

# Invited Speaker

## Matthias Beller

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Matthias Beller studied Chemistry at the University of Göttingen, Germany, where he completed his Ph.D. thesis in 1989 under Professor Lutz F. Tietze. As recipient of a Liebig scholarship, he then spent one year with Professor Barry Sharpless at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA. From 1991 to 1995, Beller was an employee of Hoechst AG in Frankfurt, Germany where he directed the "Homogeneous Catalysis" project in the company's central research unit. In 1996, he moved to the Technical University of München as C3 Professor for Inorganic Chemistry. In 1998, he relocated to the University of Rostock to head the Institute for Organic Catalysis (IfOK). Since 2006, Beller is Director of the newly-formed Leibniz Institute for Catalysis. His scientific work has so far been published in 400 original publications and review articles. In addition, he has filed more than 80 patent applications in the last decade. Beller has received several awards such as the Otto-Roelen Medal (1997), Merck-Frost-Lectureship (2002), Novartis-Chemistry-Lectureship (2002), Degussa-Lecturer (2003), Novo Nordisk-Lecturer (2005), and the Leibniz-Prize of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (2006). In 2006, he was awarded "Entrepreneur of the Year" of the city of Rostock and received the German Federal Cross of Merit. Beller is head of the German Chemical Society working group "Sustainable Chemistry" and a member of the Association for Technical Sciences of the Union of German Academies of Sciences and Humanities, the Academy of Science of Hamburg and the German National Academia of Science "Leopoldina".