

### Van Arkel Professorship for Roderich D. Süssmuth

Roderich D. Süssmuth (Technische Universität Berlin) has been awarded the 2014 van Arkel Professorship by the Leiden Institute of Chemistry, Leiden University. Süssmuth studied at the University of Tübingen, where he obtained his doctorate (supervised by Günther Jung) in 1999. After postdoctoral research with Carlos F. Barbas and Richard A. Lerner at The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla (2000–2001), he completed his habilitation at the University of Tübingen. He was made professor at the Technische Universität Berlin in 2004. His research interests comprise small-molecule natural products and their (bio)synthesis and drug development, combined with approaches in synthetic biology and pathway engineering. He has reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on the total synthesis of plantazolicin A,<sup>[1a]</sup> and in *Chemistry—A European Journal* on the configuration and conformation of skylamycin.<sup>[1b]</sup>

### Nichols Medal for Amos B. Smith III

Amos B. Smith III (University of Pennsylvania) is the recipient of the 2014 William H. Nichols Medal Award, which is presented by the New York Section of the American Chemical Society for “significant and original contributions to any field of chemistry”. Smith studied at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, and was awarded his PhD in 1972 for work supervised by William C. Agosta at The Rockefeller University. After working as a research associate at the same institution, he joined the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania in 1973 and is currently Rhodes-Thompson Professor of Chemistry. Smith’s research interests are in the areas of complex molecule synthesis, bioorganic/medicinal chemistry, and materials science. He has discussed carboxylic acid bioisosteres for drug design in a Minireview in *ChemMedChem*,<sup>[2a]</sup> and has reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on vinyl epoxides as linchpins in anion relay chemistry.<sup>[2b]</sup>

### ACS Catalysis Lectureship for Suljo Linic

Suljo Linic (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor) has been awarded the 2014 ACS Catalysis Lectureship for the Advancement of Catalytic Science, which is presented for work that not only advances the overall field of catalysis, but also assists in understanding the links between subdisciplines in the field. Linic studied at West Chester University,

Philadelphia, and worked with Mark Barteau at the University of Delaware for his PhD (awarded in 2003). After postdoctoral research with Matthias Scheffler at the Fritz Haber Institute of the Max Planck Society, he started his independent career at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he is currently the Class of 1983 Faculty Scholar Professor of chemical engineering. Linic’s research focuses on chemical reactions on surfaces. He has reported in *ChemCatChem* on catalysts for epoxidation reactions.<sup>[3]</sup>

### FCI Dozentenpreis for Guido H. Clever and Franziska Schoenebeck

Guido H. Clever (University of Göttingen) and Franziska Schoenebeck (RWTH Aachen) have been awarded the Fonds der Chemischen Industrie (FCI; Chemical Industry Fund) Dozentenpreis, which is awarded to outstanding early-career researchers. Both Clever and Schoenebeck were featured here when they won the ADUC Prize.<sup>[4a]</sup> Clever has recently reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on the metal-triggered stabilization of DNA G-quadruplexes.<sup>[4b]</sup> Schoenebeck, who moved from the ETH Zurich to the RWTH Aachen in 2013, has recently reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on computational ligand design.<sup>[4c]</sup>

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### Awarded ...



R. D. Süssmuth



A. B. Smith III



S. Linic



G. H. Clever



F. Schoenebeck