

Heinz Maier-Leibnitz Prize

The Heinz Maier-Leibnitz Prize is one of the most prestigious prizes for young German researchers, and is awarded annually by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG; German Research Foundation) and the Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (German Federal Ministry of Education and Research). The prize, which this year was raised to €20000, is given to support the scientific career of the recipients. Among the nine winners in 2013 are **Volker Presser** (Universität des Saarlandes and Leibniz Institute for New Materials)^[1] and **Nuno Maulide** (Max Planck Institute for Coal Research, Mülheim), who was featured here when he was awarded the Bayer Early Excellence in Science Award,^[2a] and has recently reported in *ChemCatChem* on diastereodivergent processes in palladium-catalyzed reactions,^[2b] and in *Angewandte Chemie* on palladium-catalyzed substitution reactions.^[3c]

Karl Ziegler Guest Professorship for Dieter Enders

Dieter Enders (RWTH Aachen) was the 2013 Karl Ziegler Guest Professor at the Max Planck Institute for Coal Research, Mülheim. This honor was founded in 1978 to commemorate the 1936 Nobel Prize Winner and former Director of the Institute. Enders studied at the University of Giessen, where he worked with Dieter Seebach for his PhD (awarded in 1974). After postdoctoral research with E. J. Corey at Harvard University (1974–1975), he returned to the University of Giessen as instructor and then lecturer. He was made Professor of Organic Chemistry at the University of Bonn in 1980, and joined the RWTH Aachen as Professor of Organic Chemistry and Director in 1985. Enders and his research group are interested in the development of new selective methods in the area of asymmetric synthesis and their application in the synthesis of natural and bioactive compounds. He has recently reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on the synthesis of polyfunctionalized cyclohexene derivatives in a branched domino reaction,^[3a] and in *Chemistry—A European Journal* on asymmetric organocatalytic Michael/Henry domino reactions.^[3b]

EurJIC Young Investigator Prize for Kallol Ray

Kallol Ray (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin) is the winner of the EurJIC Young Investigator Prize,

which is awarded by the *European Journal of Inorganic Chemistry*, this year in cooperation with the Wöhler-Vereinigung of the Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker (the Inorganic Chemistry Division of the German Chemical Society) to a young researcher for an outstanding recently published paper. The *European Journal of Inorganic Chemistry* is owned by ChemPubSoc Europe, and the prize is awarded under the auspices of 16 European chemical societies. Ray studied at the University of Calcutta and the Indian Institute of Technology, and was awarded his PhD in 2005 for work carried out at the Ruhr-Universität Bochum and the Max Planck Institute for Bioinorganic Chemistry (now: Max Planck Institute for Chemical Energy Conversion), Mülheim, under the supervision of Karl Wieghart. After postdoctoral research at the same institution (2005–2006) and with Lawrence Que, Jr. at the University of Minnesota (2006–2008), he joined the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin as a junior research group leader within the Uni-Cat Cluster of Excellence. Themes of Ray's research include bioinorganic chemistry, bioinspired catalysis, organometallic chemistry, and high-valent metal oxo and imido complexes. His report on a heterobimetallic CuNi bis(μ -oxo) core with nucleophilic oxo groups was featured on the cover of *Angewandte Chemie*,^[4a] and he has recently published a Microreview in the *European Journal of Inorganic Chemistry* on terminal oxo and imido transition-metal complexes.^[4b]

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Awarded ...



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