

# Kieler Wissenschaftspreis for Rainer Herges

Rainer Herges (University of Kiel) has been awarded the 2015 Kieler Wissenschaftspreis (Kiel Science Prize), which is worth €10000 and is presented by the city of Kiel for outstanding scientific achievements. Herges studied at the University of Saarbrücken, and worked for his PhD (completed in 1984) with Ivar Ugi at the Technische Universität München. He carried out postdoctoral work with George A. Olah at the University of Southern California (1984-1985), and subsequently joined the Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg where he completed his habilitation in 1992, and was lecturer from 1990-1996. He was made professor at the Technische Universität Braunschweig in 1996, and has been Chair of Organic Chemistry at the University of Kiel since 2001. Herges and his research group are interested in synthetic organic, metal-organic, and supramolecular chemistry, as well as quantumchemical calculations and computational chemistry. He is co-author of a report in Angewandte Chemie on core-modified rubyrins, [1a] and has reported in the European Journal of Organic Chemistry on diazocines on molecular platforms.[1b]

# R. Bruce Merrifield Award for Horst Kessler

The R. Bruce Merrifield Award is presented biennially by the American Peptide Society in order to recognize "the lifetime achievement of a peptide scientist, whose work exemplifies the highest level of scientific creativity", and is worth US\$25000. Horst Kessler (Institute for Advanced Study, Technische Universität München) is the winner of the 2015 award. Kessler was featured here when he won the Akabori Memorial Award, [2a] and has recently reported in *ChemMedChem* on polymer-free drug-eluting stent systems. [2b] He was on the Editorial Board of *Angewandte Chemie* from 1996–2005 (and was its Chairman from 1998).

## MCS-ICS Award in Memory of Barry Cohen for Richard B. Silverman

The Medicinal Chemistry Section of the Israel Chemical Society (MCS–ICS) has honored Richard B. Silverman (Northwestern University) with the MCS–ICS Award in Memory of Barry Cohen. Silverman studied at Pennsylvania State University, and completed his PhD (supervised by David H. Dolphin) at Harvard University in 1974.

After postdoctoral work with Robert H. Abeles at Brandeis University (1974–1976), he joined the faculty at Northwestern University in 1976, and is currently John Evans Professor of Chemistry. Silverman was honored for his work in the area of enzyme inhibition and the development of medicinal agents, in particular for neurodegenerative diseases. He has published an Essay in *Angewandte Chemie* on the discovery of the blockbuster drug Lyrica (pregabalin).<sup>[3]</sup>

### And also in the News

**Uwe T. Bornscheuer** (University of Greifswald) is the recipient of the 2015 Stephen S. Chang Award, which is presented by the American Oil Chemists' Society for achievements in "research for the improvement or development of products related to lipids". Bornscheuer, who was featured here when he won the Chevreul Medal, [4a] has recently reported in *ChemBioChem* on enzyme engineering. [4b] He is Co-Chair of the Editorial Board of *ChemCatChem* and is Editor-in-Chief of the *European Journal of Lipid Science and Technology*.

**Paul T. Anastas** (Yale University) is the recipient of the 2015 Emanuel Merck Lectureship, which is awarded by Merck and the Technische Universität Darmstadt. Anastas was featured here when he won the Wöhler Prize.<sup>[5]</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 ...



R. Herges



H. Kessler



R. B. Silverman



U. T. Bornscheuer



P. T. Anastas