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B. List



K. Itami



B. L. Feringa



J. Jurczak

## Mukaiyama Award for Benjamin List and Kenichiro Itami

The Mukaiyama Award is presented annually by The Society of Synthetic Organic Chemistry, Japan, for outstanding contributions to the field of synthetic organic chemistry by researchers less than 45 years of age.

**Benjamin List** (Max Planck Institute for Coal Research, Mülheim) was featured here when he won the Otto Bayer Award.<sup>[1a]</sup> His most recent contributions to *Angewandte Chemie* include a Review on asymmetric counteranion-directed catalysis<sup>[1b]</sup> as well as Communications on the synthesis of chiral indolenes,<sup>[1c]</sup> and the catalytic asymmetric benzidine rearrangement.<sup>[1d]</sup> List is on the Academic Advisory Board of *Advanced Synthesis & Catalysis*.

**Kenichiro Itami** (Nagoya University) studied at Kyoto University, where he received his PhD (supervised by Yoshihiko Ito) in 1998. He remained at the same institution as assistant professor, and moved to Nagoya University in 2008. He is currently professor in the Department of Chemistry, and Director of the Institute of Transformative Bio-Molecules at Nagoya University. Itami's research interests are in the development of new synthetic methods, in particular C–H bond transformation, and the synthesis of pharmaceutically relevant molecules and natural products, optoelectronic materials, and carbon nanotubes and nanographene. His Review on C–H bond functionalization was featured on the cover of *Angewandte Chemie*,<sup>[2a]</sup> in which he has also recently reported on the C–H alkenylation of azoles.<sup>[2b]</sup>

## Polish Chemical Society Awards

The Polish Chemical Society has honored two chemists with its most prestigious awards.

**Ben L. Feringa** (University of Groningen) is the recipient of the Maria Skłodowska-Curie Medal, which is the highest honor that the society awards to foreign scientists. Feringa was featured here when he was elected to the Academy of Europe.<sup>[3a]</sup> He has recently reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on palladium-catalyzed anti-Markovnikov reactions,<sup>[3b]</sup> and in *Chemistry—A European Journal* on molecular motors on solid surfaces.<sup>[3c]</sup> Feringa is

on the International Advisory Board of *Chemistry—An Asian Journal*.

**Janusz Jurczak** (University of Warsaw and the Polish Academy of Sciences; PAS) has been honored with the Jędrzej Śniadecki Medal. This award is present to chemists working in Poland for outstanding research of international significance, and Jurczak was honored for his achievements in the area of organic chemistry. Jurczak studied at the Warsaw University of Technology, and completed his PhD (supervised by Aleksander Zamojski) from the Institute of Organic Chemistry, PAS, in 1970. After postdoctoral work with Vladimir Prelog at the ETH Zurich (1970–1971), he returned to the PAS, where he is currently Professor of Organic Synthesis. In 1992, he accepted a joint appointment with the University of Warsaw, where he is Professor of Organic Chemistry and Head of the Laboratory of Stereocontrolled Organic Synthesis. Jurczak's research involves themes such as stereocontrolled organic synthesis, high-pressure methods in organic chemistry, the synthesis of macrocyclic receptors, and supramolecular chemistry. He has reported in *Chemistry—A European Journal* on anion receptors.<sup>[4]</sup>

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