

Honorary Doctorate for George M. Whitesides

The Freie Universität Berlin recently awarded an honorary doctorate to George M. Whitesides in recognition of his contributions to the field of micro- and nanotechnology. Whitesides studied at Harvard University and was awarded his PhD (supervised by John D. Roberts) from the California Institute of Technology in 1964. He joined the faculty at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1963, and in 1982, he moved to Harvard University, where he is currently Woodford L. and Ann A. Flowers Professor. Whitesides' research interests include complexity and simplicity in chemistry, microfluidics, soft lithography, nanofabrication, soft robotics, and low-cost diagnostics. His contributions to *Angewandte Chemie* include a Review on the worm as a model organism for chemists,^[1a] and a Communication on soft robotics,^[1b] which was featured on the cover. Whitesides is on the International Advisory Boards of *Angewandte Chemie*, *Chemistry—An Asian Journal*, and *ChemSusChem*. He will give a lecture at the *Angewandte Chemie* 125th Anniversary Symposium in Berlin on 12th March 2013.

FCI Literature Prize for Reinhard Zellner

Reinhard Zellner (University of Duisburg-Essen) has been awarded the 2012 Literature Prize of the Fonds der Chemischen Industrie (FCI; Chemical Industry Fund) for the book "Chemie über den Wolken ... und darunter" (Chemistry above the Clouds ... and below), which was edited by Zellner and the Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker (GDCh; German Chemical Society) and published by Wiley-VCH.^[2a] Zellner studied at the University of Göttingen, where he received his PhD in 1971. After postdoctoral work at the University of Cambridge from 1972–1973, he returned to the University of Göttingen, where he completed his habilitation in 1980 and became Professor of Physical Chemistry in 1983. He was made Professor of Physical Chemistry at the University of Hannover in 1988, and joined the University of Duisburg-Essen in 1991. Zellner's research interests are in atmospheric chemistry and the interactions of nanoparticles with phase boundaries and biomolecules. His report on the interactions of nanoparti-

cles with serum albumin was featured on the cover of *ChemPhysChem*.^[2b]

And also in the News

François Diederich (ETH Zurich), Chairman of the Editorial Board of *Angewandte Chemie*, has been made Distinguished Affiliated Professor of the Technische Universität München. Diederich's career and other achievements were recently featured in this section.^[3a,b] Other chemists who were also named Distinguished Affiliated Professors are Gerhard Ertl (Fritz Haber Institute, Berlin),^[3c] Robert Graselli (University of Delaware), Rudolph A. Marcus (California Institute of Technology), Tobin Marks (Northwestern University),^[3d] and Masahiro Watanabe (University of Yamanashi).

Robert S. Langer (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) received the 2012 Perkin Medal from the Society of Chemical Industry. Langer, who is on the International Advisory Board of *Angewandte Chemie*, was featured in this section when he won the Priestly Medal.^[4]

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In this section, we report on various awards for chemists who are closely connected with *Angewandte Chemie* and its sister journals as authors and referees.

Awarded ...



G. M. Whitesides



R. Zellner



F. Diederich



R. S. Langer