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door

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1. *Scientific writing* should be an obligatory course in the first year of a PhD trajectory.
2. An article with its supporting information should be a standalone entity. The supporting information should therefore contain the detailed synthesis and characterization of *all* described compounds in the article, providing references to earlier procedures but not *only* the references without the actual data.
3. The amount of external effort that is sometimes required to make molecules self-assemble does not always justify the term.
4. Being successful in chemistry requires (in arbitrary order) hard work, smartness, political skills, innovative ideas, and luck.
5. Apart from different expertises, an international working environment provides a unique climate that is undervalued. The most fascinating chemistry happens at the interface of different fields and cultures.
6. Chemistry happens in the fumehood, but new ideas often originate from reading literature behind the computer and discussing over coffee.
7. Conferences provide value for their money if the attendant is motivated and interested.
8. Schematically indicating a chromophore with a smiley does not necessarily represent the feelings of the person that has to synthesize the molecule.
[H. Yu, Progress in Polymer Science 39 (2014) 781–815]
9. Aggregates are the new orbitals.
10. Guiding students should be mandatory for each PhD student as both learn from this experience. Sometimes, the PhD student learns more than the student.
11. The following are delusions: one measurement, a final experiment, a last beer.