

Otto Roelen Medal for Harald Gröger

Harald Gröger (University of Bielefeld) has been awarded the 2014 Otto Roelen Medal, which is presented biannually by DECHEMA (Society for Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Katalyse (GeCatS; German Catalysis Society) and sponsored by the Oxea Group. Gröger studied at the Friedrich-Alexander-Universität (FAU) Erlangen-Nürnberg and the University of Oldenburg, and carried out his doctorate (awarded in 1997) with Jürgen Martens at the latter institution. From 1997–1998, he was a postdoctoral researcher with Masakatsu Shibasaki at the University of Tokyo, and in 1998, he joined SKW Trostberg (subsequently Degussa). He was made associate professor at the FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg in 2006, and he moved to the University of Bielefeld as Professor of Organic Chemistry in 2011. Gröger's research is centered on the use of bio- and chemocatalysts in organic synthesis (he was honored for his work on the enantioselective synthesis of chiral building blocks) and the development of sustainable and industrially feasible production technologies. His most recent contributions to *Angewandte Chemie* include a Communication on enantioselective reduction reactions,^[1a] and a Highlight on enzyme catalysis.^[1b]

Jochen Block Prize for Jennifer Strunk

Jennifer Strunk (Ruhr-Universität Bochum; RUB) is the recipient of the 2014 Jochen Block Prize, which is awarded by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Katalyse to early-career researchers for fundamental and original research in the field of catalysis. Strunk studied at the RUB, and completed her PhD (supervised by Martin Muhler) there in 2008. From 2008–2010, she was a postdoctoral researcher with Alexis T. Bell at the University of California, Berkeley and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and she returned to the RUB as a junior research group leader in 2010. Strunk was honored for her work on the photocatalytic reduction of carbon dioxide with water to form hydrocarbons. She has reported in *ChemPlusChem* on

TiO₂ photocatalysts,^[2a] and in *ChemSusChem* on co-catalysts in photocatalytic water splitting.^[2b]

And also in the News

K. C. Nicolaou (Rice University) has been awarded the Rolf Sammet Guest Professorship by the Aventis Foundation and will give a series of lectures in Frankfurt in May. Nicolaou was featured here when he was elected a Foreign Member of the Royal Society,^[3a] and his report on total synthesis and structural revision of viridicatumtoxin B was featured on the cover of *Angewandte Chemie*.^[3b]

William Dichtel (Cornell University) has been announced as the winner of the Fourth Polymer International–IUPAC Award for Creativity in Applied Polymer Science or Polymer Technology. Dichtel was featured here when he received an Arthur C. Cope Scholar Award.^[4]

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Awarded ...



H. Gröger



J. Strunk



K. C. Nicolaou



W. Dichtel