

I. PREFACE

Vorwort

It was a great honor and privilege for our Institute to organize a symposium on the 21st of March, 2016 for the 80th birthday of Prof. Alan J. Heeger (Nobelprize 2000). Our grandmaster himself gave a lecture alongside with many distinguished speakers at this one day symposium, with many guests coming out of the school of Santa Barbara. This family get-together brought indeed the generations of decisive players and recent highlights of our field of organic electronics and conducting polymers to the stage. There is a detailed video documentation of this symposium at our LIOS Video Channel at You Tube (see www.lios.at)

In the year of 2016 we had two important milestones:

Dr. Markus Clark Scharber has applied and finished his habilitation for the Docent title and to the tenured associate professor position. This is not everyday that an institute has habilitations. In our Institute we had this privilege some 15 years ago with the habilitation of Dr. Christoph Brabec and now in 2016 with Dr. Scharber. We congratulate and wish him all the best for his future.

Dr. Eric Daniel Glowacki has received a call and accepted the position of a tenured assistant professor at the Institute for Bioelectronics at the University of Linköping in Sweden. This rocket like start into the academic career so short after the PhD is highly exceptional and we congratulate Dr. Glowacki and wish him all the best in his career.

During the year of 2016 there has been also a heavy visitors' traffic between University of Yamagata and University of Linz (our institute), whereas several scientists have been visiting to Austria and a large delegation of Linz visiting Yonezawa. This all has been possible within the financial support of Japanese Government within the project ANGEL. Looking to the happiness of the visitors as well as to the scientific output from these visits, we can safely conclude that this collaboration with Japan has been very successful. ANGEL project will finish early 2017 and hope that this collaboration will be continued in a different framework in future.

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