

FIZ CHEMIE Berlin-Prizes for 2003 for outstanding work in the area of "Chemistry-Information-Computer" (CIC) awarded to Dr. Frank Oellien and Gabriele Vierhuff

Young researchers working in Chemistry Information honoured

Berlin/Munich, 7th October 2003 – The chemist Dr. Frank Oellien and the information scientist Gabriele Vierhuff are the winners of this year's FIZ CHEMIE Berlin-Prizes. The awards are given annually by the "Chemie-Information-Computer" (CIC) Group of the German Chemical Society (Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker, GDCh) for outstanding doctoral theses and (diploma) dissertations in the chemo informatics area. Dr. Oellien was awarded the prize for his thesis "Algorithms and Applications for the Interactive Visualisation and Analysis of Chemistry-specific Data Records" and Ms. Vierhuff for her dissertation "Conception and Design of a System for the Application of Structure-Activity Relationships to the Risk Analysis of Environment Chemicals". The awards will be presented to the winners on the 7th October during the GDCh meeting in Munich.

"Frank Oellien und Gabriele Vierhuff have both made valuable contributions for the support of chemical and environmental research through their willingness to address the questions through multidisciplinary scientific work. Both award-winning works combine chemistry, biology and informatics in the closest way and they thus fulfil in the most exemplary manner, the demands required by today's chemistry information systems", stated Professor René Deplanque, Scientific and Technical Managing Director of FIZ CHEMIE Berlin. He went on to explain how today's young scientists are required to familiarise themselves in at least two subjects in order to be able to meet today's modern requirements. This necessitates a large portion of commitment.



Foto: Oellien

Frank Oellien (born in 1970) studied chemistry at the Universities of Oldenburg and Bayreuth. He worked for his doctorate at the Centre of Computer Chemistry at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, where he developed various software modules to solve specific tasks in chemistry information. He is now "BioChemInformatics Scientist" at Intervet Innovation GmbH in Schwabenheim, close to Mainz.



Foto: Studio Roland Brinkmann, Bielefeld

Gabriele Vierhuff (born in 1979) studied "Scientific Informatics" in Bielefeld. Her diploma work was completed as a co-operation between the "Medical and Bioinformatics" and "Bioorganic Chemistry" research groups at the Universities of Bielefeld and Bremen, respectively. In this work, she drafted a concept and design for a software system to estimate the environmental risk of pollutants and active ingredients from old and new chemicals. She is currently working on her doctorate in Bremen in which she will further develop and implement her system.

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