

Otto Bayer Award for Frédéric Merkt

The Otto Bayer Award is presented by the Bayer Science & Education Foundation to scientists in German-speaking countries for their achievements in the fields of chemistry and biochemistry. The award, which is worth 75 000 Euros, was founded in memory of Otto Bayer (1902–1982), who was Head of Research at Bayer for many years and also a member of the Editorial Board of *Angewandte Chemie*. The winner of the 2014 award is Frédéric Merkt (ETH Zurich), who was honored for his work in the area of molecular spectroscopy. Merkt was featured here when he won the van't Hoff Prize.^[1]

Hoechst Dozentenpreis for Frédéric Laquai

The Hoechst Dozentenpreis, which is awarded by the Fonds der Chemischen Industrie (FCI; Chemical Industry Fund) and sponsored by the Aventis Foundation, is presented to early-career researchers in the areas of chemistry or biochemistry who are on the career path toward a professorship. The winner of the 2014 prize is Frédéric Laquai (Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research (MPIP), Mainz). Laquai studied at the Universities of Oldenburg, Cambridge, and Marburg, and received his diploma degree from the latter institution in 2003. He subsequently carried out his PhD (awarded in 2006) under the supervision of Gerhard Wegner at the MPIP. From 2006 to 2008, he was a research fellow with Sir Richard Friend at the University of Cambridge, and he has been Head of the Max Planck Research Group for Organic Optoelectronics at the MPIP since August 2008. Laquai's research is focused on investigating the dynamics of excited states in conjugated organic materials by ultrafast transient-absorption spectroscopy and various other time-resolved optical techniques. He has reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on two-dimensional conjugated microporous polymers,^[2a] and in the *European Journal of Inorganic Chemistry* on reductive and oxidative photoinduced electron transfer.^[2b]

Bunsen–Kirchhoff Prize for Oliver Reich

The Bunsen–Kirchhoff Prize is presented by the German Work Group for Applied Spectroscopy of the Analytical Chemistry Division (DASp) of the Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker (GDCh; German Chemical Society) for achievements in analytical spectroscopy by young researchers. The winner of the 2014 prize, which is sponsored by PerkinElmer is Oliver Reich (University of Potsdam). Reich studied at the Friedrich-Alexander-

Universität Erlangen–Nürnberg, and worked with Hans-Gerd Löhmannsröben at the University of Potsdam for his PhD (awarded in 2005). He has since remained in Potsdam as project and junior research group leader. Reich's research involves fiber-optical chemical sensing, and he was recognized in particular for his work on photon density wave spectroscopy, on which he has reported in *ChemPhysChem*.^[3]

Robert Burwell Lectureship in Catalysis for Charles T. Campbell

Charles T. Campbell (University of Washington, Seattle) is the recipient of the 2013 Robert Burwell Lectureship in Catalysis, which is sponsored by Johnson Matthey and administered by the North American Catalysis Society. Campbell studied at the University of Texas at Austin, where he completed his PhD (supervised by J. M. "Mike" White) in 1979. He was subsequently a postdoctoral researcher with Gerhard Ertl at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (1979–1981), and a staff scientist at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (1981–1986), and started his independent career at Indiana University Bloomington in 1986. He moved to the University of Washington in 1992, and is currently B. Seymour Rabinovitch Endowed Chair in Chemistry as well as Adjunct Professor of both Chemical Engineering and Physics. Campbell is interested in environmental and energy-related catalysis, interfaces in photovoltaic devices, and array-based biochemical analysis. He has reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on sinter-resistant catalytic systems.^[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, referees, or board members.

Awarded ...



F. Merkt



F. Laquai



O. Reich



C. T. Campbell