

Grand Prix de la Fondation de la Maison de la Chimie for Jean-Pierre Sauvage

Jean-Pierre Sauvage (Université de Strasbourg) has been announced as the winner of the Grand Prix 2014 de la Fondation de la Maison de la Chimie. The prize, which comprises €35 000 and a silver medal, is awarded for “original work in chemistry, of benefit to mankind, society, or nature”, and will be presented at a ceremony in February 2015. Sauvage was featured here when he won the Blaise Pascal Medal in Chemistry.^[1a] His report on heteroleptic copper(I) complexes was recently featured on the cover of *Chemistry—A European Journal*.^[1b]

WACKER Silicone Award for Akira Sekiguchi

Akira Sekiguchi (University of Tsukuba) is the recipient of the 2014 WACKER Silicone Award, which is presented biennially and is valued at €10 000. Sekiguchi studied at Gunma University and received his doctorate (supervised by Wataru Ando) from the University of Tsukuba in 1981, and subsequently remained there as assistant professor. From 1986–1987, he was a postdoctoral fellow with Robert West at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, and in 1987, he moved to Tohoku University as associate professor in the group of Hideki Sakurai. In 1996, he returned to the University of Tsukuba as full professor. Sekiguchi’s research is centered on low-coordinate organo-silicon compounds, including doubly and triply bonded organosilicon species, and silicon-centered radicals, cations, anions, and radical ions. He has reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on anode materials based on persilyl-substituted free radicals,^[2a] and in *Chemistry—A European Journal* on isolable aryl-substituted silyl radicals.^[2b]

Friedmund Neumann Prize for Maja Köhn

Maja Köhn (European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL), Heidelberg) has been awarded the 2014 Friedmund Neumann Prize, which is awarded by the Schering Foundation to young scientists, and is worth €10 000. Köhn studied University of Kiel, and carried out her PhD at the Max Planck Institute of Molecular Physiology, Dortmund, under the supervision of Herbert Waldmann. From 2005–2007, she was a postdoctoral researcher with Gregory L. Verdine, and was made an independent group leader at the EMBL in 2007. Köhn and her research group apply methods of synthetic chemistry, biochemistry, and molecular and cell biology to study phosphatases in order to develop

molecules and strategies to target them in diseases, with a focus on cancer. Her contributions to *Angewandte Chemie* include a Highlight on synthetic adaptor proteins,^[3a] and a Communication on a peptide for the selective activation of protein phosphatase-1.^[3b]

Ignaz L. Lieben Award for Jana Roithová

Jana Roithová (Univerzita Karlova v Praze, Prague) has been honored with the 2014 Ignaz L. Lieben Award by the Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften (Austrian Academy of Sciences). Roithová studied at Univerzita Karlova v Praze, and carried out her PhD (awarded in 2003) with Zdenek Herman at the Institute of Chemical Technology, Prague, and the J. Heyrovský Institute of Physical Chemistry, which is part of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic. She then undertook a postdoctoral stay at the Technische Universität Berlin in the group of Helmut Schwarz. From 2006–2007, she worked with Detlef Schröder in the Institute of Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry in Prague, and in 2007, she started her independent career at the Univerzita Karlova v Praze, where she is currently full professor. Roithová and her group are interested in the development of new approaches for studying of reaction mechanisms and reactive intermediates by mass spectrometry, and she was honored for her work on physical-organic ion chemistry. She has reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on the use of electrospray ionization to study gold(I)-mediated addition reactions,^[4a] and in the *European Journal of Inorganic Chemistry* on the speciation behavior of copper(II) acetate.^[4b]

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