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CNRS Silver Medals to P. Sautet and S. Z. Zard

The Médaille d'argent of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) was awarded this year to Philippe Sautet (Ecole Normale Supérieure, Lyon) and Samir Z. Zard (Ecole Polytechnique, Palaiseau).

P. Sautet

Sautet received his PhD in physical chemistry in 1989 at the Université Paris-Orsay. In 1994 he completed his habilitation at the Université Lyon. From 1995 he was CNRS director of research at the Institut de Recherche sur la Catalyse in Villeurbanne, and since 2003 he has been director of research the Laboratoire de Chimie at the Ecole Normale Superieure de Lyon. The research activities of Sautet's group center on molecules chemisorbed on surfaces, for which reactions of these species are modeled by theoretical methods. Recently he reported in *Angewandte Chemie* about CH_3ReO_3 on alumina as a catalyst for olefin metathesis,[1a] and a communication on catalytic hydrogenation of aldehydes on Pt(111) was featured on the cover of issue 33/2005.[1b]

S. Z. Zard

Zard was born in Ife, Nigeria in 1955 and studied at the American University in Beirut, at the Imperial College, London, and at the Université Paris-Sud, where he received his PhD under the supervision of Prof. Sir Derek Barton. He is professor at the Ecole Polytechnique and director of research of the CNRS. Zard works with reactions of organic radicals and the application of such processes in the total syntheses of natural products. Among his numerous publications in this area, two current communications can be found in *Angewandte Chemie*: radical additions of xanthates to vinyl epoxides to generate quarternary carbon centers,[2a] and substituted allyl diphenylphosphine oxides as radical allylation agents.[2b]

Bristol–Myers Squibb Award to J. W. Bode

The Bristol–Myers Squibb Unrestricted Grant in Synthetic Organic Chemistry in 2007 goes to Jeffrey W. Bode (University of California, Santa Barbara). Bode studied chemistry and philosophy at the Trinity University (San Antonio, Texas) and in 1996 moved to the California Institute of Technology. In 1998, as a member of Prof. E. M. Carreira's group, he moved to the ETH Zurich, where he received is PhD in 2001. After a two-year postdoctoral stay with Prof. K. Suzuki at the Tokyo Institute of Technology he became Assistant Professor in 2003 at the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry of the University of California, Santa Barbara. He will move towards the end of 2007 to the University of Pennsylvania as an Associate Professor. The Bristol–Myers Squibb prize is only one of many awards that Bode has received at this early stage of his career, and the next honor is just around the corner: Bode will receive one of the Arthur C. Cope Scholar Awards in 2008.

J. W. Bode

The research topics of Bode's group range from organocatalysis, to natural product synthesis, and to bioorganic chemistry. An example of his work can be found in a Communication on chemoselective amide ligations by decarboxylative condensations of *N*-alkyl hydroxylamines and α-ketoacids in *Angewandte Chemie*.[3]

Arfvedson Schlenk Prize for H. J. Reich

The Arfvedson Schlenk Prize from the German Chemical Society (GDCh) together with the company Chemetall recognizes outstanding work in the area of lithium chemistry. This year the prize goes to Hans J. Reich (University of Wisconsin–Madison). Functionalized organolithium reagents are typically the focus of the research projects of his group, which are investigated for their structure and dynamics and used as transmetalation reagents.

H. J. Reich

Reich studied at the University of Alberta and received his PhD in 1968 at the University of California, Los Angeles, under the supervision of Prof. D. J. Cram (Nobel Prize 1987) on reactions of [2.2]paracyclophanes. After two years of postdoctoral research, he was appointed in 1970 to the University of Wisconsin–Madison, where he is currently Professor for organic and organometallic chemistry. He was a visiting professor in Marburg with Prof. R. W. Hoffmann (1979), in Strasbourg with Prof. F. Biellmann (1987), and in Alicante with Prof. M. Yus (1997). Recently in *Angewandte Chemie*, Reich discussed whether ate complexes are intermediates in lithium-selenium and lithium–tellurium exchange reactions.[4]

In the news column of issue 36/2007, two errors crept in which we wish to correct here: George M. Whitesides will give the A. W. von Hofmann lecture, and Wolfgang Schnick (Ludwig Maximilians Universität München) did not receive the Arfvedson Schlenk prize, as was reported, but rather the Wilhelm Klemm Prize.

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