

## Elhúyar–Goldschmidt Prize and Langmuir Lectureship Award for Helmuth Möhwald

Helmuth Möhwald (Max Planck Institute of Colloids and Interfaces, Potsdam) has been awarded the Elhúyar–Goldschmidt Prize by the Real Sociedad Española de Química (RSEQ; Royal Spanish Chemical Society) and the Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker (GDCh; German Chemical Society), as well as the Langmuir Lectureship Award by the American Chemical Society (ACS). Möhwald studied at the University of Göttingen and carried out his PhD (awarded in 1974) at the Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Göttingen. He subsequently carried out postdoctoral work at the IBM Almaden Research Center, San José (1974–1975) and his habilitation (completed in 1978) at the University of Ulm. After working at Dornier-System (1978–1981), he was made associate professor at the Technische Universität München in 1981. From 1987–1993, he was Chair of Physical Chemistry at the University of Mainz, and he has been Director at the Max Planck Institute of Colloids and Interfaces since 1993. He was made honorary professor at the University of Potsdam in 1995. Möhwald's research interests are in biomimetic systems, chemistry and physics in confined space, and dynamics at interfaces. He has reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on porous microspheres,<sup>[1a]</sup> and in *ChemPhysChem* on the loading capacities of calcium carbonate particles.<sup>[1b]</sup>

## Société Chimique de France Catalysis Division Prizes

The Catalysis Division of the Société Chimique de France (SCF; French Chemical Society) has awarded the “Prix jeune chercheur” to Karine De Oliveira Vigier (Institut de chimie des milieux et matériaux de Poitiers; IC2MP) and Vincent Monteil (Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1 and École Supérieure de Chimie Physique Electrochimie de Lyon).

**Karine De Oliveira Vigier** worked at the Laboratoire de catalyse en chimie organique (LACCO) at the Université de Poitiers for her PhD. From 2003–2004, she was a postdoctoral researcher at the Université de Sherbrooke, and in 2004, she was appointed maître de conférences at the LACCO. In 2008, she moved to the IC2MP where she works in the Catalyse et milieux non conventionnels group directed by Christoph Couhanceau and François Jérôme. De Oliveira Vigier is interested in catalytic processes in unconventional

media for the valorization of biomass. She has reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on the depolymerization of cellulose,<sup>[2a]</sup> and in *ChemSusChem* on palladium/carbon dioxide cooperative catalysis.<sup>[2b]</sup>

**Vincent Monteil** carried out his PhD (awarded in 2002) with Roger Spitz at the Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1 and was a postdoctoral researcher with Stefan Mecking at the University of Konstanz from 2003–2005. He subsequently joined the CNRS and is currently a chargé de recherche in the Laboratoire de chimie, catalyse, polymères et procédés in Lyon. Topics of Monteil's research include Ziegler–Natta and Phillips polymerization catalysis, hybrid radical/catalytic routes for copolymerization reactions, and free radical polymerization of ethylene. He has reported in *Chemistry—A European Journal* on the active sites of the Phillips catalyst,<sup>[3a]</sup> and in *Angewandte Chemie* on the RAFT polymerization of ethylene.<sup>[3b]</sup>

## And also in the News

David R. Walt (Tufts University) is the winner of the 2014 Gustavus John Esselen Award, which is presented by the ACS Northeastern Section. Walt was featured here when he won the Pittsburgh Analytical Chemistry Award.<sup>[4]</sup>

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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. Möhwald



K. De Oliveira Vigier



V. Monteil



D. R. Walt