

Nagoya Gold and Silver Medals

The Nagoya Medal of Organic Chemistry, which comprises the Nagoya Medal Prize (Gold Medal) and the Silver Medal, is awarded annually and is supported by Banyu Life Science Foundation International and cosponsored by the Institute of Transformative Bio-Molecules (ITbM), Nagoya University. The Gold Medal was established in 1995, and is awarded for significant original work in the field. The Silver Medal was established in 1999, and is awarded to a scientist who is based in Japan and is at an earlier career stage. The winner of the 2016 Gold Medal is **Stuart L. Schreiber** (Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Harvard University, and the Broad Institute of Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology), who was featured here when he won the American Chemical Society Arthur C. Cope Award.^[1]

The winner of the Silver Medal is **Zhaomin Hou** (RIKEN, Saitama). Hou studied at the China University of Petroleum, Beijing, and Kyushu University, and received his master's and PhD degrees from the latter institution in 1989 for work supervised by Yuzo Fujiwara and Hiroshi Taniguchi. He subsequently carried out postdoctoral work with Hiroshi Yamazaki at RIKEN (1990–1991) and Douglas W. Stephan at the University of Windsor (1991–1993). He subsequently returned to RIKEN, where he is currently Chief Scientist and Director of the Organometallic Chemistry Laboratory, joint Director of the Advanced Catalysis Research Group, and joint Deputy Director of the RIKEN Center for Sustainable Resource Science. Hou's research involves the development of catalysts, reactions, and functional materials. He has reported in *Chemistry—An Asian Journal* on C–H carboxylation of aromatic compounds,^[2a] and in *Chemistry—A European Journal* on catalytic C–H addition of pyridines to allenes.^[2b] Hou was a founding member of the International Advisory Board of *ChemPlusChem* (2012–2015).

Kyoto Prize

The Kyoto Prize is presented annually by the Inamori Foundation to recognize “those who have contributed significantly to the scientific, cultural, and spiritual betterment of mankind”. These international prizes, which comprise a diploma, a gold medal, and 50 million yen, are presented in three categories. The winners of the 2015 prizes are **Michel Mayor** (Basic Science), **John Neumeier** (Arts and Philosophy), and **Toyoki Kunitake** (Advanced Technology), who has reported in

Angewandte Chemie on the nanocoating of cellulose fibers with titania,^[3a] and in *Advanced Materials* on silica-based double-oxide nanomembranes.^[3b] Kunitake (Kyushu University) studied at Kyushu University, and worked with Charles C. Price at the University of Pennsylvania for his PhD (awarded in 1962). After postdoctoral work with Carl G. Niemann at the California Institute of Technology (1962–1963), he joined the faculty at Kyushu University in 1963. From 1999–2008, he was Professor and Vice-President at the University of Kitakyushu, and from 1999–2007, he was group director at RIKEN. He returned to Kyushu University in 2015. Kunitake's current research interests involve the preparation of large-scale nanomembranes for practical applications, in particular materials transport and separation.

And also in the News

Joachim Sauer (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin) is the recipient of the 2015 François Gault Lecture-ship, which is awarded by the European Federation of Catalysis Societies (EFCATS). Sauer was featured here when he was awarded an honorary doctorate.^[4a] He is co-author of a recent report in *Angewandte Chemie* on the mechanism of the interaction of water with iron oxides.^[4b] Sauer is on the International Advisory Board of *ChemCatChem*.

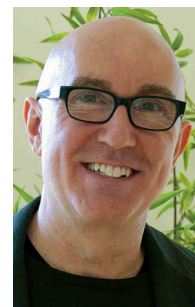
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