

**SCG**Schweizerische  
Chemische  
Gesellschaft**SSC**Société  
Suisse  
de Chimie**SCS**Swiss  
Chemical  
Society[www.scg.ch](http://www.scg.ch)

Society News and Announcements

## HEILBRONNER-HÜCKEL LECTURE SERIES 2010



The new Heilbronner-Hückel Lecture is jointly organised by the SCS Division of Chemical Research and the German Chemical Society (GDCh).

This year the first lecturer in this series is Prof. **Jürgen Troe**, University of Göttingen (D)

Jürgen Troe studied mathematics, physics and chemistry at the Universities of Göttingen and Freiburg im Breisgau. He received his doctoral degree in Göttingen in 1965 and he habilitated there in 1968. He became full professor at EPF Lausanne in 1971 and full professor and director of the Institute of Physical Chemistry at the University of Göttingen in 1975. In parallel to his university professorship he became director and scientific member of the Max-Planck-Institute for Biophysical Chemistry in 1990 and president of the Laser-Labs Göttingen in 1997.

Jürgen Troe was elected honorary professor at EPFL in 1976, and received honorary doctorates from the Universities of Bordeaux and Karlsruhe. He has received numerous honours worldwide and is member of the German Academy of Sciences/Leopoldina, the Berlin Brandenburg (formerly Prussian) Academy of Sciences as well as Foreign Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

The research interests of Prof. Troe mainly concentrate on reaction kinetics, photochemistry, spectroscopy, laser chemistry, as well as atmospheric and combustion chemistry. He thus covers in great depth an exceptionally large range of research problems. He also served the scientific community in numerous important functions and has retained close ties to Switzerland.

He will present a series of lectures in Basel, Bern, Zurich, and Lausanne

April 26, 2010  
'About Free Electrons, Molecules, Ions, and Processes Between Them'  
University of Basel, Department of Chemistry,  
Klingelbergstrasse 80, at 14:15, 'Grosser Hörsaal'

April 27, 2010  
'Zum Verständnis der Schlüsselreaktionen von Verbrennungsvorgängen'  
ETH Zürich, Campus Science City (Hönggerberg),  
at 16:45 in lecture hall HCI J3

April 28, 2010  
'Von Elektronen, Molekülen, Ionen und ihren Reaktionen'  
University of Bern, Department of Chemistry and  
Biochemistry, Freiestrasse 3, at 16:30 in lecture hall EG 16

April 29, 2010  
'Understanding the Key Reactions of Combustion'  
EPF Lausanne, at 16:15 in lecture hall CE 2

## SCS NEWS

### Peter Kündig is the New SCS President

The SCS Presidency passed from **Georg Frater** to **Peter Kündig** at the Society's Spring Meeting in Bern. **Duilio Arigoni** and **Albert Eschenmoser** were awarded SCS Honorary Membership.

Peter Kündig is Full Professor at the Department of Organic Chemistry at the University of Geneva. He became member of the SCS Committee (Vorstand) in 2008.

Kündig thanked Frater for his achievements for the Swiss Chemical Society, notably the creation of the SCS Foundation, which was set up in 2008. The Foundation has raised over half a million Swiss francs by end of last year. It funds science projects, particularly in the field of chemistry.

Former ETH Zurich Organic Chemistry Professors Duilio Arigoni and Albert Eschenmoser were awarded SCS Honorary Membership for their extraordinary and fundamental achievements in the chemical sciences. Eschenmoser cited Arigoni to illustrate their long-lasting friendship by saying that in some instances, one plus one is more than two...