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Platform of the Swiss Academy of Sciences**Elections to the SCNAT «Platform Chemistry» Board**

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A warm welcome to the new members of the board of the SCNAT «Platform Chemistry»: Prof. Dr. **Christian Bochet** (University of Fribourg), Prof. Dr. **Thomas Bürgi** (University of Geneva) and Dr. **Thomas Gude** (SQTS/Migros). We're looking forward to a fruitful collaboration.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our retiring board members: Prof. em. Dr. E. **Peter Kündig** (University of Geneva), who was the founding president of the «Platform Chemistry». Under his guidance the platform was established. He remained on the board for a total of nine years. Also a founding member of the platform was Prof. Dr. **Umberto Piantini** (HES-SO Valais) who actively represented the Swiss Society for Food Chemistry on the platform board for nine years. Prof. Dr. **Dieter Schlüter** (ETH Zürich) was a board member for seven years. Thanks to their voluntary work, the «Platform Chemistry» fulfilled and continues to fulfill its functions as an umbrella organisation and networking hub, as dialogue platform for science with politics and society, and of course as a promoter of young scientists.

Additional information about the «Platform Chemistry» and its activities may be found at www.chemistry.scnat.ch



Prof. Dr. **Christian Bochet** studied chemistry at the University of Geneva. He then obtained his PhD in organic chemistry in the group of Prof. Wolfgang Oppolzer. After a postdoc at Stanford University (California) with Prof. Barry M. Trost, he returned to Geneva, where he set up an independent research group in organic photochemistry. In 2002, he was awarded an SNF-professorship by

the Swiss National Science Foundation, and moved to the University of Fribourg, where he was appointed full professor in 2006. His current interests include reagent-controlled selective reactions, total synthesis of natural products and organic photochemistry.

<http://homeweb.unifr.ch/bochetc/pub/cb/>



Prof. Dr. **Thomas Bürgi** studied chemistry at the University of Bern. Also in Bern he obtained his PhD on laser spectroscopy and quantum chemical calculation of hydrogen-bonded and van-der-Waals complexes with Prof. Samuel Leutwyler. After a postdoc in Prof. Sylvia T. Ceyer's group at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, USA, he returned to Switzerland and

habilitated at the ETH Zürich with Prof. Dr. Alfons Baiker. Since then, he held positions at the University of Neuchatel and Heidelberg and is now professor for physical chemistry at the University of Geneva and is working on surface chemistry, nanochemistry and the development of *in situ* spectroscopic methods.

<http://www.unige.ch/sciences/chifi/Buergi/>



Dr. **Thomas Gude** studied food chemistry at TU Berlin, where he also obtained his PhD on 'Development of an immunoaffinity chromatographic method for chloramphenicol and the practical application in the official control within EU on the basis of self-prepared reference material'. After working at the EU Reference Laboratory and Schering AG in Berlin, he moved to Switzerland

to work with CarboGen and Basilea Pharmaceutica AG. He now is deputy head of the Department Food/Non-Food of SQTS/Migros and teaches food and food contact materials safety, quality management and related topics at various institutions from Switzerland to South East Asia.

<http://www.sqts.ch/Uber-uns/leitungsteam.html>