

## Leibniz Medal for the Board of the Fonds der Chemischen Industrie

The Leibniz Medal is awarded by the Berlin-Brandenburgischen Akademie der Wissenschaften (BBAW; Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences) to groups or individuals in order to honor service in the promotion of sciences and to recognize scientific achievement. The recipient of the 2013 medal is the Board of the Fonds der Chemischen Industrie (FCI; Chemical Industry Fund), which is the funding body of the Verband der Chemischen Industrie (VCI; German Chemical Industry Association) and administers funding to promote chemistry teaching in schools, and research grants for junior scientists at universities and other research institutions. The Board of the FCI were recognized for their exceptional engagement in the promotion of the sciences, especially as support is given on the basis of merit and is not related to research areas. Members of the Board include Chair Andreas Kreimeyer (BASF) and Vice-Chair François Diederich (ETH Zurich), both of whom are also on the Editorial Board of *Angewandte Chemie*.

## NWO Spinoza Prize for Bert M. Weckhuysen

The NWO Spinoza Prize is the most prestigious Dutch award in science, and is presented annually by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) for "outstanding, groundbreaking, and inspiring research" to top Dutch researchers of international standing. The winners of the 2013 prize are Mikahil I. Katsnelson (Radboud University Nijmegen), Piek T. J. M. Vossen (VU University Amsterdam), and Bert M. Weckhuysen (Utrecht University), who is one of the Editorial Board Chairmen of *ChemCatChem*, and who was featured here when he won the Paul H. Emmett Award, as well as when he was elected to the Academy of Europe.<sup>[1a,b]</sup> He has recently reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on the relationship between metal poisoning and zeolite deactivation,<sup>[1d]</sup> and in *Chemistry—A European Journal* on the properties of large zeolite H-ZSM-5 crystals.<sup>[1e]</sup>

## Schlenk Lectureship for Kyoko Nozaki

The Schlenk Lectureship was founded in 2011 by the Institute of Inorganic Chemistry at the University of Tübingen and BASF, and comprises a one-month visiting professorship and a ceremonial lecture. The recipient of the 2013 lectureship is

Kyoko Nozaki (University of Tokyo). Nozaki studied at the University of Kyoto, where she received her PhD in 1991 for work supervised by Kiitiro Utimoto. She remained in Kyoto to start her academic career, moved to the University of Tokyo in 2002, and was made professor there in 2003. Nozaki's research interests include homogeneous catalysis, the synthesis and properties of  $\pi$ -conjugated compounds, and the synthesis of organometallic compounds. She has reported in *Angewandte Chemie* on hydroformylation catalysts,<sup>[2a]</sup> and on a PBP-pincer rhodium complex.<sup>[2b]</sup> Nozaki is on the Editorial Board of *ChemCatChem*.

## François Gault Lectureship for Johannes A. Lercher

Johannes A. Lercher (Technische Universität München) is the recipient of the 2013 François Gault Lectureship, which is the highest honor of the European Federation of Catalysis Societies (EFCATS), and is awarded biannually to a distinguished researcher in the field of heterogeneous catalysis. Lercher, who is on the International Advisory Board of *ChemCatChem* and was featured here when he was elected to the Academy of Europe,<sup>[1b]</sup> was honored for his work on understanding molecular interactions and transformations on solid catalysts. His report on the catalytic reduction of palmitic acid was recently featured on the cover of *Chemistry—A European Journal*,<sup>[3a]</sup> and his latest contributions to *ChemCatChem* include a report on the synthesis of methanethiol from CS<sub>2</sub>.<sup>[3b]</sup>

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