

# Meeting with Group Leaders:

Most significant 2014 publications

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# Agenda

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- Most significant 2014 publications results
- (Post)doc seminars
- Summer School 2015
- Miscellanea

# Most significant publications

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- Physical and Theoretical Chemistry
- Analytical Chemistry, Spectroscopy and other analytical methods
- Medicinal and Organic Chemistry
- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Interdisciplinary (within IOCB)

Each team may submit 1 most significant paper published in 2014 for each category. The papers are judged by an external panel (IAB members, *ad hoc* reviewers), as well as by an internal IOCB panel (team leaders and management). Top 1/3 of the submitted papers in each category (listed in the following slides alphabetically by first author) will be awarded a cash prize for the group.

# Most significant publications 2014



- Physical and Theoretical Chemistry  
(11) 12\* submissions → 4 awards
- Analytical Chemistry, Spectroscopy and other analytical methods  
7 submissions → 3 awards
- Medicinal and Organic Chemistry  
(10) 12\* submissions → 4 awards
- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
11 submissions → 4 awards
- Interdisciplinary (within IOCB)  
(15) 10\* submissions → 3 awards

# Most significant publications in 2014

## Lessons learned



- Preselection of submission will be done by IOCB management before evaluation by international panel, based on explicit rules:
  - Typically, only papers with principal or corresponding author from IOCB should be submitted.
  - Papers not meeting these criteria may still be submitted, but only work done at IOCB will be judged.
- Assignment to categories will be scrutinized
- Clarification re Interdisciplinary vs Collaborative
- Interdisciplinary: Chemistry - Biology  
Computational - Experimental
- Question re analytical techniques component

# Physical and Theoretical Chemistry part 1



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**The dominant role of chalcogen bonding in the crystal packing of 2D/3D aromatics**

*Angew Chem Int Ed* 2014, 53, 10139-10142

# Analytical Chemistry, Spectroscopy, etc.



- Šebestík\* J, and Bouř\* P

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**New MALDI matrices based on lithium salts for the analysis of hydrocarbons and wax esters**

*J Mass Spectrom* 2014, 49, 628-638

- Tykvart J, Navrátil V, Sedlák F, Corey E, Colombatti M, Fracasso G, Koukolík F, Bařinka C, Šácha P, and Konvalinka\* J

**Comparative analysis of monoclonal antibodies against prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA)**

*The Prostate* 2014, 74, 1674-1690

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**Diethyl Fluoronitromethylphosphonate: Synthesis and Application in Neutrophilic Fluoroalkyl Additions**

*Chem Eur J 2014, 20, 1453-1458*

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## Fluorescent Nanodiamonds with Bioorthogonally Reactive Protein-Resistant Polymeric Coatings

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**The use of Cobalt-mediated cycloisomerization of Ynedinitriles in the Synthesis of Pyridazinohelicenes**

*Chem Eur J* 2014, 20, 8477-8482



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### Rational design of urea-based glutamate carboxypeptidase II (GCPII) inhibitors as versatile tools for specific drug targeting and delivery

*Bioorg Med Chem* 2014, 22, 4099-4108





## Director's honorary mention

- Krečmerová\* M, Pohl R, Masojídková M, Balzarini J, Snoeck R, and Andrei G  
**N<sup>4</sup>-Acyl derivatives as lipophilic prodrugs of cidofovir and its 5-azacytosine analogue, (S)-HPMP-5-azaC: Chemistry and antiviral activity**

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## Interdisciplinary (within IOCB)

- Kožíšek M, Lepšík M, Grantz Šašková K, Brynda J, Konvalinka\* J, and Řezáčová\* P

**Thermodynamic and structural analysis of HIV protease resistance to darunavir - analysis of heavily mutated patient-derived HIV-1 proteases**  
*FEBS Journal 2014, 281, 1834-1847*

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*J Med Chem 2014, 57, 8268-8279*

- Šimák O, Pachtl P, Fábry M, Buděšínský M, Jandušík T, Hnízda A, Skleničková R, Petrová M, Veverka V, Řezáčová P, Brynda\* J, and Rosenberg\* I

**Conformationally constrained nucleoside phosphonic acids - potent inhibitors of human mitochondrial and cytosolic 5'(3')-nucleosidases**  
*Org Biomol Chem 2014, 12, 7971-7982*

Most Significant Publications 2014

# Physical and Theoretical Chemistry



- Excellent and improving quality

Most Significant Publications 2014

# Analytical Chemistry, Spectroscopy, etc.



- Do we want to support it prominently?

# Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

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- Improved quality
- Prominence of Structural Biology
- Challenge: it's a tool, even if sophisticated. What to use it for?
  - Address fundamental biological questions
  - Structure-guided drug design
- Emerging themes:
  - Membrane biology
  - Metabolic signaling peptide network



# Medicinal and Organic Chemistry

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- True medicinal chemistry papers appear underappreciated by both external and internal reviewers.

## Interdisciplinary (within IOCB)

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- This is what we definitely want to support
- But, the category devolved into a depository of second best or additional shots on goal.

# General issues

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- How to discourage submission of weaker papers? (pushing boundaries of science vs. filling in with incremental progress)
  - Anti-contest for least significant paper?
  - Pay a modest entrance fee which the contestants would be willing to do only if they are convinced their paper has a serious chance of scoring well?
- How to divide submissions?
  - One big category
  - Biology - Chemistry
  - Theoretical - Experimental (at IOCB only in the Chemistry area)

# A true reviewer's comment

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- ... Although a change could be politically difficult (and depending upon the goal you hope to achieve), it might be an interesting experiment (strictly within the Board) to consider listing only those manuscripts that members feel will have a “lasting impact”. At least for the “experiment”, it would remove a specific number of rankings needed in each category and give a sense of work that is conceptual or ground breaking (lasting) versus good quality but incremental.

# Summer School



2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Prague Summer School **ADVANCES IN DRUG DISCOVERY**  
**Novel approaches in drug design and development**  
Prague, Czech Republic, August 31<sup>st</sup> – September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

August 31 <sup>st</sup>	arrival and welcome party
September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Lectures 9 AM – 5 PM
September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lectures 9 AM – 3 PM, city tour, beer party
September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lectures 9 AM – 5 PM
September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Lectures 9 AM – 1 PM, departure

## SELECTED SPEAKERS

- Markus Zettl, *Boehringer Ingelheim, DE*  
Topic: **Biologics - immunomodulatory antibody therapeutics**
- Berndt Joost, *FHNW Basel, CH*  
Topic: **Modern ways to drug nanoformulations**
- Jeroen Bokhoven, *ETH Zurich, CH*  
Topic: **Heterogeneous catalysis**
- Andrzej Marek Brzozowski, *Department of Chemistry University of York, UK*  
Topic: **Structural endocrinology and medicinal chemistry**
- Richard Mackman, *Gilead Sciences, Foster City, USA*  
Topic: **Discovery and development of novel virostatics**
- Peter Sebo, *Institute of Microbiology, ASCR Prague, CZ*  
Topic: **Next generation of vaccines for prevention and therapy of important pathologies**
- Bruno Martoglio, *Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research, Basel, CH*  
Topic: **Integrated Drug Discovery**
- Gert De Wilde, *Galapagos NV, Mechelen, BE*  
Topic: **Target discovery for orphan diseases at Galapagos**

<http://www.praguesummerschool.cz/programme.php>

# (Post)doc seminar series

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- Jiří Kaleta presented an idea to have regular short seminars for PhD students and postdocs, to practice their presentation skills and and to make colleagues aware of what they are working on.
- He volunteered to organize and coordinate the series.
- It could start this fall, with the availability of the refurbished main seminar hall.

# Upcoming dates

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- Museum night - June 13, 2015
- Happy Hours in June (18 or 25) on the roof of B
- Next Meeting with Group Leaders June 29, 2015
- IAB evaluation of Junior Groups - September 4-5, 2015
- Science Fair - September , 2015