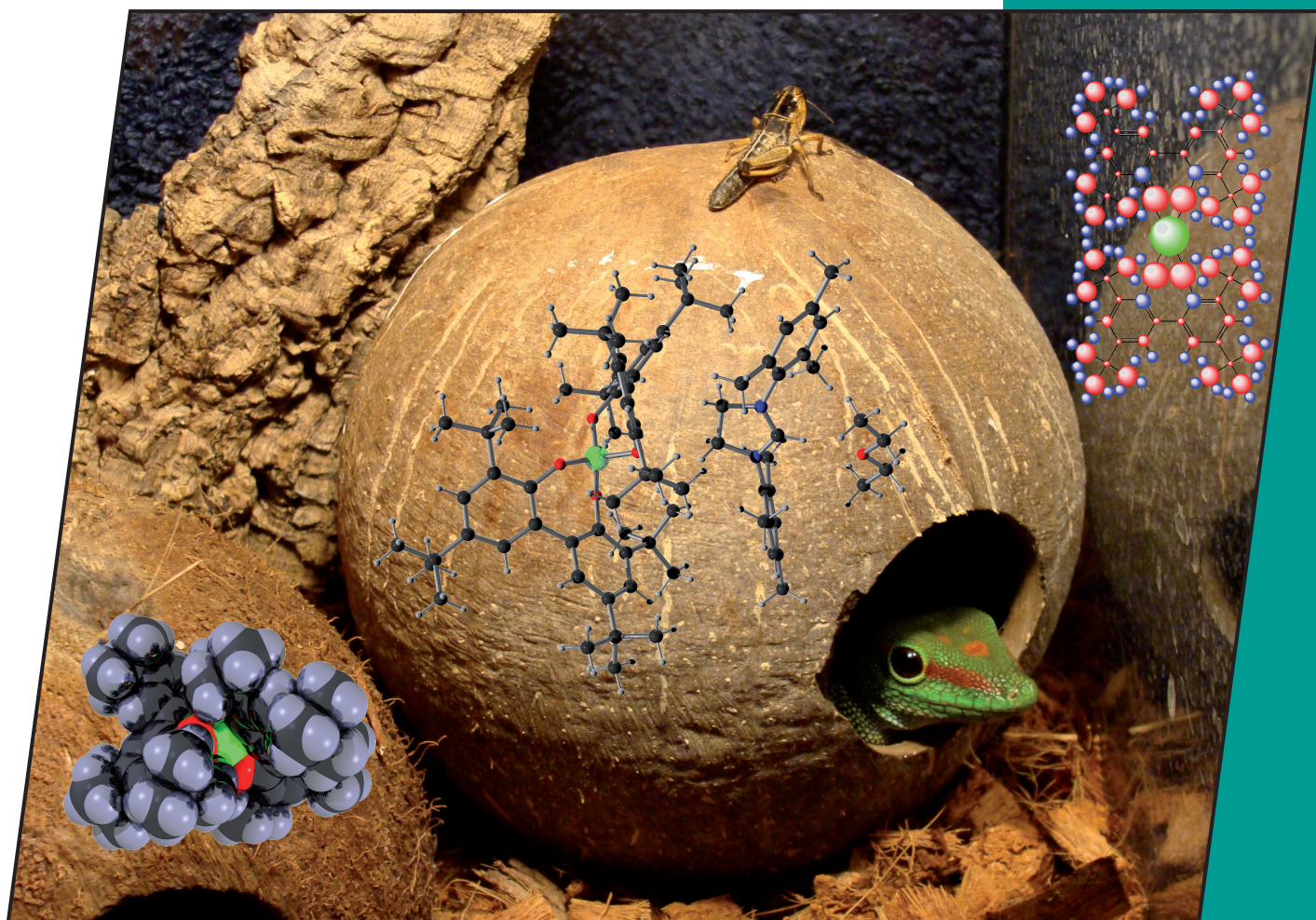


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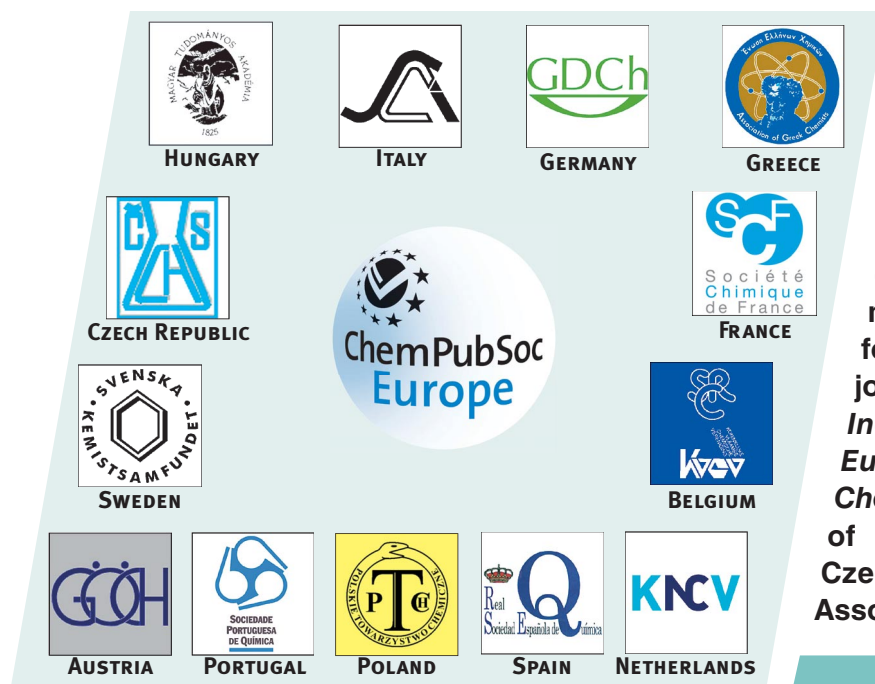
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## COVER PICTURE

The cover picture shows a Madagascar day gecko (*Phelsuma madagascariensis grandis*) in a coconut with a locust on top. Gecko toes hold on to slithery and vertical surfaces due to van der Waals forces, which are also relevant for the lipophilic *altebate* anion (left space-filling model). Its sterically demanding substituents shield the nucleophilic center, making diethyl ether a better hydrogen bond acceptor in comparison (middle X-ray structure). The high symmetry and the positive (blue) partial charges on the molecular surface are reflected in the right fractal-like model. Details are discussed in the Short Communication by B. F. Straub et al. on p. 1907ff. Photograph by Michael Wrede, artwork by Bernd F. Straub.

