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ORGANIC GEOCHEMISTRY DIVISION PRESENTS TWO AWARDS

Alfred Treibs Award



Kai-Uwe Hinrichs, Professor of Organic Geochemistry in the Department of Geosciences/MARUM, University of Bremen, Germany received the 2020 Alfred Treibs Award. The award is given for major achievements, over a period of years, in organic geochemistry. Prof. Dr. Hinrichs is recognized for illuminating the interactions between microbes and elucidating microbial processes that impact the solid Earth, over a wide range of spatial and temporal scales.

The OGD hopes to present the medal at the 2021 International Meeting on Organic Geochemistry.

Alfred Treibs (1899–1983) was a chemist who is often recognized as the “father” of organic geochemistry. He worked for 50 years at the Technical University of Munich (Germany) where he conducted groundbreaking research on porphyrins. He published about 140 papers and mentored dozens of students. The Alfred Treibs Award was created in 1979 to honor his contributions to the field.

John Hayes Award



Karen L. Casciotti, Assistant Professor of Earth System Science at Stanford University (USA), will receive the third annual John Hayes Award. The award is given to a mid-career scientist for outstanding accomplishments that draw together multiple fields of investigation to advance biogeochemical science. Prof. Casciotti is recognized for innovative research on the marine nitrogen cycle.

John M. Hayes (1940–2017) always found time and energy to reach out and work with trainees, young investigators, and mid-career scientists. His rigorous research drew from multiple disciplines in a manner that led to novel outcomes. He made major contributions that detailed the timeline for the origin of life, the carbon cycle, and the development and recent change to the global geo-environment. The award was created in 2017 by the Organic Geochemistry Division and a group of his friends, colleagues, and students.

ONLINE WORKSHOP SERIES

The pandemic has disrupted many conferences and seminars, which provide learning and networking opportunities. To help fill the gap caused by the loss of in-person events, the society recently launched a series of online workshops. The programs provided technical skills, teaching strategies, and ways to improve workplace climates. Several of the workshops are archived for on-demand viewing on the GS website. Learn more at geochemsoc.org/events/online-workshops.

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