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**Frank Würthner** received his education in Chemistry at the University of Stuttgart (doctoral degree in Organic Chemistry in 1994) and carried out postdoctoral research at MIT in Cambridge/MA (USA). After two years at BASF and five years at the University of Ulm (Habilitation in 2001) he became chair professor of Organic Chemistry at the University of Würzburg in 2002. Here he has served as head of the Institute of Organic Chemistry, dean of the Chemistry Department and founding director of the Center for Nanosystems Chemistry. His main research interests include the synthesis of pi-conjugated molecules and functional dyes, their application in organic electronics, photonics and photovoltaics, the construction of complex supramolecular architectures composed of pi-scaffolds, the mechanistic elucidation of self-assembly processes, and the investigation of light-induced processes in dye-based nanosystems. He has published 380 papers and – with an h-index of 86 – is listed among the highly cited chemists of the last decade. In 2016 he became elected member of the German National Academy of Science Leopoldina and Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry. His awards include the Arnold-Sommerfeld-Prize of the Bavarian Academy of Science (2002) and the Elhuyar-Goldschmidt Award of the Royal Society of Spain (2016).