

Honda–Fujishima Lectureship Award for Thorsten Bach

Thorsten Bach (Technische Universität München; TUM) was awarded the 2014 Honda–Fujishima Lectureship by the Japanese Photochemistry Association for his contributions to the enantioselective catalysis of photochemical reactions. Bach studied at the University of Heidelberg and the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, and carried out his PhD (awarded in 1991) with Manfred T. Reetz at the University of Marburg. From 1991–1992, he was a postdoctoral researcher with David A. Evans at Harvard University, and from 1992–1996, he carried out his habilitation in the group of Dieter Hoppe at the University of Münster. From 1997–2000, he was associate professor at the University of Marburg, and he was made Professor of Organic Chemistry at the TUM in 2000. Bach's research interests are in the development and application of new synthetic methods in organic chemistry, with a focus on catalytic methods that employ both photochemical and conventional techniques to enable previously unknown transformations. His most recent contributions to *Angewandte Chemie* are on [2+2] photocycloaddition reactions,^[1a] and on enantioselective oxygenation reactions.^[1b]

Novartis Early Career Award for Ryan A. Shenvi and Daniel J. Weix

The Novartis Early Career Award in Organic Chemistry comprises an unrestricted research grant and is given to scientists who are within ten years of having established an independent research career. The winners of the 2014 award are Ryan A. Shenvi (The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla) and Daniel J. Weix (University of Rochester).

Ryan A. Shenvi studied at Penn State University and earned his PhD in 2008 for work supervised by Phil Baran at The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla. He then joined the laboratory of E. J. Corey at Harvard University as a postdoctoral fellow. In 2010, he returned to The Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, where he was made associate professor in 2014. Shenvi and his group are interested in developing concise chemical syntheses of complex molecules that are relevant to human health. His report on the synthesis of asmarines by a nitrosopurine-ene reaction is in press at *Angewandte Chemie*.^[2]

Daniel J. Weix (University of Rochester) studied at Columbia University, New York, and worked with Jonathan A. Ellman at the University of California, Berkeley, for his PhD (awarded in 2005). From 2005–2008, he was a postdoctoral fellow with John F. Hartwig at Yale University and

the University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign, and in 2008, he joined the faculty at the University of Rochester, where he was made associate professor in 2014. Weix's research program is focused on the development of catalytic methods for organic synthesis, including cross-electrophile coupling and selective cross-coupling reactions.

Max Bergmann Medal for Ernest Giralt

Ernest Giralt (Universitat de Barcelona) was awarded the 2014 Max Bergmann Medal by the Max-Bergmann-Kreis for his work on molecular recognition at protein surfaces. Giralt was featured here when he was awarded a Novartis Chemistry Lectureship.^[3a] His report on the inhibition of protein–protein interactions was featured on the cover of *Angewandte Chemie*,^[3b] and he has recently reported in *ChemMedChem* on peptide shuttles.^[3c] Giralt is on the Editorial Boards of *ChemBioChem*, *ChemistryOpen*, and *ChemMedChem*.

Schrödinger Medal for Helmut Schwarz

Helmut Schwarz (Technische Universität Berlin) has been announced as the winner of the 2015 World Association of Theoretical and Computational Chemists (WATOC) Schrödinger Medal, which will be presented at the 2017 WATOC Congress in Munich. Schwarz, whose career and other achievements have already been highlighted in this section,^[4a] also received an honorary doctorate from Hanyang University in 2013. He has recently reported in *Chemistry—A European Journal* on thermal ethane activation by metal oxide cluster cations.^[4b]

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