Author Profile



A. P. Davis

The author presented on this page has recently published his **10th article** since 2000 in Angewandte Chemie: "A Synthetic Lectin for β-Glucosyl": N. P. Barwell, M. P. Crump, A. P. Davis, Angew. Chem. **2009**, 121, 7809–7812; Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. **2009**, 48, 7673-7676.



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Position: Professor of Supramolecular Chemistry, University of Bristol (UK)

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Current research Synthetic supramolecular chemistry, especially with relevance to biology: biomimetic carbointerests: hydrate receptors ("synthetic lectins"), anion receptors, anion transport across cell membranes,

and steroid-based nanoporous crystals

Hobbies: Cycling, walking, reading

The secret of being a successful scientist is ... to have co-workers who are better than you ever were.

My favorite subject at school was ... chemistry.

In my spare time I ... read history books and try to get some exercise.

When I was eighteen I wanted to be ... an academic in an ivory tower (so much for that).

When I wake up I ... usually go back to sleep again.

The most significant scientific advance of the last 100 years has been ... the structure of DNA and the understanding that followed.

The biggest problem that scientists face is ... sustainable energy.

My most exciting discovery to date has been ... organic molecules that bind carbohydrates in water.

n ten years time I will be ... trying to avoid retirement.

f I could go back in time and do any experiment, it would be ... the double-slit experiment with single photons.

My favorite piece of music is ... J. S. Bach's double violin concerto, especially the slow movement.

My worst habit is ... staring out of my office window (the view is great).

The biggest challenge facing chemists is ... understanding the origin of life.

The part of my job which I enjoy the most is ... hearing that a key experiment has worked.

My favorite musician is ... Amy Winehouse.

My 5 top papers:

- "New 'Cholapod'Anionophores; High-Affinity Halide Receptors Derived from Cholic Acid": A. J. Ayling, M. N. Pérez-Payán, A. P. Davis, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2001, 123, 12716–12717.
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