

## Preface

# Main Group Chemistry—1999 ICMGC Award



François Mathey receives the 1999 ICMGC Award from Elsevier.

In 1991, Bill McEwen of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, USA created the International Council on Main Group Chemistry (ICMGC). This non-profit organization aims to promote and advance the study, development and knowledge of main group chemistry among students, chemists and the general public.

An annual ICMGC Award was established for outstanding research in main group chemistry. The members of the Council collect the necessary data and decide on the recipient of the award. However, any person active in the field of main group chemistry may nominate a candidate for the award and be a recipient of the award. The former awardees include Guy Bertrand (1993), Eric Block (1994), Juzo Nakayama (1995), Anthony Arduengo (1996), and Robert Holmes (1997).

To celebrate the 1999 Award winner François Mathey from the Ecole Polytechnique in Paris, France, David A. Atwood and Penny Brothers organized a special ICMGC Award Symposium during the Pacificchem Meeting 2000 in Honolulu.

At this symposium Alexandra Migchielsen, the Publishing Editor at Elsevier Science with overall responsibility for publications in Inorganic Chemistry introduced François Mathey: “It was with the ambition to increase the awareness and impact of main group chemistry research that Elsevier Science sought the interaction with the ICMGC. This now has resulted in Elsevier sponsoring the ICMGC Award for excellence in main group chemistry that we present in this form for the first time today”.

The Elsevier sponsored ICMGC Award consists of a medal and a cheque and is given away once every two

years. Apart from this, the winner is asked to invite six colleagues to lecture with him at an international symposium. In Hawaii, the lecturers were Herbert Roesky (Germany), Masaaki Yoshifuji (Japan), John Nixon (Great Britain), Bruce Wild (Australia), and Guy Bertrand (France).

This Special issue of the Journal of Organometallic Chemistry is devoted to the ICMGC Award Sympo-

sium and Main Group Chemistry in general. We hope you will like it!

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