

Former Aldridge Group Members – Oxford Visitors

Erkan Firinci (2011-12) obtained both his BSc (2006) and MSc (2008) degrees from Adnan Menderes University in Aydin, Turkey. During his PhD with [Prof Yuksel Sahin](#), he joined the Aldridge group on a one-year visiting doctoral student fellowship, funded by TUBITAK. His research [project](#) concerned the synthesis of boron-containing analogues of widely exploited organometallic ligands.

Wiebke Unkrig (2014) and Christian Friedman (2016) were both visiting Masters students from [Ingo Krossing's](#) group at the Albert-Ludwigs-University in Freiburg, Germany. Both undertook a five-month summer stay in Oxford which involved working on developing families of [anionic N-heterocyclic carbene ligands](#) for Transition Metal coordination chemistry. Their work in this area will be reported soon.

Sophia Boden (2014) from the Heinrich-Heine-University in Düsseldorf did her Bachelor thesis in N-heterocyclic carbene chemistry in the group of Prof Dr C Ganter and worked with us for 3 months on NacNac and NacNac' ligands.

Terry Hadlington (2015) spent three months in Oxford during the summer of 2014, visiting from the [Jones group at Monash University](#). His work on the use of borylamido ligands in the coordination chemistry of Main Group elements was recently published in [Chem. Commun.](#)

Yanhui Guo (2015-16) spent a year in the Aldridge group from October 2015 working on an extension of [our approaches to frustrated Lewis pair chemistry](#). [Yanhui's day job](#) is as an assistant professor in the Department of Materials at Fudan University in Shanghai, and we hope to continue our collaborative research efforts in the near future.

Hung Banh (2016) spent 3 months in the group in the summer of 2016, visiting from the group of [Roland Fischer](#) at the TU in Munich. Hung's interests are in polynuclear highly reduced metal systems (especially those of zinc) and he has been looking to exploit borylzinc precursors to further extend the scope of such clusters.

Pawel Löwe (2017) from the Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster spent three very productive months with us in the summer of 2017, working with Haoyu Niu on the expanded ring guanidinato ligand project.

Simon Thölke (2017) from Duisberg-Essen also spent some time in our labs in the summer of 2017, working on the burgeoning project on group 1 and 2 metal aluminyl complexes. Simon is returning to Germany to begin his Master's project in the group of (former Aldridge group PDRA) [Jochen Niemeyer](#).