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P. Strasser



H. Tüysüz



S. E. Skrabalak



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Otto Roelen Medal for Peter Strasser

Peter Strasser (Technische Universität Berlin) has been awarded the Otto Roelen Medal, which is endowed by The Oxea Group and presented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Katalyse (GECATS; German Catalysis Society) for achievements in the field of catalysis research. Strasser studied at the University of Tübingen and carried out his doctorate (awarded in 1999) with Gerhard Ertl at the Fritz Haber Institute of the Max Planck Society, Berlin. He then joined Symyx Technologies, Santa Clara, where he carried out postdoctoral research supervised by Henry Weinberg, University of California, Santa Barbara (2000–2001), and subsequently worked as group leader (2001–2004). From 2004–2007, he was assistant professor at the University of Houston, Texas, and in 2007, he was made Professor of Electrochemistry and Electrocatalysis at the Technische Universität Berlin. Strasser and his group are currently interested in the discovery and fundamental understanding of new nanostructured catalysts for water splitting in electrolyzers and the direct electrochemical CO₂ conversion to fuels and chemicals. He has reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on the direct electroreduction of CO₂,^[1a] and in *ChemSusChem* on catalyst materials for selective seawater hydrolysis.^[1b]

Jochen Block Prize for Harun Tüysüz

Harun Tüysüz (Max Planck Institute (MPI) for Coal Research, Mülheim) has been honored with the Jochen Block Prize, which is awarded by the GECATS to early-career researchers for fundamental and original studies in the field of catalysis. Tüysüz studied at the University of Akdeniz, Antalya, and the Gebze Institute of Technology, and carried out his PhD (awarded in 2008) with Ferdi Schüth at the MPI for Coal Research. After postdoctoral research with Schüth (2008–2009) and Peidong Yang at the University of California, Berkeley (2009–2011), he was made group leader at the MPI for Coal Research in 2011. Tüysüz is interested in the development of well-defined nanostructured materials, with particular focus on applications such as photo- and electrochemical water splitting, perovskite solar cells, biomass conversion, and plasmonic catalysis. He has reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on the synthesis of organometal halide perovskite inverse opals,^[2a] and in *ChemNanoMat* on crystalline tantalates for photocatalytic water splitting.^[2b]

Baekeland Award for Sara E. Skrabalak

The Leo Hendrik Baekeland Award is presented by the North Jersey Section of the American Chemical Society to exceptional chemists under the age of 40.

Sara E. Skrabalak (Indiana University, Bloomington) is the winner of the 2015 award. Skrabalak studied at Washington University in St. Louis, and worked with Kenneth S. Suslick at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for her doctorate, which was awarded in 2007. From 2007–2008, she carried out postdoctoral research with Younan Xia and Xingde Li at the University of Washington, Seattle, and she joined the faculty at Indiana University in 2008. Skrabalak's research involves the synthesis of nanomaterials with well-defined shapes and architectural precision, with a current emphasis on bimetallic and oxynitride compositions for applications in plasmonics and photocatalysis. She has reported in *ChemNanoMat* on the ligand-mediated growth and aggregation of metal nanoparticles and nanodendrites,^[3a] and her report on metal dendrimers (hierarchically branched nanocrystals) was featured on the cover of *Angewandte Chemie*.^[3b] Skrabalak is on the International Advisory Board of *ChemNanoMat*.

Esselen Award for Timothy M. Swager

Timothy M. Swager (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) has been honored with the 2016 Gustavus John Esselen Award for Chemistry in the Public Interest, which is presented by the Northeastern Section of the American Chemical Society. Swager was featured here when he received a Royal Society of Chemistry Centenary Prize.^[4a] His recent contributions to *Angewandte Chemie* include a report on a system for the simultaneous identification of neutral and anionic species,^[4b] and a Review on nanowire chemical/biological sensors.^[4c]

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