

Zukunftspreis Pfalz for Siegfried R. Waldvogel

Siegfried R. Waldvogel was the winner of the 2013 Zukunftspreis Pfalz, which is awarded by the Bezirksverband Pfalz for excellent and innovative ideas, products, projects, and achievements that have contributed to the sustainable development of the Palatinate region. Waldvogel was honored for his work in processing lignin to form products such as vanillin. Waldvogel studied at the University of Konstanz, and carried out his PhD (awarded in 1996) with Manfred T. Reetz at the Ruhr-Universität Bochum and the Max Planck Institute for Coal Research, Mülheim an der Ruhr. From 1997–1998, he carried out postdoctoral research with Julius Rebek, Jr. at The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, and he was made assistant professor at the University of Münster in 1998. In 2004, he moved to the University of Bonn, and in 2010, he was made Professor of Organic Chemistry at the University of Mainz. Waldvogel's research interests are in electroorganic transformations, oxidative coupling reactions, and rigid receptors for molecular recognition. He has reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on the electrochemical synthesis of menthylamines,^[1a] and in the *European Journal of Organic Chemistry* on the resolution of menthylamine.^[1b]

Frank Neese Elected to the Leopoldina

Frank Neese (Max Planck Institute for Chemical Energy Conversion; formerly Max Planck Institute for Bioinorganic Chemistry, Mülheim an der Ruhr) was elected to the Nationale Akademie der Wissenschaften Leopoldina (National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina) in 2013. Neese studied at the University of Konstanz, where he worked with Peter M. H. Kroneck for his PhD (awarded in 1997). From 1997–1999, he was a postdoctoral researcher with Edward I. Solomon at Stanford University, and from 1999–2001, he carried out his habilitation at the University of Konstanz. In 2001, he was made group leader at the Max Planck Institute for Bioinorganic Chemistry, and in 2004, he moved to the University of Bonn, where he was made Chair of Theoretical Chemistry in 2006. He was appointed Director at the Max Planck Institute for Bioinorganic Chemistry in 2011. Themes of Neese's research include the development of new quantum-chemical methods, computational chemistry, and molecular spectroscopy for investigating the fundamental science related to the activation of small molecules by transition metals. His report on the spectroscopic properties of the oxygen-evolving complex of photosystem II was

featured on a cover of *Angewandte Chemie*,^[2a] and he has reported in *ChemBioChem* on the theoretical spectroscopy of [NiFe] hydrogenases.^[2b]

Frontiers Award of the MPI for Chemical Energy Conversion for Gabriele Centi

The Max Planck Institute for Chemical Energy Conversion presents its Frontiers Award and guest lectureship annually. The winner of the 2013 award (for the first time in the field of "Chemical Energy Conversion") is Gabriele Centi (Università degli Studi di Messina). Centi studied at the Università di Bologna, where he completed his laurea degree (supervised by Ferruccio Trifirò) in 1979. After periods as a researcher and on the faculty at the same institution, he moved to the Università degli Studi di Messina in 1996, and is currently Professor of Industrial Chemistry. He is also President of the European Research Institute of Catalysis (ERIC), and Vice-President of the International Association of Catalysis Societies. Centi's research interests are in the areas of applied heterogeneous catalysis, sustainable energy and chemical processes, and environmental protection. He has reported in *ChemSusChem* on iron oxide/carbon nanotube electrocatalysts,^[3a] and on the dynamics of palladium on nanocarbon.^[3b] He is one of the Editorial Board Chairmen of *ChemSusChem* and is on the International Advisory Board of *ChemCatChem*.

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