



Chemists from Germany in Boston. Photo: GDCh

## Study Excursion to Boston

The 18th GDCh–North Eastern Section of the ACS (NESACS) Study Excursion from 17–26 August led twelve doctoral candidates to Boston, together with Elisabeth Kapatsina (GDCh headquarter), Tobias Bachmann (JCF National Board) and Michael Groteklaes (University of Applied Sciences Niederrhein). The group attended the 256th ACS National Meeting, with the PhD students giving talks and/or presenting posters on their scientific work. At the symposium “Celebrating the Success of an Exchange Program for German and American Chemistry Students”, the participants were greeted by the ACS and GDCh presidents who gave the welcoming addresses. Mike Strem and Tom Gilbert looked back on how the exchange program of NESACS and GDCh began. Elisabeth Kapatsina and Michael Groteklaes informed about the various options to study or to pursue a doctoral degree or a postdoctoral fellowship in Germany. Jens Breffke elaborated on how the study excursion 2007 set his path from chemistry studies in Germany, leading up to his doctoral studies in the USA up to his current job in Brookline, MA. He also talked about his activities in the Younger Chemist Committee and the International Activities Committee of the ACS. After the conference, the participants took part in tours of MIT, the Broad Institute and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Of course, watching a game of the Red Sox baseball team at Fenway Park, one of the few classical stadiums of the Major Baseball League, was not to be missed.



Lukas Gooßen presenting in Daegu. Photo: KCS

## A visit to Korea

In October, GDCh board member Katharina Al-Shamery (Oldenburg) and Lukas Gooßen (Bochum) represented the GDCh at the 122nd General Meeting of the Korean Chemical Society (KCS) in Daegu, Korea, including scientific talks in dedicated sessions on physical and organic chemistry, respectively. Inaugurated in 2012, the bilateral cooperation agreement between the GDCh and KCS was renewed in 2017.



GDCh vice president Thisbe K. Lindhorst was awarded as RSC Honorary Fellow. On the right: RSC executive director Robert Parker. Photo: RSC

## GDCh at RSC Summer Party

GDCh representatives were invited to the traditional summer party of the Royal Chemical Society (RSC) at Burlington House in London in July. On that occasion, GDCh vice president Thisbe K. Lindhorst received the RSC Honorary Fellowship. Both societies have maintained a long-lasting friendly relationship and have undertaken many joint activities within the scope of a bilateral cooperation agreement and the EuChemS.