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## Drivers of Chemical Research "Lives in Chemistry": 10<sup>th</sup> Volume Published

On September 7, 2024, exactly three years after the launch of the autobiography series "Lives in Chemistry," the tenth volume will be released, appropriately featuring gold prominently: Hubert Schmidbaur, Emeritus of TU Munich, has titled his autobiography "From Chemical Craftsmanship to the Art of Gilding Atoms."

Chemistry is not only a difficult matter for many, it also has a negative image in the society – but chemistry is everywhere: in the human body and in nature, in our environment, and in all products we consume, consciously or unconsciously – ranging from batteries, catalysts, and solar panels to textiles, food, and medicines. Some products welcomed first are causing problems later like CFCs, microplastics, and persistent chemicals like PFASs – but to solve the problems requires again chemical knowledge. The COVID crisis underscored the importance of understanding how scientists think and work, how they approach basic research, and how this translates into applications – or sometimes doesn't.

Presenting and making accessible modern chemical research, as conducted by globally renowned chemists, is a goal of the "Lives in Chemistry" series. It is edited by an Advisory Board on behalf of the History of Chemistry Division of the German Chemical Society (GDCh). Next, the autobiographies of a Japanese Nobel laureate and two renowned female chemists will be released – ensuring a diversity of topics and authors.

The series has received considerable positive feedback and had been awarded a Gold Medal for its exceptional design by the German book design foundation. Right from the start the series brought together through webinars, videos, lectures, symposia, and social media chemists of all generations to discuss innovation, careers, and education in chemistry. The series instigates an engagement with modern chemical history seen against the history of the wider societies.

The just published comprehensive index for all 10 volumes lists over 2,500 individuals, emphasizing that chemistry and science at large are human endeavors. The books are available in print and as e-books; for every book a website exists with free supporting material.

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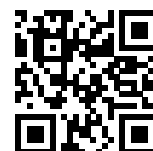
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