

Prix Le Bel for J. Cossy

The Société Chimique de France (SCF) has awarded Janine Cossy (Ecole Supérieure de Physique et de Chimie Industrielles de la Ville de Paris; ESPCI) with the Prix Le Bel for her important contributions to new methods in organic chemistry and her active involvement in the SCF. Cossy's work is focused on photochemistry, thermal reactions, radical chemistry, rearrangements, organometallic chemistry, and catalysis, and on the synthesis of natural products and biologically active compounds. She recently reported in *Chemistry—A European Journal* on the synthesis of natural products FR252921 and pseudotrienic acid B,^[1a] and in *Angewandte Chemie* on the asymmetric total synthesis of (–)-pironetin.^[1b]

Cossy completed her chemistry studies at the Université de Reims in 1979 with a thesis on the photochemical reactivity of enamine ketones under J. P. Pête. Thereafter she worked at the CNRS in Reims, and in the years 1980–1982 she had a postdoctorate position with B. M. Trost at the University of Wisconsin in Madison (USA). In 1990, she was director of research at the CNRS and Professor of Organic Chemistry at the ESPCI. In the years 2003–2007 she led the organic chemistry section at the SCF. Cossy is a member of the editorial board of the *European Journal of Organic Chemistry*.

Hardt Prize for C. Limberg

Christian Limberg (Humboldt University, Berlin) is recipient of the Horst Dietrich Hardt Prize of the University of Saarland. Hardt was Professor of Inorganic Chemistry there, and left funds in his will to start a foundation. Limberg was awarded in particular for his work on catalyzed oxidation and oxygenating reactions. He recently discussed low-molecular-weight analogues of soluble methane monooxygenase in a Review in *Chemistry—A European Journal*,^[2a] and reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on O–O bond activation in peroxide complexes with two different metal centers.^[2b]

Limberg studied at the University of Bochum, and completed his doctorate there in 1992 under A. Haas. He then went to the University of Oxford to complete a further doctorate in 1995 under A. J. Downs. In the years 1995–2003 he carried out research at the University of Heidelberg, where he completed his habilitation in 1999. In 2001–2002, he was acting professor for W. A. Herrmann at the Technical University of Munich; in 2003 he took up a professorship at the Humboldt University. Limberg is an editor of the *Zeitschrift für Anorganische und Allgemeine Chemie* (ZAAC).

Literature Prize for S. Berger and D. Sicker



D. Sicker and S. Berger

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The Fonds der Chemischen Industrie annually awards authors of outstanding chemistry books. This year, the prize goes to Stefan Berger and Dieter Sicker (both University of Leipzig) for their book “Classics in Spectroscopy” (Wiley-VCH 2009). Berger is a co-author of further books on NMR spectroscopy, including “200 and More NMR Experiments” (Wiley-VCH 2004).

Berger completed his doctorate in 1973 under A. Rieker at the University of Tübingen, and in 1973–1974 worked as postdoctoral fellow with J. D. Roberts at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena (USA). In 1981 he completed his habilitation at the University of Marburg; since 1997 he has been teaching and researching at the University of Leipzig. His research group develops NMR spectroscopic methods of the mechanistic investigation in physical organic and organometallic chemistry, such as investigations into the conformation of peptides and proteins and investigations into solvation and diffusion of organic molecules. He recently reported in the *European Journal of Organic Chemistry* on the formation of methanol from oxazolidinones as an example of how chemical shifts can be used to predict reaction pathways,^[3a] and presented a method for producing high-resolution two-dimensional heteronuclear NMR spectra in *Angewandte Chemie*.^[3b] Sicker is Extraordinary Professor for Organic Chemistry at the University of Leipzig.

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