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### NEWS

#### Ruzicka Prize 2009 Open for Nominations

The Ruzicka Prize is awarded each year to a young scientist for his or her outstanding published contribution in the field of chemistry, achieved either in Switzerland or by a Swiss citizen abroad.

Proposals for candidates (age limit 40 years) may be submitted until September 4, 2009 (date of arrival), to the ETH Vize-President for Research and Corporate Relations, Prof. Dr. Peter Chen (ETH Zentrum, HG F 57, CH-8092 Zürich, Switzerland).

More information: <http://www.vpf.ethz.ch/services/RuzickaPrize/index>

#### EuCheMS Launches Sustainable Chemistry Award

The new European Sustainable Chemistry Award is intended to raise the profile of sustainable chemistry and be a spur to innovation and competitiveness. The first Award, a prize of €10,000, will be presented during the 3rd EuCheMS Chemistry Congress, on 29 August – 2 September 2010 in Nürnberg, Germany.

More information: <http://www.euchems.org/esca/>

#### School Seeks Equipment for Science Teaching

The Gymnasium in Disentis is introducing a weekly laboratory session for its pupils. Therefore they are looking for donations of laboratory equipment and teaching material in good condition.

A list of required equipment can be found at: [http://www.scg.ch/x\\_data/news\\_pdf/ErneuerungNaturwissenschaften.pdf](http://www.scg.ch/x_data/news_pdf/ErneuerungNaturwissenschaften.pdf)

#### Report on High School Chemistry Education in the USA

Free report in brief and full report are available.

<http://www.swiss-chem-soc.ch/news/news.cfm?ID=143>

#### Pharmaindustrie hat guten Ruf

95 Prozent der Schweizer Bevölkerung anerkennt die wichtige Rolle der Pharmaindustrie als Arbeitgeberin. Dies ergibt eine Umfrage des Umfrageinstituts gfs.

Die Schweizer Bevölkerung gibt ihrer Pharmaindustrie gute Noten. Bestwerte erreicht diese beim Ruf als wichtige Arbeitgeberin (95% Zustimmung), als Motor der Wirtschaft (93%), beim guten Ruf im Ausland und als Forschungsförderin (beide 84%). Vergleichsweise schlecht schneidet die Einschätzung der Transparenz bei der Information ab (57%). Der Wert ist allerdings der beste seit neun Jahren (2001: 40%).

Die Ergebnisse stammen aus dem jährlich von der Branchenorganisation Interpharma in Auftrag gegebenen gfs-Gesundheitsmonitor 2009.

More information: <http://www.interpharma.ch/de/3524.asp>

### HONORS

Prof. **Heinz Heimgartner**, Institute of Organic Chemistry, UZH, received the ‘Doctor Honoris Causa’ at the 64th Jubilee of the University of Lodz, Poland. “In recognition of the outstanding achievements in the field of heterocyclic chemistry and contributions to the synthesis and conformation of peptides and the personal commitment to the development of the cooperation between Polish and Swiss scientific centers, specially between the University of Lodz and the Institute of Organic Chemistry of the University of Zurich.”

Prof. **Ari Hellenius**, Institute of Biochemistry, ETHZ, was elected by the US National Academy of Sciences to be a foreign associate in recognition of his distinguished and continuing achievements in original research.

Prof. **Gunnar Jeschke**, Laboratory of Physical Chemistry, ETHZ, received the Bruker Lectureship and Prize 2009. Bruker BioSpin Ltd. annually awards this prize to a scientist who has made major contributions to the application of ESR spectroscopy in chemical or biological systems.

**Adrian Zenklusen**, Institute for Chemical and Bioengineering, ETHZ, received the ‘Prix SGVX’. This innovation prize by the Swiss Society of Process and Chemical Engineers SGVX is annually awarded to young talents.

