

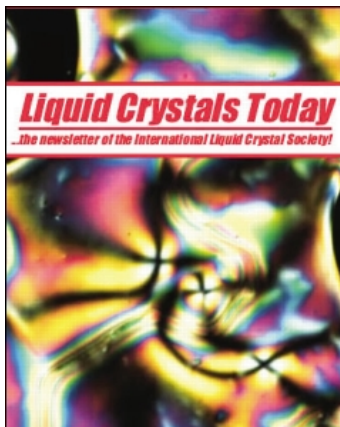
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Gordon and Breach Publishing Group establishes Annual International Science Awards

Prizes to be awarded for outstanding papers published in *Molecular Crystals and Liquid Crystals*

PHILADELPHIA, PA—The Gordon and Breach Publishing Group announced that it has established two awards to be presented annually to the most outstanding papers based on doctoral thesis work published in its journal *Molecular Crystals and Liquid Crystals (MCLC)*. The Akamatu-Inokuchi Prize and The Lehmann-Reinitzer Prize, each carries a monetary award of US\$2000, and will be awarded in early 1998 for papers published in the 1997 calendar year.

'By recognizing these authors, we not only reward them for their extraordinary efforts, but, more importantly, focus the attention of researchers around the world on the valuable contributions of these young scientists to the field', said *MCLC*'s editor-in-chief, Professor M. M. Labes of the Department of Chemistry at Temple University. The Akamatu-Inokuchi Prize will be awarded to the year's best paper based on doctoral thesis work in either molecular crystals or low dimensional solids, and The Lehmann-Reinitzer Prize will be awarded to the best paper based on doctoral thesis work based on liquid crystals.

The prize molecular crystals and/or low dimensional solids is named in honour of Hideo Akamatu (1910–1988) and Hiroo Inokuchi (1927–). Their pioneering work on the semiconducting behaviour of aromatic hydrocarbons and charge transfer complexes drew attention to the unusual electronic properties possible for molecular materials. The prize for research in liquid crystals is named after Otto Lehmann (1855–1922) and Friedrich Reinitzer (1857–1927), who are generally regarded as having made the most significant early contributions to the liquid crystals field.

Authors must officially nominate their papers upon submission to *MCLC* by indicating who among the paper's author group qualifies for the prize. Both winning papers will be chosen by Professor Labes, in consultation with the regional editors of the journal.

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