

Gay-Lussac-Humboldt Prize for Werner Kunz

The Gay-Lussac-Humboldt Prize is awarded by the French Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche in conjunction with the Académie des Sciences, and the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation to German and French scientists, respectively. The prize, which is worth 60 000 Euros, is given to recognize outstanding research and the encouraging cooperation between the two countries. Among the five winners of the 2014 prize is Werner Kunz (University of Regensburg), who was featured here when he won the ECIS-Rhodia Prize.^[1]

Clara Immerwahr Award for Anna Company

Anna Company (Universitat de Girona) has been awarded the Clara Immerwahr Award by the Cluster of Excellence UniCat. This prize is given to young female scientists who are at the early stages of their careers and have carried out outstanding work in the area of catalysis. Company studied at the Universitat de Girona, where she obtained her PhD (supervised by Miquel Costas) in 2008. From 2009–2011, she was a postdoctoral researcher with Matthias Driess at the Technische Universität Berlin, and in 2011, she returned to Girona, where she has been a Ramón y Cajal Fellow since 2012. Company's research interests include small-molecule activation using first-row transition metals, the design of catalysts for oxidation reactions that use environmentally friendly oxidants, and the characterization of transient species in oxidation reactions. She has reported in *Chemistry—A European Journal* on stereospecific oxidation reactions using non-heme iron catalysts,^[2a] and in *Angewandte Chemie* on the copper-promoted selective *ortho*-hydroxylation–defluorination of 2-fluorophenolates.^[2b]

Peter and Traudl Engelhorn Foundation Research Prize for Sebastian van de Linde

Sebastian van de Linde (University of Würzburg) has been awarded the 2015 Peter and Traudl Engelhorn Foundation Research Prize, which is given for work that advances the fields of biotechnology and genetic engineering, specifically for new methods to investigate structure and function in life processes. After completing his PhD (supervised by Markus Sauer) at the University of Bielefeld in 2011, van de Linde carried out postdoctoral work with Markus Sauer at the University of Würzburg

(2011–2013), as well as undertaking research stays with Clemens Kaminski at the University of Cambridge (2013) and Katharina Gaus at the University of New South Wales (2014). He was made junior group leader in Würzburg in 2013. Van de Linde is interested in single-molecule fluorescence spectroscopy, in particular the development of single-molecule super-resolution methods and applications in life sciences, such as studying the synaptic function in neurons. He has reported in *ChemPhysChem* on localization microscopy.^[3]

Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities Prizes

The Bayerische Akademie der Wissenschaften (Bavarian Academy of Sciences and Humanities) presented several prizes in 2014, and honored two chemists among the awardees.

Sonja Herres-Pawlis (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München) received the Arnold Sommerfeld Prize for her theoretical and experimental work on the mechanism of lactide polymerization. Herres-Pawlis was featured here when she won the NRW-Innovation Prize.^[4a] She has recently reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on entatic copper complexes.^[4b]

Stefan M. Huber (Ruhr-Universität Bochum) was awarded the Robert Sauer Prize for his work on halogen bonding. Huber was highlighted in this section when he won the Hans Fischer Memorial Prize.^[5a] He has recently reported in *Chemistry—An Asian Journal* on the activation of glycosyl halides by halogen bonding.^[5b]

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S. van de Linde



S. Herres-Pawlis



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