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D Trauner



T. Gaich



Vázquez



S. Kaskel

Otto Bayer Award for Dirk Trauner

Dirk Trauner (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München) is the recipient of the 2016 Otto Bayer Award, which is presented by the Bayer Science & Education Foundation to honor scientists working in the areas of chemistry and biochemistry. This award, which is worth €75000, was established in 1984 and commemorates Otto Bayer, who was Head of Research at Bayer AG (and no relation to the company founder). Trauner, who was recognized for his contributions in the area of photopharmacology and chemical optogenetics, was featured here when he was awarded a Novartis Chemistry Lectureship.[1a] His recent contributions to Angewandte Chemie include a report on the synthesis of lycopalhine A.[1b] Trauner is on the Editorial Board of ChemBioChem.

Bayer Early Excellence in Science Award

The Bayer Early Excellence in Science Award is awarded to early-career researchers who have completed their doctorate within the previous five years and who have made significant contributions to their fields of research. The award is awarded in the categories of chemistry, biology, and medical research, and comprises €10000 per category. The winner of the 2015 award in chemistry is **Tanja Gaich** (University of Konstanz). Gaich was featured here when she won an ADUC Prize. [2a] She has recently reported in *Chemistry — A European Journal* on the synthesis of leuconoxine alkaloids, [2b] and on the configuration of corynanthean alkaloids. [2c]

Cottrell-Fulbright Award

The Cottrell-Fulbright Award has been established by the German-American Fulbright Commission, and provides funding of €63000 for two young scientists to undertake a three-year combined teaching and research project. The winners of the inaugural award are Sebastian Slama (University of Tübingen) and Olalla Vázquez (University of Marburg), who is co-author of reports in Angewandte Chemie and Chemistry-A European Journal on DNA recognition.[3] Vázquez studied at the University of Santiago de Compostela, where she worked under the supervision of José Luis Mascareñas and Eugenio M. Vázquez for her PhD (completed in 2010). After a research fellowship with Oliver Seitz at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (2011-2014), she was made junior research group leader and subsequently junior professor at the University of Marburg in 2014. Vázquez and her group are interested in the exploration of innovative chemical tools and smart molecules capable of sensing and influencing specific processes involved in chromatin regulation in a programmable manner.

JSPS Prize for Stefan Kaskel

Stefan Kaskel (Technische Universität Dresden) has been awarded a Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Prize, which allowed a fourweek research stay to support a collaboration with Qiang Xu at the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) in Osaka. Kaskel studied at the University of Tübingen, where he was awarded his PhD in 1997 for work supervised by Joachim Strähle. From 1998-2000, he was a research fellow with John D. Corbett at the Ames Laboratory and Iowa State University, and from 2000-2004, he was a group leader at the Max Planck Institute for Coal Research, Mülheim, and completed his habilitation (mentored by Ferdi Schüth in Mülheim and Roland Fischer at the Ruhr-Universität Bochum) in 2003. He was made Professor of Inorganic Chemistry at the Technische Universität Dresden in 2004. Kaskel's research is focused on battery and gas-storage materials, in particular high-performance carbon materials. He has reported in Chemistry—A European Journal on the synthesis of ordered mesoporous carbon materials, [4a] and in Angewandte Chemie on chitin/ metal-organic framework composites.[4b]

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