

RSC Centenary Prize for M. Jansen

The Royal Society of Chemistry has awarded Martin Jansen (Max Planck Institute (MPI) for Solid-State Research, Stuttgart) their Centenary Prize for his outstanding contributions to solid-state chemistry and materials science. He is particularly interested in binary and tertiary oxides, superconducting oxides, ionic conductors, pigments and ceramic oxides, endohedral fullerenes and fullerides, and amorphous inorganic nitrides. He recently reported in the *Zeitschrift für Allgemeine und Anorganische Chemie* on a new modification of lithium chloride^[1b] and in the *European Journal of Inorganic Chemistry* on a new C_{60}^{2-} fulleride.^[1b]

Jansen completed his doctorate in 1973 under R. Hoppe at the University of Giessen and his habilitation in 1978. In 1981 he was appointed to the University of Hannover, and in 1987 he took up a position at the University of Bonn. In 1998 he was appointed as Director at the MPI in Stuttgart. Jansen is a member of the Editorial Board of *Angewandte Chemie* and is editor of the *Zeitschrift für Anorganische und Allgemeine Chemie*. A special issue, produced on the occasion of his 65th birthday, appeared recently.^[1c]

Basolo Medal for P. J. Stang

Peter J. Stang (University of Utah) has received the Fred Basolo Medal for outstanding achievements in inorganic chemistry. The prize is awarded by Northwestern University (Evanston, IL, USA) and is partially sponsored by the Chicago section of the American Chemical Society. The title of the award lecture was "Abiological Self-Assembly: Pre-designed Metallacycles and Metallacages via Coordination". Central themes of the research carried out in his group are the formation of molecular architectures and supramolecular chemistry by self-organization. This work aims to gain insights into molecular recognition (in particular with chiral molecules), host-guest interactions, and catalysis, and in the longer term to obtain nanoscale molecular building blocks for information storage systems or artificial photosynthesis. Stang recently reported in *Chemistry—A European Journal* on coordination-driven self-organization in supramolecular multicomponent systems^[2a] and on the self-organization of a supramolecular organoplatinum amphiphile in solution and at interfaces.^[2b]

Stang, who was born in Nuremberg, Germany, studied at DePaul University in Chicago and completed his PhD in 1966 under A. Streitwieser at the University of California in Berkeley. He then had a postdoctoral position with P. von R. Schleyer. In 1969 he joined the faculty at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, where he is currently Distinguished Professor of Chemistry. Since 1991

he has also been active at the Loker Hydrocarbon Research Institute at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, and since 2002 he has been Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of the American Chemical Society*.

A. de Meijere Made Honorary Doctor

The Russian Academy of Sciences has made Armin de Meijere (University of Göttingen) an honorary doctor in recognition of his 30 years of cooperation with Russian scientists. His group and research partners are interested in the development of new small-ring synthetic building blocks. He has built up an exhaustive chemistry of these strained molecules that includes drug development and new catalytic processes. Recently, de Meijere reported in the *European Journal of Organic Chemistry* on the diastereoselective synthesis of alkylcyclopropane-annulated methyl-2-iminoimidazolidine carboxylates,^[3a] and in *Chemistry—A European Journal*, where he is a member of the editorial advisory board, on the direct synthesis of oligosubstituted pyrroles from substituted methyl isocyanides and acetylenes.^[3b] In *Angewandte Chemie* he has produced oft-cited Reviews, such as those on cyclopropane^[3c] and on Heck reactions.^[3d]

De Meijere studied chemistry at the Universities of Freiburg and Göttingen, where he completed his doctorate in 1967 under the supervision of W. Lüttke. He then worked as a postdoctoral fellow in the group of K. B. Wiberg at Yale University in New Haven (CT, USA). In 1969 he returned to the University of Göttingen, where he completed his habilitation in 1971. In 1974 he was made adjunct Professor, and in 1977 he was appointed to the faculty of the University of Hamburg; in 1989 he again returned to the University of Göttingen.

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