



Announcement

Professor Pedro Joseph-Nathan 2016 Recipient of the “Gerald Blunden Award”

Congratulations to Prof. Pedro Joseph-Nathan, who is the winner of the 2016 “Gerald Blunden Award”, sponsored by the journal, *Natural Product Communications*.

Prof. Joseph-Nathan won the award with his review article "Vibrational Circular Dichroism: Recent Advances for the Assignment of the Absolute Configuration of Natural Products" *Natural Product Communications*, **10** (10) 1785-1095 (2015), which is co-authored by Eleuterio Burgueño-Tapia. The advancement of Vibrational Circular Dichroism (VCD) in assigning absolute configuration, presented in this review, would be of greater interest for community of natural product researchers.

Pedro Joseph-Nathan was born in Mexico City on September, 1941. He simultaneously undertook Chemistry and Chemical Engineering undergraduate studies obtaining degrees in 1963 and 1964, respectively, from UNAM in Mexico City where he continued graduate work to obtain his Doctor in Chemical Sciences degree in 1966.

He became a faculty member at Department of Chemistry, CINVESTAV-IPN in Mexico City in 1966, was promoted to Professor of Chemistry in 1972 and is emeritus since 1996. He has traveled extensively through Latin-America, for scientific collaborations, meetings, and related activities, where he is corresponding or honorary member of scientific societies and academies in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Puerto Rico and Venezuela. He also holds Honorary Professor titles from Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos in Peru and from Universidad Nacional de Jujuy in Argentina, as well has doctorates Honoris causa from Universidad Nacional de Tucuman in Argentina, Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolas de Hidalgo in Mexico, and Universidad de Magallanes in Chile.

His preferred amusements is the natural products field of Ibero-American species including structural elucidation, chemical transformations and some physical methods for chemical analysis like nuclear magnetic resonance, single crystal X-ray diffraction, and, more recently, vibrational circular dichroism. He has co-authored over 485 research publications and has received many scientific awards, including the 1991 National Award of Sciences and Arts from the Government of Mexico.

Prof. Pedro Joseph-Nathan is an emeritus scientist since 1996 at Departamento de Química, Centro de Investigación y de Estudios Avanzados del Instituto Politécnico Nacional, Apartado 14-740, México, D. F., 07000 México. He has co-authored over 485 research publications including more than 20 publications in *Natural Product Communications*. I am also looking forward to his further publications in *NPC*, as well as his continued support.