

Société Chimique de France 2014 Prize Winners

The Société Chimique de France has announced its 2014 prize winners. We congratulate all the awardees and feature our authors and referees here.

Max Malacria (Institut de Chimie des Substances Naturelles; ICSN) is the winner of the Prix Joseph Achille Le Bel, which is awarded to recognize internationally recognized research. Malacria studied at the Université Aix-Marseille III, where he completed his PhD under the supervision of Marcel Bertrand in 1974. From 1974–1981, he was maître-assistant with Jacques Gore at the Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1 (UCBL), and from 1981–1983, he carried out postdoctoral research with K. Peter C. Vollhardt at the University of California, Berkeley. He returned to the UCBL as maître de conférences in 1983, and was made professor at the Université Pierre et Marie Curie in 1985. He was Director of the Laboratoire de Chimie Moléculaire de Paris Centre from 1995–2011, and was made Director of the ICSN in 2011. Malacria's research interests include transition-metal-catalyzed cyclization and cycloisomerization reactions, radical chemistry, and asymmetric synthesis involving heteroatoms. He has reported in *Chemistry—A European Journal* on catalytic cobalt-mediated enediyne cycloaddition reactions,^[1a] and in *Angewandte Chemie* on the synthesis of triangular tripalladium cations.^[1b] Malacria is on the International Advisory Board of *Chemistry—An Asian Journal* and was closely associated with the *European Journal of Organic Chemistry* firstly as Co-Editor (2002) and subsequently Editorial Board member (2003–2012) and Chairman (2005–2012).

Michel Ephritikhine (Commissariat à l'énergie atomique et aux énergies alternatives (CEA), Saclay) and **Claude Mirodatos** (Institut de recherches sur la catalyse et l'environnement de Lyon) are the recipients of the Prix Pierre Süe, which is also presented for internationally recognized work. Ephritikhine was featured here when he won the Prix fondé par l'état and the Médaille Berthelot.^[2a] He has reported in *ChemCatChem* on the catalytic deoxygenation of carbon dioxide.^[2b]

Matthias Beller (Leibniz Institute of Catalysis at the University of Rostock) has been honored with the Prix franco-allemand Georg Wittig–Victor Grignard. Beller was highlighted here when he received the European Sustainable Chemistry Award.^[3a] Beller is Co-chairman of the Editorial Board of *ChemSusChem* and is on the Editorial or Advisory Boards of *Angewandte Chemie*, *ChemCatChem*, and *Chemistry—A European Journal*. His most recent contribution to *Angewandte Chemie* is a report in the catalytic methylation of C–H bonds.^[3b]

Nazario Martín (Universidad Complutense de Madrid) is the winner of the Prix franco-espagnol Miguel Catalán–Paul Sabatier. Martín was featured here when he was awarded the 2012 EuCheMS Lectureship.^[4a] Martín is on the International Advisory Boards of *Chemistry—An Asian Journal*, *ChemPlusChem*, and *ChemSusChem*. His report on modified single-wall nanotubes was recently featured on the cover of *Chemistry—A European Journal*.^[4b]

Michael Holzinger (Université Joseph Fourier, Grenoble 1; UJF) is the winner of the Prix jeune chercheur from the Analytical Chemistry Division. Holzinger carried out his PhD at the Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg. After postdoctoral research at the Université Montpellier 2 (UM2) and the Max Planck Institute for Solid-State Research, and working at Robert Bosch, he joined Serge Cosnier's group at the UJF as a CNRS chargé de recherche. Holzinger is interested in the development of biosensors and biofuel cells based on functionalized nanomaterials. He has reported in *Chemistry—A European Journal* on functionalized carbon nanotube electrodes.^[5]

