

Three polymer chemists will be honored by the Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker (GDCh; German Chemical Society) and the Macromolecular Chemistry Division of the GDCh at the "Polymers and Energy" Meeting that will take place around mid-September 2014 in Jena.

Hermann Staudinger Prize for Martin Möller

Martin Möller (RWTH Aachen and Leibniz Institute for Interactive Materials (DWI)) is the recipient of the Hermann Staudinger Prize, which is awarded by the GDCh for outstanding achievements in the field of macromolecular chemistry. Möller has been recognized for his work on the synthesis of complex polymer molecules, targeted functionalization and structuring of surfaces, and the visualization and behavior of single macromolecules on surfaces. Möller studied at the Universities of Hamburg and Freiburg, and completed his doctorate at the latter institution in 1981. After postdoctoral work at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst (1981–1982), he returned to the University of Freiburg and completed his habilitation there in 1989. He was subsequently made professor at the University of Twente, and in 1993, he moved to the University of Ulm. He was made Professor of Textile Chemistry and Macromolecular Chemistry at the RWTH Aachen in 2002, and Director at the DWI in 2003. He has reported in *Macromolecular Bioscience* on multifunctional poly(vinyl amine)s,^[1b] and in *Advanced Functional Materials* on superhydrophobic electrospun nanowovens.^[1b]

Georg Manecke Prize for Frederik R. Wurm

Frederik R. Wurm (Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research, Mainz) is the winner of the Georg Manecke Prize. This honor is presented by the GDCh to outstanding early-career researchers in the field of polymer chemistry. Wurm studied chemistry at the University of Mainz, where he carried out his doctorate (awarded in 2009) with Holger Frey. He subsequently carried out postdoctoral research with Harm-Anton Klok at the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (2009–2011). In 2012 he was made a junior faculty member of the Max Planck Graduate Center and junior research group leader in the department of Katharina Landfester at the Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research. Wurm's research interests include the development of modern nanotherapeutics, the design of biomimetic materials based on phosphorus-containing polymers, metallocene polymers, and the development of anionic polymerization techniques. He has reported in *Angewandte Chemie*

on multifunctional poly(ethylene glycol)s,^[2a] and in *Macromolecular Symposia* on the use of amino acid based surfactants for the stabilization of nanoparticles.^[2b]

GDCh Macromolecular Chemistry Division Prize for Early-Career Researchers for Sebastian Seiffert

Sebastian Seiffert (Freie Universität Berlin and Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin) is the winner of the GDCh Macromolecular Chemistry Division Prize for Early-Career Researchers. Seiffert was featured here when he won an ADUC Prize.^[3a] He has discussed microgel capsules in a Minireview in *Angewandte Chemie*,^[3b] and has reported in *Macromolecular Chemistry and Physics* on microgel volume phase transitions.^[3c]

And also in the News

Klaus Müllen (Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research, Mainz) has been awarded the Gauß Medal by the Braunschweigische Wissenschaftliche Gesellschaft (BWG; Scientific Society of Braunschweig). Müllen was featured here when he won the ACS Award in Polymer Chemistry.^[4a] He has recently reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on nitrogen-doped carbon nanosheets,^[4b] and in *Advanced Materials* on heteroatom-doped graphene films.^[4c]

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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 ...



M. Möller



F. R. Wurm



S. Seiffert



K. Müllen