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**Title: Exploiting the Chemistry of *ortho*-Quinone Methides**

**Prof. Christoph Schneider** received his chemical education at the University of Göttingen (Germany) and obtained a Ph.D. degree in early 1992 for work in natural product synthesis and asymmetric Diels–Alder reactions in the group of Prof. Lutz F. Tietze. Subsequently he joined Prof. David A. Evans` group at Harvard University (USA) as a postdoctoral fellow on a DAAD-NATO fellowship. From 1994–1998 he completed his habilitation in Göttingen and was invited thereafter for visiting professorships to Szeged (Hungary) and Toronto (Canada). In 2001 he was appointed as Associate Professor at the University of Saarbrücken (Germany) and in 2003 he moved to his current position as Full Professor to the University of Leipzig (Germany) where he has remained ever since. He served as Dean of his faculty from 2010-2013 and is currently elected member of the DFG-panel for research grants. His research interests are in the area of stereoselective organic synthesis with a focus on catalytic enantioselective methods and their application towards natural product synthesis.