### CONFERENCES/SYMPOSIA/WORKSHOPS

#### SATW Kongress 2009

„Zukunft Bildungs- und Werkplatz Schweiz“

24–26 September 2009, Kongresszentrum Biel

<http://www.satw.ch/future>

#### ESB 2009

22nd European Conference on Biomaterials

7–11 September 2009, Beaulieu Convention Centre, Lausanne

<http://www.esb2009.org/>

#### Swiss Society for Crystallography – Annual Meeting

8 September 2009, Department of Chemistry, University of Fribourg

<http://www.chem.unifr.ch/kf/event/fr>

#### Forschung aktuell – Fortbildungstag für Gymnasiallehrpersonen

9 September 2009, Chemische Institute der Universität Zürich, Irchel Campus

<http://www.chemie.uzh.ch/d/index.php>

#### 100 Years of the UZH Law School & Werner

11 September 2009, University of Zurich  
Calatrava Library, Rämistrasse 74/75, Zürich

[www.oci.uzh.ch/diversa/CentennialCelebration/index.php](http://www.oci.uzh.ch/diversa/CentennialCelebration/index.php)

**Lausanne Workshop on Chemical Information**

11 September 2009, Institute of Chemical Sciences and Engineering, EPF Lausanne  
<http://cheminformatics.epfl.ch/workshop/>

**Chemische Abfälle – neue Lösungen für ein altes Problem**

Freiburger Symposium der SCG-Division Industrielle Chemie  
 24–25 September 2009, Hochschule für Technik und Architektur, Freiburg  
<http://www.eia-fr.ch/chimie/symposium/organisation/index.htm>

**EuCheMS Sponsored Events September 2009**

For a full list of events see <http://www.euchems.org/SponsoredEvents/2009.asp>

**ITALIC 5 Science & Technology of Biomasses**

1–4 September 2009, Como, Italy  
 E-mail: [marco.orlandi@unimib.it](mailto:marco.orlandi@unimib.it)

**3rd European Conference on Chemistry in Life Sciences**

3–5 September 2009, Frankfurt am Main, Germany  
<http://www.gdch.de/3ecclsc>

**Euroanalysis 2009**

6–10 September 2009 Innsbruck, Austria  
<http://www.euroanalysis2009.at>

**European Symposium on Organic Reactivity**

6–11 September 2009 Haifa, Israel  
<http://www.congress.co.il/esor09>

**2009 EuCheMS General Assembly**

15–16 October 2009, Interlaken  
<http://www.euroanalysis2009.at>

**LECTURES****Société Chimique de Genève**

UNI Sciences II – Amphithéâtre A150 30, Quai E. Ansermet, Genève  
 Montag, 17.30 h

7.9.2009 Dr. *Philip Kraft*  
 Givaudan SA, Fragrance Research, Dübendorf  
 ‘Fragrance Chemistry ... From Synthesis to Sensation’

**Departement Chemie und Biochemie der Universität Bern Biochemie**

Hörsaal 481, Freiestrasse 3, CH-3012 Bern  
 Montag, 16.30 h

21.9.2009 Prof. *Roderick Lim*  
 Biozentrum and the Swiss Nanoscience Institute, Basel  
 ‘Polymer Brushes Beyond the Nuclear Pore Complex’

**Departement für Chemie und Biochemie der Universität Bern Anorganische, Analytische und Physikalische Chemie**

Hörsaal S481, Freiestrasse 3, CH-3012 Bern  
 Donnerstag, 11.15 h

24.9.2009 Prof. Dr. *Josef Michl*  
 Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Colorado, Boulder, USA  
 ‘Singlet Fission for Photovoltaics’

**Université de Fribourg, Département de Chimie**

Grosser Hörsaal ch. du Musée 9, CH-1700 Fribourg  
 Mardi, 9.00 h

8.9.2009 One-day meeting of the Swiss Crystallographic Society  
 Profs. *S. Van der Smaalen, H. Huppertz, D. Stalke, B. Grobéty, K. Yvon* and *A. Neels*  
 Germany, Austria, Switzerland  
 ‘Crystallography: An Interdisciplinary Field’  
 Organisation: Prof. K. Fromm

**Département de Chimie organique, Université de Genève**

A-300 Sciences II, Quai Ernest-Ansermet 30, Geneva  
 Mercredi, 9.00 h

9.9.2009 18th Swiss NMR Symposium

**University of Zurich and Paul Karrer Foundation**

Calatrava Library, Rämistrasse 74/75, Zürich  
 Thursday, 17.00

10.9.2009 Award Lecture of the Paul Karrer Medalist 2009  
 Prof. *Akira Suzuki*  
 Hokkaido University, Japan

**Novartis Chemistry Lectureship**

Horburg Auditorium, WKL-430.320, Müllheimerstrasse 195, CH-4057 Basel  
 Mittwoch, 10.30 h

16.9.2009 Prof. *David Y. Gin*  
 University of Illinois, Chicago, USA  
 ‘Synthesis of Carbohydrate Immunostimulants and Bioactive Alkaloids’