Blaise Pascal Medals

The Blaise Pascal Medals were established by the European Academy of Sciences in 2003 in order to recognize outstanding contributions and the promotion of excellence in research. The recipients of the 2014 medals include Sir John Meurig Thomas (Blaise Pascal Medal in Materials Science) and Hubert Schmidbaur (Blaise Pascal Medal in Chemistry).

John Meurig Thomas (University of Cambridge) was featured here when he won the Kapitza Gold Medal and Jayne Prize Lectureship.[1a] His most recent contribution to *Angewandte Chemie* is an Essay on electron microscopy.[1b]

Hubert Schmidbaur (Technische Universität München; TUM) studied chemistry at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, where he completed his doctorate (supervised by Max Schmidt) in 1960. After carrying out his habilitation, he was Professor of Inorganic Chemistry at the University of Würzburg (1965–1973) and at the TUM (1974–2003). Schmidbaur's research interests are in inorganic, bioinorganic, and organometallic chemistry. He published an Essay on coordination chemistry at carbon in the 125th Jubilee Issue of *Angewandte Chemie*,[2a] and his Review on argentophilic interactions is currently in press at this journal.[2b] Schmidbaur was on the Editorial Board of *Angewandte Chemie* from 1978–1986, and was its Chairman for two terms during this period.

ORCHEM Prize for Daniel B. Werz and Franziska Schoenebeck

The ORCHEM Prize is presented by the Liebig-Vereinigung für Organische Chemie (Organic Chemistry Division) of the Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker (GDCh; German Chemical Society) to young researchers for new, original, and trend-setting work. The Prize is awarded at the biennial ORCHEM Conference, which this year featured the EurJOC Lecture given by Helma Wennemers (ETH Zurich). The winners of the 2014 Prize are Daniel B. Werz and Franziska Schoenebeck.

Daniel B. Werz (Technische Universität Braunschweig) studied at the University of Heidelberg, where he carried out his PhD (awarded in 2003) with Rolf Gleiter. He was a postdoctoral researcher at the same institution (2003–2004), and with Peter H. Seeberger at the ETH Zurich (2004–2006), and he completed his habilitation under the supervision of Lutz Tietze at the University of Göttingen in 2011. He remained in Göttingen as lecturer, and he was made associate professor at the Technische Universität Braunschweig in 2013. Werz and his research group are interested in bioorganic chemistry and synthetic methodology. His most recent contributions to *Angewandte Chemie* are a report on domino reactions,[3a] and a Review on donor–acceptor cyclopropanes.[3b]

Franziska Schoenebeck (RWTH Aachen) was featured here when she won an ADUC Prize.[4a] Schoenebeck, who moved to the RWTH Aachen in 2013, is also the winner of the 2014 *Journal of Physical Organic Chemistry* Award for Early Excellence. She has recently reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on computational ligand design.[4b]

Morley Medal for Stuart J. Rowan

Stuart Rowan (Case Western Reserve University) has been awarded the Edward W. Morley Medal by the Cleveland Section of the American Chemical Society. Rowan studied at the University of Glasgow, where he worked with David D. MacNicol for his PhD, which was awarded in 1995. In 1994, he moved to the University of Cambridge to work with Jeremy K. M. Sanders, and in 1998 he joined the group of J. Fraser Stoddart at the University of California, Los Angeles. In 1999 he joined the faculty at Case Western Reserve University, where he is currently Kent H. Smith Professor of Engineering. Rowan's research is focused on the potential of dynamic chemistry (covalent and non-covalent) in the construction and properties of structurally dynamic polymeric materials. He has discussed fluorescent sensors for the detection of chemical warfare agents in *Chemistry—A European Journal*.[5] Rowan is on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Polymer Science Part A: Polymer Chemistry*.

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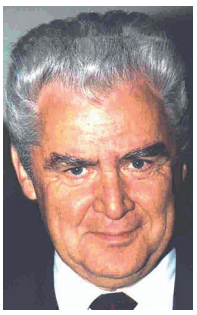

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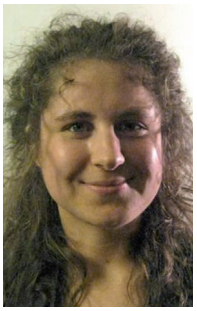

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