). The shell/host (Mo atoms blue, O red) is built up by 12 pentagonal { $(Mo)Mo_5$ } type building blocks (one is highlighted as a blue ring),which are connected by 30 Mo^V_2 linkers with the consequence that 20 nanosized Mo_9O_9 pores/rings of classical crown ether quality are formed in which 20 guanidinium cations are encapsulated (C black, N green). The Mo^V_2 type linkers are stabilized by $PO_2H_2^{-}/SO_4^{2-}$ ligands (P/S purple). As the clusterization in the cavity takes place after filling the receptors/pores at the cluster surface with guests, a process is modeled by which a cell converts an extracellular molecular signal into a response. The representative red ring below the blue ring is marked out by the 60 H_2O ligands coordinated to the pentagonal Mo units, which altogether form a rhombicosidodecahedron (not shown completely). As the geometric forms described are those of Platonic and Archimedean solids Plato and Archimedes feel involved. Further details are reported by A. Müller et al. on p. 3756 ff.

