Robert Burwell Lectureship in Catalysis for Matthew Neurock

Matthew Neurock (University of Minnesota) has been awarded the 2015 Robert Burwell Lectureship in Catalysis, which is administered by the North American Catalysis Society and sponsored by Johnson Matthey, and is given "in recognition of substantial contributions to one or more areas in the field of catalysis". Neurock studied at the University of Delaware, where he completed his PhD in 1992. From 1992–1993, he was a postdoctoral researcher at the Eindhoven University of Technology, and from 1993–1995, he was a visiting researcher at DuPont Central Research and Development and the University of Delaware. In 1995, he started his independent career at the University of Virginia, and in 2014, he was made Shell Professor of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science at the University of Minnesota. Neurock's research involves the application of theoretical and computational chemistry to the simulation of heterogeneous catalytic systems. He has reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on the effect of water on the Fischer–Tropsch synthesis with ruthenium catalysts,[1a] and he is co-author of a book on molecular heterogeneous catalysis.[1b] Neurock is on the International Advisory Board of *ChemCatChem*.

Christian Leumann Elected Rector of the University of Bern

Christian Leumann has been elected as Rector of the University of Bern and will take office in 2016. Leumann studied at the ETH Zurich, where he worked with Albert Eschenmoser for his PhD (awarded in 1986). After postdoctoral work with Peter G. Schultz at the University of California, Berkeley (1987–1988), he returned to the ETH Zurich as a research associate (1988–1993). He was made Professor of Bioorganic Chemistry at the University of Bern in 1993, and was made Vice-Rector Research there in 2011. Leumann's research interests include the synthesis and characterization of base-modified DNA analogues for applications in nanotechnology, and backbone-modified nucleic acid analogues. He has reported in *Chemistry—A European Journal* on electron transfer in DNA containing stacked aromatic residues,[2a] and in *ChemBioChem* on the synthesis and properties of tricyclothymidine triphosphate.[2b]

New Members of the Nordrhein-Westfälische Akademie der Wissenschaften und der Künste

The Nordrhein-Westfälische Akademie der Wissenschaften und der Künste (North Rhine-Westphalian Academy of Sciences, Humanities, and the Arts) recently elected 19 new members, and we mention three of them here.

Holger Braunschweig (University of Würzburg) was featured here when he won the Royal Society of Chemistry Main Group Chemistry Award.[3a] He has recently reported in *Chemistry—A European Journal* on base-stabilized Group 11 metal cations.[3b]

Peter R. Schreiner (University of Gießen) was highlighted here when he was elected to the Nationale Akademie der Wissenschaften Leopoldina (German National Academy of Sciences).[4a] His most recent contribution to *Angewandte Chemie* is a report on the preparation of a silanone.[4b]

Kazuyuki Tatsumi (Nagoya University) was featured here when he won the Seibold Prize.[5a] He has reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on the formation of η^5-cyclopentadienyl-diimine ligands.[5b]

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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.

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H. Braunschweig


P. R. Schreiner


K. Tatsumi