

Awarded ...



S. Buchholz



A. Thomas



H. Kagan



M. Antonietti

Honorary Professorship for Stefan Buchholz

The University of Stuttgart (Germany) has awarded Stefan Buchholz (Evonik Degussa GmbH) an honorary professorship in recognition of his lecture series on industrial biotechnology and industrial organic chemistry, which he has given voluntarily for six years. Buchholz studied at the University of Marburg (Germany) and completed his PhD in 1991 with G. Wegner at the Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research, Mainz (Germany). From 1991–1993, he carried out postdoctoral research with G. M. Whitesides at Harvard University (USA). Buchholz joined Degussa in 1993 and has been Vice President for innovation management in the area of industrial chemicals since 2008. He has been on the Editorial Board of *Angewandte Chemie* since 2010.^[1]

Bayer Early Excellence in Science Award to Arne Thomas

The Bayer Early Excellence in Science Award is given annually by The Bayer Science & Education Foundation in the categories of biology, chemistry, and materials. The prize, which is worth 10 000 €, is awarded on the basis of research quality and originality, and the significance of the work to the prize category. The recipient of the 2011 award for materials is Arne Thomas (Technische Universität Berlin), who was recognized for his work on the synthesis of highly porous functional materials. Thomas earned his PhD with M. Antonietti at the Max Planck Institute of Colloids and Interfaces in Potsdam (Germany) in 2003. He was a Feodor Lynen Fellow with G. Stucky at the University of California, Santa Barbara (USA) from 2004–2005, and he returned to the Max Planck Institute in Potsdam as research group leader in 2005. He was appointed Professor of Inorganic Chemistry (Functional Materials) at the Technische Universität Berlin in 2009. Thomas' research group is inter-

ested in the synthesis and application of nanostructured materials, in particular the generation of porous functional materials for catalytic applications. He has reported in *Advanced Synthesis & Catalysis* on a chiral microporous polymer network that functions as an asymmetric heterogeneous organocatalyst,^[2a] and has discussed hard and soft porous frameworks in a Review in *Angewandte Chemie*.^[2b]

And also in the News ...

... **Henri Kagan** (emeritus professor at the Université Paris-Sud, France) has been awarded the Burckhardt Helferich Prize 2011 for his outstanding contributions in the areas of asymmetric catalysis, chiral synthesis, lanthanide chemistry (in particular samarium diiodide), and stereochemistry. The prize is awarded annually by the University of Leipzig (Germany), and will be presented at the end of August 2012. Previous winners of this prize include François Diederich (2005), K. C. Nicolaou (2006), and Jean-Marie Lehn (2007). Kagan's career and achievements have been previously highlighted in the News section.^[3]

... **Markus Antonietti** (Director of the Max Planck Institute of Colloids and Interfaces, Potsdam, Germany) was recently awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Stockholm (Sweden) for his work on sustainable functional materials. Antonietti has also been recently featured in this section.^[3]

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- [3] *Angew. Chem.* **2011**, 123, 2935; *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2011**, 50, 2883.

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