

## CBC SEMINAR ANNOUNCEMENT



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**Donor-acceptor Stabilization of Main Group Species:  
From New Bonding Environments to Nanomaterials**

In this presentation, a general-donor-acceptor protocol will be introduced to intercept reactive main group species, such as the parent hydrides  $\text{EH}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{EEH}_2$  ( $\text{E} = \text{Si}, \text{Ge}$  and/or  $\text{Sn}$ ),<sup>[1]</sup> the iminoborane  $\text{HBNH}^{[2]}$  and oxoboranes (e.g.  $\text{ClB}=\text{O}$  and  $\text{HOB}=\text{O}$ ).<sup>[3]</sup> The reported  $\text{EH}_2$  complexes are viable precursors to luminescent nanomaterials<sup>[4]</sup> while the latter oxoborane adducts can instigate mild C-F activation processes. Moreover our recent efforts<sup>[5]</sup> to develop highly bulky carbon-based donors will be described.

[1] For a review article, see: E. Rivard, *Chem. Soc. Rev.* 2016, 45, 989-1003.

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[3] A. K. Swarnakar, C. Hering-Junghans, M. J. Ferguson, R. McDonald, E. Rivard, *Chem. Eur. J.* 2017, DOI: 10.1002/chem.201702154.

[4] T. K. Purkait, A. K. Swarnakar, G. B. De Los Reyes, F. A. Hegmann, E. Rivard, J. G. C. Veinot, *Nanoscale* 2015, 7, 2241-2244.

[5] C. Hering-Junghans, P. Andreiuk, M. J. Ferguson, R. McDonald, E. Rivard, *Angew. Chem., Int. Ed.* 2017, 56, 6272-6275.

**Date:** 22nd June 2017 (Thursday)  
**Time:** 11:00am – 12:30pm  
**Venue:** SPMS Research & Graduate  
Studies Office Conference Room  
**Host:** Assoc Professor Naohiko Yoshikai