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Alfred Stock Memorial Prize for Wolfgang Kaim

Wolfgang Kaim (University of Stuttgart) is the winner of the 2014 Alfred Stock Memorial Prize, which is awarded biennially by the Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker (GDCh; German Chemical Society) for outstanding scientific research in the field of inorganic chemistry. Kaim studied at the Universities of Frankfurt and Konstanz, and obtained his doctorate in 1978 for work supervised by Hans Bock at the former institution. After postdoctoral research with F. A. Cotton at Texas A&M University (1978–1979) and his habilitation at the University of Frankfurt (1982), he remained there as a Karl Winnacker and Heisenberg Fellow, before being made full professor at the University of Stuttgart in 1987. Kaim's research is focused on the electron transfer reactivity of various kinds of new molecular compounds. He is co-author of a textbook on bioinorganic chemistry,^[1a] and has recently reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on C₄ cumulene redox systems.^[1b] Kaim also recently received the Luis Federico Leloir Award for International Cooperation in Science from the Government of Argentina.

Nernst–Haber–Bodenstein Prize for Emad F. Aziz

Emad F. Aziz (Freie Universität (FU) Berlin and Helmholtz Zentrum Berlin) has been awarded the Nernst–Haber–Bodenstein Prize by the Deutsche Bunsen-Gesellschaft für Physikalische Chemie (DBG; German Bunsen Society for Physical Chemistry). This honor is presented to young scientists for research in experimental or theoretical aspects of physical chemistry. Aziz studied at Ain-Shames University and the FU Berlin, and completed his PhD in 2007 at the Berliner Elektronenspeicherring-Gesellschaft für Synchrotronstrahlung. He remained at the same institution until 2008, and from 2008–2009, he was a guest scientist with Majed Chergui at the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne. He was made group leader at the Helmholtz Zentrum Berlin in 2009, and junior professor at the FU Berlin in 2010. Aziz and his research group are interested in the development of spectroscopic methods for studying the structure and dynamics of systems in bulk solutions and at interfaces. He has reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on the investigation of molecular orbital mixing in the [Fe(CO)₅] molecule.^[2]

Ewald Wicke Prize for Pavel Levkin

Pavel Levkin (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology) has been awarded the Ewald Wicke Prize by the

DBG and the Ewald Wicke Foundation. This award is given to scientists under 35 years of age for outstanding work in the field of applied physical chemistry. Levkin studied at the Moscow Institute of Fine Chemical Technology and carried out his PhD (awarded in 2007) with Volker Schurig at the University of Tübingen. From 2007–2009, he was a postdoctoral fellow with Jean M. J. Fréchet and Frank Svec at the University of California, Berkeley, and in 2009, he became Head of the Helmholtz Research Group of Biofunctional Materials at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology and the University of Heidelberg. Levkin's research is focused on the investigation of cell-surface interactions and the development of biofunctional materials, as well as nanoparticles for drug- and gene-delivery applications. He has reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on the UV-initiated modification of surface hydroxy groups with thiol-containing molecules.^[3]

Matthias Driess Elected to the Berlin–Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities

Matthias Driess (Technische Universität Berlin) has been elected to the Berlin–Brandenburg Akademie der Wissenschaften (Berlin–Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities). Driess was featured here when he won the Alfred Stock Memorial Prize,^[4a] and he has recently reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on the use of cobalt-substituted zinc oxide materials as electrocatalysts.^[4b] Driess is Co-Chairman of the Editorial Board of *ChemPlusChem*.

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