

Société Chimique de France Prizes 2015

The Société Chimique de France (French Chemical Society) has honored five outstanding chemists with its “Grands Prix”, which are awarded to recognize internationally recognized research, and its “Prix binationaux”. We feature the recipients here.

Serge Cosnier (Département de Chimie Moléculaire, Université Grenoble Alpes) is the recipient of the Grand Prix Joseph-Achille Le Bel. Cosnier studied at the Université Joseph Fourier, Grenoble, and carried out his PhD (awarded in 1982) with Armand Lattes and Alain de Savignac at the Université Paul Sabatier, Toulouse. He subsequently joined the CNRS as a chargé de recherche, and was a research fellow with Helmut Simon at the Technische Universität München (1989–1990). He is currently CNRS directeur de recherche and Director of the Département de Chimie Moléculaire. Cosnier’s research is focused on molecular electrochemistry, bioelectrochemistry, biosensors, conducting polymers, modified electrodes, and bioconversion. He was one of the Guest Editors of a special issue of *ChemElectroChem* on biofuel cells,^[1a] and his report on the bioelectrocatalytic reduction of oxygen was featured on a cover of *Chemistry—A European Journal*.^[1b]

Daniel Lincot (Institut de Recherche et Développement sur l’Énergie Photovoltaïque (IRDEP) and Institut Photovoltaïque Ile de France (IPVF)) has been honored with the Grand Prix Pierre Süe. Lincot studied at the École Supérieure de Physique et Chimie Industrielle de la ville de Paris, and carried out his PhD with Yves Marfaing at the Laboratoire de Physique des Solides du CNRS, Meudon. Lincot’s research program is focused on photovoltaics, including low-cost, thin-film solar cells. He has reported in *Advanced Materials Interfaces* on the fabrication of flexible solar cells.^[2]

William B. Motherwell (University College London) is the recipient of the Prix franco-britannique. Motherwell studied at the University of Glasgow, where he completed his PhD in 1972. After an independent research fellowship at the same institution, he joined the group of Derek H. R. Barton at Imperial College London in 1975, and subsequently moved to the Institut de Chimie des Substances Naturelles, Gif sur Yvette, where he was a CNRS chargé de recherche for six years. In 1983, he joined the faculty at Imperial College, and he was Alexander Williamson Chair of Chemistry at University College London from 1993 until his retirement. Motherwell’s research interests include (physical) organic and organometallic chemistry, including zinc carbenoids, transition-metal-catalyzed reactions, and free-radical chemistry. His most recent contributions to *Angewandte Chemie* include reports on noncovalent functional-

group interactions,^[3a] and on lone pair–heteroarene interactions.^[3b]

Maurizio Prato (Università degli Studi di Trieste) is the winner of the Prix franco-italien. Prato was featured here when he won the Medaglia Giulio Natta.^[4a] He has recently reported in *Chemistry—A European Journal* on macroscopic structures based on carbon nanotubes.^[4b] Prato is on the International Advisory Board of the *European Journal of Organic Chemistry*.

Karol Grela (Institute of Organic Chemistry of the Polish Academy of Sciences) is the recipient of the Prix franco-polonais. Grela studied at the Warsaw University of Technology, and carried out his PhD (awarded in 1998) with Mieczysław Mąkosza at the Institute of Organic Chemistry. After postdoctoral research with Alois Fürstner at the Max Planck Institute for Coal Research, Mülheim (1999–2000), he returned to the Institute of Organic Chemistry, where he completed his habilitation in 2003 and was made professor in 2008. Grela and his research group are interested in synthesis, organometallic chemistry, and catalysis, including natural products, pharmaceutically relevant compounds, and catalysts for metathesis. He has reported in *Chemistry—A European Journal* on chelating ruthenium phenolate complexes.^[5] Grela is on the Editorial Board of *Chemistry—A European Journal* and the International Advisory Board of the *European Journal of Organic Chemistry*.

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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 ...



S. Cosnier



D. Lincot



W. B. Motherwell



M. Prato



K. Grela