Sylviane Sabo-Etienne (Laboratoire de Chimie de Coordination (LCC), Toulouse) is the winner of the Coordination Chemistry Division Prize. Sabo-Etienne received her PhD (supervised by Danièle Gervais) from the Université Paul Sabatier, Toulouse in 1980. She subsequently joined the CNRS as a chargée de recherche, firstly at the LCC in Toulouse (1980–1985) and subsequently in the group of Hervé des Abbayes at the Université de Bretagne Occidentale, Brest (1986–1989). After a year as a research associate with Maurice Brookhart at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, she returned to the LCC to work in collaboration with Bruno Chaudret. She is currently CNRS directrice de recherche, Director of the Architecture organométallique et catalyse group, and Vice-Director of the Institut de Chimie de Toulouse. Sabo-Etienne's research involves coordination chemistry, organometallic chemistry, and catalysis. She has reported in *Advanced Synthesis & Catalysis* on silane deuteration,^[6a] and in *Angewandte Chemie* on B–H, C–H, and B–C activation.^[6b]

Bastien Nay (Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle) has been honored with the Prix jeune chercheur from the Organic Chemistry Division. Nay studied at the Université Paul Sabatier, Toulouse and the Université Victor Ségalen, Bordeaux. He carried out postdoctoral work at the University of Nottingham and the ICSN, and joined the CNRS in 2004. Nay's research interests are in natural product synthesis. He has reported in *ChemBioChem* on a retro-[2,3]-Wittig rearrangement.^[7]

François-Xavier Felpin (Université de Nantes) is the recipient of the Prix enseignant-chercheur

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B. Le Guennic

from the Organic Chemistry Division. Felpin obtained his PhD from the Université de Nantes, and was a postdoctoral fellow with Robert S. Coleman at The Ohio State University. In 2004, he was appointed maître de conférences at the Université de Bordeaux, working with Yannick Landais and Eric Fouquet, and in 2011, he was made professor at the Université de Nantes. Felpin's research interests include medicinal chemistry, homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysis, and materials, as well as flow chemistry. He has reported in *Chemistry—A European Journal* on a supported Pd–Au alloy as catalyst for coupling reactions.^[8]

The Solid-State Chemistry Division Prize has been awarded to Samuel Bernard and Cédric Boissière.

Samuel Bernard (Institut Européen des Membranes (IEM), UM2) worked at the UCBL for his PhD, and carried out postdoctoral research at the Max Planck Institute for Metal Research, Stuttgart (currently Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems). He joined the CNRS in 2004 and is currently Co-Director of the Membrane Perspectives group at the IEM. Bernard's research is focused on the synthesis, shaping, and pyrolysis of molecular and polymeric precursors to develop non-oxide ceramics in nitride, carbonitride, and carbide systems. He has reported in *Advanced Materials* on bulk nitride nanocomposites.^[9]

Cédric Boissière (Laboratoire Chimie de la Matière Condensée de Paris (LCMCP), Université Pierre et Marie Curie) carried out his PhD at the UM2. After postdoctoral work at the University of Bristol, he was made a chargé de recherche at the LCMCP. Boissière's research is focused on the synthesis and characterization of hierarchical functional materials. His report on the green microwave synthesis of nanoparticles was featured on the cover of the *European Journal of Inorganic Chemistry*.^[10]

The Prix jeune chercheur from the Physical Chemistry Division has been awarded to Aziz Ghoufi and Boris Le Guennic (both at the Université de Rennes 1).

Aziz Ghoufi (Institut de Physique de Rennes; IPR) studied at the Université Blaise Pascal, Clermont Ferrand. He carried out postdoctoral research at the Institut Français du Pétrole and the Institut Gerhardt, Montpellier, and was appointed maître de conférences at the IPR in 2008. Ghoufi's research interests include the development and applications of advanced molecular and mesoscale simulation techniques to modeling heterogeneous systems. He has reported in *Chemistry—A European Journal* on thermotropic luminescent clustomesogens.^[11]

Boris Le Guennic (Institut des Sciences Chimiques de Rennes; ICR) obtained his PhD from the Université de Rennes 1. He was a postdoctoral fellow at the Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, the University at Buffalo–State University of New York, and the University of Bonn. In 2005, he joined the CNRS as a chargé de recherche at the École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, and in 2011, he moved to the ICR. Le Guennic's research activities involve the use of quantum chemical approaches for the understanding of the magnetic and optical properties of molecular materials. He has reported in the *European Journal of Inorganic Chemistry* on the magnetic properties of redox-active lanthanide complexes.^[12]

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In this section, we report on various awards for chemists who are closely connected with *Angewandte Chemie* and its sister journals as authors, referees, or board members.

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