

**Prof. Dr. Matthias Beller** (1962 – German) studied chemistry at the University of Göttingen, Germany. As recipient of a Liebig scholarship, he then spent a one-year with K. B. Sharpless at MIT, USA. From 1991 to 1995, Beller worked in industry. Then, he moved to the Technical University of München as Professor for Inorganic Chemistry. In 1998, he relocated to Rostock to head the Institute for Organic Catalysis, which became in 2006 the Leibniz-Institute for Catalysis. The work of his group has been published in >1100 original publications, reviews and >150 patent applications have been filed (H-index: 147). Matthias Beller is Vice President of the Leibniz Society – one of the major science organizations in Germany and a member of the German National Academia of Science “Leopoldina” and three other Academies of Sciences.



He has received a number of awards including the Otto-Roelen Medal and the Leibniz-Price of the DFG. In 2006, he was also awarded “Entrepreneur of the Year” of Rostock and he received the German Federal Cross of Merit. Since then, he received the first “European price for Sustainable Chemistry”, the “Paul-Rylander Award” of the Organic Reaction Catalysis Society of the USA, the Gay-Lussac-Alexander-von-Humboldt-Prize of the French Academy of Sciences and the Emil Fischer Medal of the German Chemical Society. In 2015, he was awarded an honorary doctoral degree from the University of Antwerp, Belgium and received the Wöhler price for Sustainable Chemistry from the German Chemical Society as well as an ERC Advanced grant from the European Commission. In March 2016, he received the honorary doctorate of the University of Rennes 1. In 2017, Matthias Beller has received the Karl Ziegler Prize from GDCh, (German Chemical Society) and the Karl Ziegler Foundation - the award is one of the highest honors in the field of chemistry in Germany – and he was awarded as the first European chemist with the ACS Catalysis Award Lectureship.