

## Ryoji Noyori Prize for Larry E. Overman

Larry E. Overman (University of California, Berkeley) has been awarded the 2015 Ryoji Noyori Prize. This honor is worth \$100 000, and is sponsored by the Takasago International Corporation and presented by The Society of Synthetic Organic Chemistry, Japan (SSOCJ) for “outstanding contributions to research in asymmetric synthetic chemistry defined in its broadest sense”. Overman, who was featured here when he won the American Chemical Society (ACS) Roger Adams Award in Organic Chemistry,<sup>[1a]</sup> has recently discussed natural products containing contiguous stereogenic centers in a Review in *Angewandte Chemie*.<sup>[1b]</sup>

## Mukaiyama Award for M. Christina White and Hideki Yorimitsu

The Mukaiyama Award is presented by the SSOCJ to individuals under the age of 45 for their contributions to the field of synthetic organic chemistry, and is worth \$5000. M. Christina White (University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign) and Hideki Yorimitsu (Kyoto University) are the winners of the 2016 award.

**M. Christina White** was featured here when she won the Royal Society of Chemistry Merck Award.<sup>[2a]</sup> She has recently reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on enantioselective allylic C–H oxidation reactions of terminal olefins.<sup>[2b]</sup>

**Hideki Yorimitsu** studied at Kyoto University, where he completed his PhD (supervised by Koichiro Oshima) in 2002. From 2002–2003, he carried out postdoctoral research with Eiichi Nakamura at The University of Tokyo, and in 2003, he joined the faculty at Kyoto University, where he is currently professor. Yorimitsu's research interests currently involve the use of organosulfur compounds in organic synthesis, and the generation of molecular atomic layers. He has reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on porphyrin radicals,<sup>[3a]</sup> and in *Chemistry—An Asian Journal* on triphenylsilane-fused porphyrins.<sup>[3b]</sup>

## van't Hoff Prize for Klaus Kern and Christof Wöll

The van't Hoff Prize is awarded by the Deutsche Bunsen-Gesellschaft für Physikalische Chemie (German Bunsen Society for Physical Chemistry) to outstanding researchers in the field. The winners of the 2016 prize are Klaus Kern (Max Planck Institute for Solid-State Research, Stuttgart) and Christof Wöll (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology).

**Klaus Kern** studied at the University of Bonn, where he completed his PhD (supervised by George Comsa) in 1986 and his habilitation in 1989. From 1986–1990, he was a scientist and then

senior scientist at the Forschungszentrum Jülich, and he was made Professor of Physics at the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne in 1991, and has also been Director and Scientific Member of the Max Planck Institute for Solid-State Research since 1998. Kern's research program is centered on nanoscale science, with the aim of controlling the properties of materials at the atomic and molecular level. He is co-author of a report in *ChemElectroChem* on the use of bipolar electrochemistry for the modification of graphene sheets.<sup>[4]</sup>

**Christof Wöll** was featured here when he was elected to the Deutsche Akademie der Naturforscher Leopoldina.<sup>[5a]</sup> His report on metal–organic framework thin films was featured on the cover of *Angewandte Chemie*.<sup>[5b]</sup> Wöll recently joined the Editorial Advisory Board of *Advanced Materials Interfaces*.

## J. Justin Gooding Elected to the Australian Academy of Science

The Australian Academy of Science recently elected 21 new fellows, including J. Justin Gooding (University of Sydney), who was featured here when he won the H. G. Smith Memorial Prize from the Royal Australian Chemical Society.<sup>[6a]</sup> Gooding is on the editorial or advisory boards of *ChemElectroChem*, *Chemistry—A European Journal*, and *Electroanalysis*. He is co-author of a recent Review in *ChemPlusChem* on the synthesis, properties, and applications of silicon and germanium nanocrystals.<sup>[6b]</sup>

## Liebig Memorial Medal for Markus Antonietti

The Liebig Memorial Medal is presented by the Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker (GDCh; German Chemical Society) for outstanding achievements in the entire field of chemistry, and the winner of the 2016 medal is Markus Antonietti (Max Planck Institute of Colloids and Interfaces, Potsdam). Antonietti, who was featured here when he won the Franco-German Grignard–Wittig Award,<sup>[7a]</sup> is co-author of a recent report in *Chemistry—A European Journal* on the aerosol-assisted synthesis of porous nanocomposites.<sup>[7b]</sup> He is on the editorial or advisory boards of *Small*, *Particle & Particle Systems Characterization*, and the *Macromolecular* journals.

## Hermann Staudinger Prize for Klaus Müllen

Klaus Müllen (Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research, Mainz) is the recipient of the 2016 Hermann Staudinger Prize, which is given by the GDCh for exceptional work in the area of macro-

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molecular chemistry. Müllen was featured here when he won the ACS Award in Polymer Chemistry.<sup>[8a]</sup> He has reported in *ChemSusChem* on end groups in small-molecule photovoltaic materials.<sup>[8b]</sup> Müllen is on the Editorial Boards of *Macromolecular Chemistry and Physics* and *Macromolecular Rapid Communications*.

### Reimund Stadler Prize for Michael Sommer and Frederik H. Wurm

The Reimund Stadler Prize is awarded by the Macromolecular Chemistry Division of the GDCh to recognize excellent work carried out by early-career researchers. The winners of the 2016 prize are Michael Sommer (University of Freiburg) and Frederik R. Wurm (Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research, Mainz).

**Michael Sommer** was featured here when he won an ADUC Prize.<sup>[10a]</sup> He is co-author of a report in *Angewandte Chemie* on the characterization of conjugated polymers by using time-resolved EPR spectroscopy.<sup>[10b]</sup>

**Frederik R. Wurm** was featured here when he was awarded the Georg Manecke Prize.<sup>[10a]</sup> He has reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on carbohydrate-based nanocarriers.<sup>[10b]</sup>

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