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NEWS

Swiss specialty chemicals maker *Clariant* expects a slowdown in economic activity as customers in its plastic and coatings businesses run down stocks, after the strong Swiss franc weighed on third-quarter profit. Clariant, whose products put color into plastics, said on Monday that it had also noted a slowdown in emerging markets over the last few quarters.

Swiss drugs industry supplier *Lonza* is set for a growth in underlying sales and operating profit this year despite the strong Swiss franc as it benefits from robust demand from pharmaceutical groups, particularly at a plant in China.

HONORS

Peter Gölitz, Editor of *Angewandte Chemie*, has received an honorary doctorate from the University Basel for his service to the chemistry community.

ETH Zurich has awarded the founder of the Max-Planck-Institute for Polymer Research, Mainz, *Gerhard Wegener* an honorary doctorate for his groundbreaking contributions in the fields of polymer synthesis and polymer materials science.

The Credit Suisse Award For Best Teaching 2011 goes to Prof. Dr. *Donald Hilvert*, Department Chemistry, ETH Zurich.

On the occasion of the 191th annual congress of the Swiss Academy of Science (SCNAT), the academy honored two young chemists with the **Prix Schläfli 2011**.

Dr. *Simon Duttwyler*, University of Zurich, received the prize for his outstanding PhD work, in which he developed a new family of silyl cations into a synthetically useful tool for the synthesis of highly substituted aromatic systems.

Prof. Dr. *Jérôme Waser*, EPF Lausanne, expanded the applicability of traditional synthetic reactions by introducing new reagents and catalysts allowing the direct alkylation of non-activated aromatic compounds.

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS/SYMPOSIA

XIXth Swiss NMR Symposium 2012

Recent research conducted in the various fields of NMR in Switzerland

January 17, 2012; Bern, Switzerland

<http://dcb-groups.unibe.ch/swissnmr2012/>

2nd One-Day Symposium on Biocatalysis

Recent trends and developments in applied enzyme catalysis and bioprocess engineering

January 18, 2012; EMPA Dübendorf, Switzerland

<http://www.empa.ch/Biocatalysis>

10th Swiss Snow Symposium (organized by SYCA)

Symposium especially for PhD candidates, Post-Docs and chemists from industry with the intention of strengthening the relationship between young chemists

February 10–12, 2012; Lenk im Simmental, Switzerland

<http://www.youngchemists.ch/?dir=snowsymposium&file=upcoming.php&file2=info.php>

4th International Conference on Drug Discovery & Therapy

Conference that provides eminent scientists the opportunity to present their cutting edge researches in the field of drug development/therapy and applications in medicine

February 12–15, 2012; Dubai, U.A.E.

<http://icddt.com>

Global ManuCHEM Strategies 2012

Improvements in chemical manufacturing in a changing business environment

February 13–14, 2012; Berlin, Germany

<http://manu-chem.we-conect.com/>

SCS Spring Meeting: Analytical Chemistry

New Development in Analytical Chemistry

February 16, 2012; Geneva, Switzerland

<http://www.scg.ch/events/event.cfm?ID=212>

SAOG 2012

28th Annual Meeting of the Swiss Working Group on Surface and Interface Science

Topic: Probing the Nanoscale

Friday, January 27th, 2012

Université de Fribourg

<http://www.saog-gssi.ch/>

LECTURES

Departement Pharmazeutische Wissenschaften der Universität Basel

Lecture Hall 1, Pharmazentrum, Klingelbergstrasse 50, Basel
Mittwoch, 17.00 h

14.12.2011 Prof. *Nicole Probst-Hensch*
Unit Chronic Disease
Epidemiology,
Swiss Tropical and Public Health
Institute, Basel
'Public Health Genomics'

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

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

15.12.2011 Prof. Dr. *Daniel M. Neumark*
Department of Chemistry,
University of California at
Berkeley, USA
'Photodissociation of free radicals'

Université de Fribourg, Département de Chimie

Chemistry department, chemin du Musée 9, Fribourg
Coffee and tea will be served in front of the auditorium 30 minutes
before the lecture.

14.12.2011 Prof. *Dan Neumark*
Wednesday
16.30 h
Small auditorium
Department of Chemistry,
University of California, Berkley,
USA
'Dynamics of excess electrons in
clusters'

21.2.2012 Prof. *Tohru Fukuyama*
Tuesday
17.15 h
Main auditorium
University of Tokyo, Japan
Title to be announced

Département de Chimie organique, Université de Genève

Auditoire A-100, Sciences II, Quai Ernest-Ansermet 30,
CH-1205 Genève

15.12.2011 Prof. *Christophe Copéret*
Jeudi
16.30 h
Laboratory for Inorganic
Chemistry, ETH Zurich
'Controlled Functionalisation of
Surfaces to Access Single-Site
Catalysts and to Control the
Interface of Supported
Nano-Particles'

20.12.2011 Prof. *Chris Moody*
Mardi
14.15 h
University of Nottingham, UK
'Chemistry and Biochemistry of
Quinones'

9.2.2012
Jeudi
16.30 h
Auditoire A-150

Prof. *Rint Sijbesma*
University of Eindhoven,
Netherlands
'Supramolecular Polymers:
Self-Assembly and
Mechanochemistry'

20.2.2012
Lundi
16.30 h
Auditoire A-150

Prof. *Tohru Fukuyama*
Graduate School of Pharmaceutical
Sciences, The University of Tokyo,
Japan
Title to be announced

Institut des Sciences et Ingénierie Chimiques, EPFL Lausanne

BCH 2218, Batiment Chimie UNIL, EPFL,
CH-1015 Lausanne
Mercredi, 17.15 h

14.12.2011 Dr. *Marco Bandini*
University of Bologna, Italy
'Indole: an Inspiring Molecular
Platform for Asymmetric Catalysis'

Laboratorium für Organische Chemie der ETH Zürich

Hörsaal HCI J 3, ETH Campus Science City (Hönggerberg),
CH-8093 Zürich
Montag, 16.00 h, anschliessender Apéro, Gäste sind willkommen

19.12.2011 Prof. Dr. *Tobias Ritter*
Dept. of Chemistry and Chemical
Biology, Harvard University,
Cambridge/MA, USA
'Late-Stage Fluorination'

Novartis Chemistry Lectureship

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

11.1.2012 Prof. *Yujiro Hayashi*
Tokyo University of Science,
Tokyo, Japan
'Diphenylprolinol silyl ether as an
effective organocatalyst'