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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University Associate Professor of Chemistry Ram Mohan will be honored during the American Chemical Society (ACS) national conference in August for an article he co-authored.

The article, “Bismuth compounds in organic synthesis. Bismuth nitrate catalyzed chemoselective synthesis of acylals from aromatic aldehydes,” originally published in a 2004 issue of the international journal *Tetrahedron*, has been named one of the “Top-50 most cited articles” for the journal from 2004-2007. Authors of the 50 papers will be honored at a dinner during the ACS conference in Boston.

Tetrahedron publishes five monthly journals covering different aspects of science, which are among the most accessed journals worldwide. According to James Milne publisher of the “Organic & Inorganic Chemistry” version of *Tetrahedron*, more than one million articles are downloaded each month.

Mohan, a member of the IWU faculty since 1996, works to discover environmentally friendly processes for chemists to use at pharmaceutical and other companies, including work with bismuth compounds. He recently received a \$380,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to continue his work.

A graduate of Hansraj College in Delhi, India, Mohan holds a master’s degree in organic chemistry from the University of Delhi and a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. He conducted postdoctoral research at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Mohan was the 2002 winner of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Distinguished Alumnus Award and a 2001 winner of the national Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award.



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