

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation confers the Bessel award to Dr. Gurvan Michel

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Dr. Gurvan Michel receiving the certificate for the award of the Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Prize from the President of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Professor Dr. Hans-Christian Pape, at the annual Alexander von Humboldt Research Awards Winners Symposium held in Bamberg, Germany, from 28 to 31 March 2019.

Dr. Gurvan Michel, who is a CNRS research director at the Station Biologique de Roscoff, was among more than sixty prize winners from all academic disciplines and from all parts of the world, recognized for their leading contribution to international research. Dr. Michel was recognized as a pioneer in the biochemical and structural exploration of the metabolism of algal polysaccharides. The selection committee has also highlighted his important contributions to the understanding of the evolution of plant and algal cell walls. Dr. Michel is currently hosted by Pr. Dr. Bruno Moerschbacher at the University of Münster and is working on new modifying enzymes for the biotechnological uses of polysaccharides.