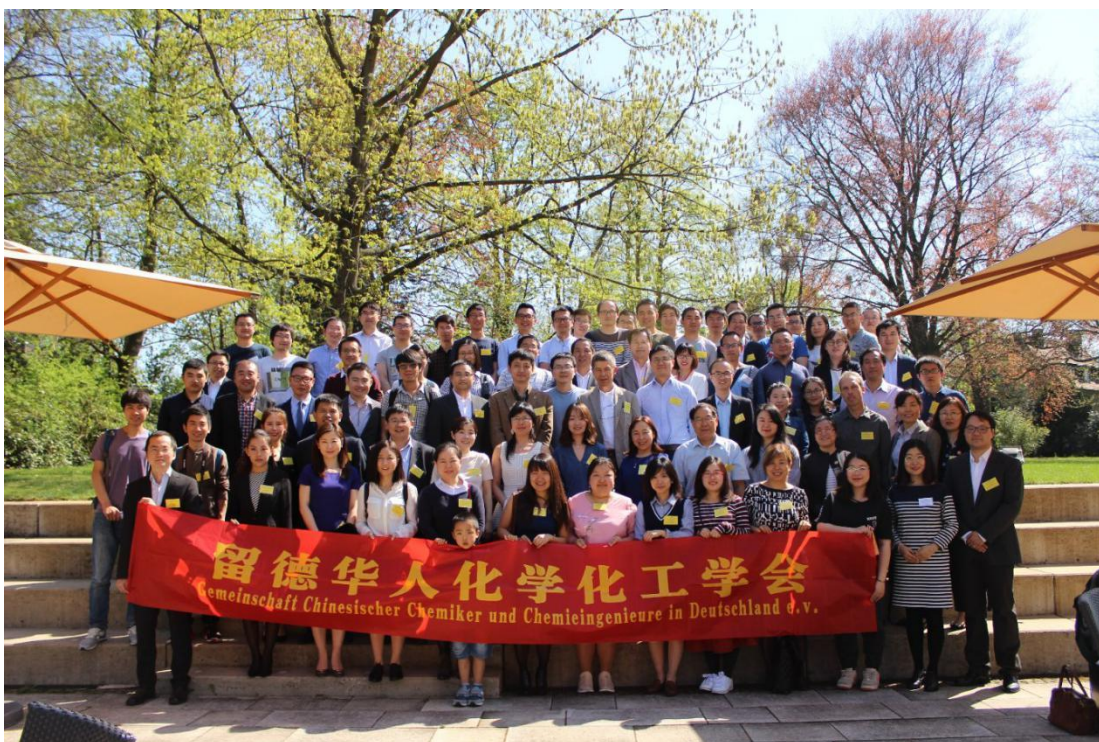


The 30th CGCA[®] Academic Annual Conference

The 30th Academic Annual Conference of the Chinese-German Chemical Association (CGCA[®]) was held successfully on 20th–21th April 2018 in Berlin. It was hosted by CGCA[®] (VR 17428, Cologne) and co-organized by the Educational Department of the Chinese Embassy in Germany, the Fritz Haber Institute of the Max Planck Society and the Institute for Theoretical Chemistry University of Cologne. In addition, the conference has also received support from Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), EUTECH Consulting, Sinojobs, Springer Publishing Group, UniQ10, feelnow, Haidian Pioneer Park, Harbin Institute of Technology, SINANO of Chinese Academy of Science and University of Chinese Academy. Nearly 100 scholars, focusing on chemistry, chemical engineer, chemical industry, and related fields, participated in this event. On behalf of this conference organizing committee, the Conference Chairman, Dr. Yujin Tong addressed the opening session with a warm welcome to all the participants.



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During the conference, experts and scholars from all over Germany, China, France and Denmark presented 27 wonderful academic reports and 22 excellent posters, covering a wide range of chemistry and also physics, materials, catalysis, environment and biology that are closely related to the field of chemistry. Fifteen

outstanding Chinese and German professors gave presentations, including Prof. Lorenz Adrian from the Technical University of Berlin, Prof. Alexander Boeker from the Fraunhofer Institute for Applied Polymers in Potsdam, Prof. Weihai Fang and Prof. Xuebo Chen from Beijing Normal University, Professor Qingli Hao from Nanjing University of Technology, Prof. Jilai Li from Jilin University, Dr. Yucang Liang from Tuebingen University, Prof. Yaqiu Long from Suzhou University, Prof. Joachim Sauer from Humboldt University Berlin, Assistant Professor Yunhui Wang from Strasbourg University, Dr Gang Wei from Bremen University, Prof. Martin Wolf from Fritz Haber Institute of the Max Planck Society; Assistant Prof. Jun Yang from Hong Kong University, Prof. Lin Zhang from Leibniz Institute for Solid and Materials Dresden, and Prof. Xinyi Zhang from Dresden University of Technology. In the parallel session, Dr. Changzhu Wu from University of Southern Denmark, Dr. Da Wang from Nankai University, Dr. Qiushi Pan and Dr. Zhujun Wang from Fritz Haber Institute, Ms. Xiaoyuan Zhang from Jena University, Dr. Wenlan Liu from University of Stuttgart, Ms. Jingjing Liu from Jena University, Dr. Bin Zhao from Bielefeld University and Mr. Yong Xu from Dresden University of Technology also shared their latest research results.



On the evening of April 20th, after a full day's academic activities, a dinner banquet commemorating the 30th anniversary of the association was held at the Harnack-Haus Convention Center. The dinner was hosted by Dr. Rongchao Pan (the executive Vice President of the association) and Ms. Rui Xu (the Legal

Counsel). Dr. Yanze Ren, who joined the association in 2005 and was the former chairman of the association, reviewed the development of the association in the past 30 years to the audience. His wonderful speech received applause from the audience. In order to thank Dr. Yanze Ren, Prof. Weihai Fang (Academician of Chinese Academy of Sciences) and Prof. Michael Dolg (Director of the Institute of Theoretical Chemistry at the University of Cologne) for their outstanding contributions to the association, they were granted by the current board of the association “honorary board member” (Dr. Ren and Prof. Fang) and “honorary member” (Prof. Dolg) titles respectively, and received the certificates from the chairman of the association Dr. Yujin Tong. Finally, Dr. Gang Wei, Chairman of the selection committee of the 2018 CGCA Young Scientist Award announced that Mr. Zhiyang Zhang of Humboldt University in Berlin won the first prize, and Ms. Shuang Li and Mr. Yupeng Zhou from the Berlin University of Technology won the second prize. From the awarding guests Prof. Joachim Sauer and Prof. Weihai Fang, the three award winners received the award certificates, trophies, and coupons provided by the conference sponsor UniQ10.

At the closing ceremony on April 21, Dr. Yujin Tong congratulated the success of the annual meeting. He announced that based on the voting results from all the participants, the 2018 Annual Poster Award was awarded to Mr. Rui Sang of the Rostoc Leibniz Institute for Catalysis (First Prize), Ms. Lin Song from University of Cologne (Second Prize), and Ms. Huiyang Bai together with Ms. Siqi Jiang from Bohai University (Second Prize). In addition to award certificates, they also received book vouchers from the Springer Publishing Group. Dr. Tong also thanked all the participants for coming and the hard work of the members of the Organizing Committee. Finally, he warmly invited everyone to attend the 31st annual conference in Leipzig next year.

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