Gmelin–Beilstein Memorial Medal for Henning Hopf

The Gmelin–Beilstein Memorial Medal is awarded biennially by the Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker (GDCh; German Chemical Society) to German and international recipients for outstanding contributions to the history of chemistry, chemical literature, or chemical information. The recipient of the 2014 medal is Henning Hopf (Technische Universität Braunschweig). Hopf studied at the University of Göttingen, and worked with Harlan L. Goering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for his PhD, which was awarded in 1967. He subsequently carried out his habilitation with Hans Musso at the Universities of Marburg and Karlsruhe, and was also a postdoctoral researcher with H. Monty Frey at the University of Reading. After completing his habilitation in 1972, he remained at the University of Karlsruhe, and joined the faculty at the University of Würzburg in 1975. He moved to the Technische Universität Braunschweig in 1978, and remained there until his retirement in 2006. Hopf's research includes the preparation and study of unsaturated compounds, including olefins, allenes, acetylenes, cumulenes, aromatic compounds (mostly cyclophanes), and retinoids. He is Co-Editor of *Modern Cyclophane Chemistry*,[1a] and has reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on tribenzotriquinacene.[1b] Hopf was President of the GDCh from 2004–2006.

Liebig Memorial Medal for Hans-Ulrich Reissig

The GDCh presents the Liebig Memorial Medal for achievements across the entire field of chemistry. The winner of the 2014 medal is Hans-Ulrich Reissig (Freie Universität Berlin). Reissig was featured here when he was elected to the Bavarian Academy of Science and Humanities,[2a] and has recently reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on strong Lewis bases,[2b] and in the *European Journal of Organic Chemistry* on the self-assembly of star-shaped compounds with pyridine end groups.[2c]

Mukaiyama Award for Phil S. Baran and Masayuki Inoue

The Mukaiyama Award was established in 2005 by The Society of Synthetic Organic Chemistry, Japan in honor of Teruaki Mukaiyama, and is presented annually to researchers under 45 years of age for outstanding contributions to the field of synthetic organic chemistry. The winners of the 2014 award are Phil S. Baran (The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla) and Masayuki Inoue (The University of Tokyo).

Phil S. Baran was recently introduced here when he joined the International Advisory Board of *Angewandte Chemie*.[3a] His most recent contribution to *Angewandte Chemie* is a report on the synthesis of *ent*-kaurane and beyerane diterpenoids.[3b]

Masayuki Inoue studied at The University of Tokyo, where he completed his PhD (supervised by Kazuo Tachibana) in 1998. After postdoctoral work with Samuel J. Danishefsky at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, he joined Tohoku University in 2000 as an assistant professor in the group of Masahiro Hirama. He was made professor at The University of Tokyo in 2007. Inoue's research interests are in the total synthesis and functional analysis of biologically active natural products. He has reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on a convergent total synthesis of 19-hydroxysarmentogenin,[4a] and in the *Asian Journal of Organic Chemistry* on the synthesis and properties of antillatoxin.[4b]

And also in the News

Martin D. Burke (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) has been awarded the Thieme IUPAC Prize for his research on the synthesis of small molecules. Burke was featured here when he was awarded the Novartis Chemistry Lectureship.[5]

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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 ...

H. Hopf

H.-U. Reissig

P. S. Baran

M. Inoue

M. D. Burke