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PETER CHEN

BUILDING FROM SCRATCH CHEMISTRY AT THE ETH ZÜRICH AS A CASE

Prof. Chen, B.S. Chicago 1982, Ph.D. Yale 1987, was Assistant Professor (1988-1991) and Associate Professor (1991-1994) at Harvard University. He was called to the ETH Zürich as Professor of Physical Organic Chemistry in 1994. From September 1, 2007 until September 30, 2009, he was Vice President for Research and Corporate Relations. In 2010, he was elected to the Council of the Swiss National Science Foundation, where he was further elected to the Executive Committee in 2012.

In addition to other mandates, he is a Director of Clariant Ltd, a leading specialty chemicals company. He is the Director of "Society in Science," an international fellowship program created by the entrepreneur and philanthropist, Branco Weiss.

In his research he has supervised over 65 doctoral students and postdocs, and is the author of over 124 papers and 7 patents. In the past ten years, he has given over 250 invited or plenary lectures at conferences, university departments, and chemical companies. Of the numerous honors, Prof. Chen is most proud of the "Golden Owl" in 2005, awarded for the best teaching in each department.

Arnold Schmidt, Studium der Physik an der Universität Wien, Promotion 1962. Nach längerer Zeit im Ausland (University of York, University of California, Berkeley) kehrte Arnold Schmidt 1975 nach Wien zurück und wurde 1986 ordentlicher Professor an der TU Wien. Von 1994 bis 2003 war er Präsident des Fonds zur Förderung der wissenschaftlichen Forschung.

The talk will be held in English; the discussion might be in English or German