

March 2025 Newsletter



Congratulations to Dr. David Schiering for Receiving the 2025 Williams-Wright Award!



The Williams-Wright Award is presented annually at the Pittsburgh Conference to an industrial spectroscopist who has made significant contributions to vibrational spectroscopy while working in industry. The work may include infrared and/or Raman spectroscopy, instrumental development as well as theory, and applications of vibrational spectroscopy.

The Williams-Wright Award and the accompanying awards symposium was celebrated at Pittcon 2025 in Boston. Dave's award symposium included the following contributions:

- "Fostering the Application of Vibrational Spectroscopy through New Instruments and Methods" – Dave Schiering
- "Dave is Delightful, and Other Tales from the Fringe" – Christopher Brown
- "45 Years of Developing Raman Instrumentation: Cadillacs to Big Macs" – Keith Carron
- "A 40 Year Spectroscopy Hardware Journey" – Bob Messerschmidt
- "From Extraterrestrial to Intracorporeal: 45 years of Molecular Spectroscopy and the Molecular Microspectroscopy Laboratory" – André Sommer

I have known Dave for over 30 years and strongly believe that he belongs in this esteemed group of spectroscopists. I first met Dave at the Molecular Microspectroscopy Laboratory (MML), Miami University (Oxford, OH) when I attended their week-long workshop back in the late 1980s. Dave was an

exceptional part of the faculty, representing PerkinElmer and the MML (he earned his PhD there). As a new researcher at Procter & Gamble (P&G), I really appreciated all the tips and tricks on sample preparation for microspectroscopy he knew and shared in the hands-on portion of the workshop.

As he moved on to other places, P&G and I continued to benefit from his expertise over the years. He had a critical role in helping P&G researchers gain access to affordable microspectroscopy technology with the IlluminatIR from Smiths Detection. Even as he moved on to Czitek, and IlluminatIR support dwindled, we could count on him to help us maintain our accessories and troubleshoot our problems. He and Czitek (later RedWave Technology, LLC ... and now part of 908 Devices!) helped us continue our access to easy-to-use, high-quality microspectroscopy accessories (MicromATR). He was also an excellent consultant for troubleshooting, accessory design, and continuing education seminars. I attended many of his excellent seminars at Pittcon and FACSS/SciX and always learned something new to take back with me to the lab.

Dave Schiering is one of the best industrial spectroscopists I have worked with over the years and certainly more than earned this prestigious recognition.

Nominations for the 2026 Williams-Wright Award can be submitted to office@coblentz.org by 1 May 2025.

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Dr. Sergei Kazarian Honored with the Norman Sheppard Award 2024

In December 2024, Dr. Sergei Kazarian, the Editor-in-Chief of *Applied Spectroscopy*, was honored with the 2024 Norman Sheppard Award by the Infrared and Raman Discussion Group (IRDG). This prestigious award recognizes distinguished and sustained contributions to the field of vibrational spectroscopy. Dr. Sergei Kazarian's achievements in the field have made a significant impact, earning him this well-deserved recognition. For more information on the award, visit the IRDG website [here](#).

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