At the beginning of the year the «Platform Chemistry» of the Swiss Academy of Sciences (SCNAT) and the Swiss Chemical Society (SCS) jointly announced for the first time the «SCNAT/SCS Chemistry Travel Awards», which supports the active participation of PhD students at international conferences. Almost 80 applications were received and the award committee (Prof. Dr. Karl Gademann, University of Basel; Prof. Dr. Katharina Fromm, University of Fribourg; Prof. Dr. Frédéric Merkt, ETH Zurich; Prof. Dr. Gérald Hopfgartner, University of Geneva) was very impressed by the high scientific level of the applications. The successful applicants were selected mainly based on scientific merit and in a second round based on additional criteria such as advancement of studies, past allocation of grants and distribution of research areas. The winners of the «2010 SCNAT/SCS Chemistry Travel Award» are:

- **Flavia Badoud**
  Jean-Luc Veuthey / Martial Saugy,
  University of Geneva
  ‘Quantification and Profiling of Endogenous Steroids by UHPLC-QTOFMSE’
  HPLC 2010, Boston USA

- **Vimalkumar Balasubramanian**
  Cornelia Palivan, University of Basel
  ‘Polymeric Nanoreactors: A New Way to Improve Antioxidant Therapy’
  TNT 2010, Braga P

- **Nicolas Barry**
  Bruno Therrien, University of Neuchâtel
  ‘Arene-Ruthenium Metalla-Prisms: New Drug Delivery Vectors’
  ISBOMC’10, Bochum D

- **Tobias Bauert**
  Karl-Heinz Ernst, Empa Dübendorf / Jay Siegel,
  University of Zurich
  ‘Building 2D Crystals from Fivefold-symmetric Molecules’
  DPG- Frühjahrstagung, Regensburg D

- **Leonardo Bertone**
  Stefan Matile, University of Geneva
  ‘Panchromatic Supramolecular n/p-Heterojunction Photosystems with Antiparallel Redox Gradients: Focus on Zipper Assembly with Oligothiophenes’
  3rd EuCheMS Chemistry Congress, Nürnberg D

- **Idalia Bilecka**
  Markus Niederberger, ETH Zurich
  ‘Microwave Chemistry: A Step Toward Predictable Nanoparticles Synthesis’
  MRS Spring Meeting, San Francisco USA

- **Jonathan Brand**
  Jerome Waser, EPF Lausanne
  ‘Gold Catalyzed Direct Alkynylation of Heterocycles’
  FACS XIII, Obernai F

- **Fabian Buller**
  Dario Neri, ETH Zurich
  ‘Small-Molecule Ligand Discovery by High-Throughput Sequencing’
  Keystone Symposium on Small Molecule Drug Discovery, Whistler CAN

- **Daniel Can**
  Roger Alberto, University of Zurich
  ‘[CpTc(CO)3,] Replacing Phenyl Rings in Bioactive Substances – a General Approach Towards New Radiopharmaceuticals’
  Terachem 2010, Bressanone (Bolzano) I

- **Nikola Castillo**
  Cesar Pulgarin, EPF Lausanne
  ‘BiVO₄: A Successful Third Generation Photocatalyst or the Weakness of Narrow Bandgap Semiconductors?’
  SP3, Glasgow UK

- **Aurélien Crochet**
  Katharina Fromm, University of Fribourg
  ‘Lithium Metal Aryloxide Cluster: Starting Products for Oxide Materials’
  3rd SPSSM, Stuttgart 2010

- **Nadiya Danilina**
  Jeroen A. van Bokhoven, ETH Zurich
  ‘Aluminum-zoning in ZSM-5 Crystals: Its Origin and Characterization’
  IZC-IMMS 2010, Sorrento I

- **Marco Furlan**
  Massimo Morbidelli, ETH Zurich
  ‘Structural Control of Porous Polymeric Materials through Magnetic Gelation’
  Colloids Symposium 2010, Akron USA
Jagdeep Singh
Jeroen van Bokhoven, ETH Zurich
‘Dynamic Structure of Supported Platinum Catalysts during Oxidation of CO: Kinetic Oscillations and Structural Changes within a Single Reactor’
Gordon Research Conferences Catalysis, New London USA

Johannes Stadler
Renato Zenobi, ETH Zurich
‘Full Spectroscopic Mapping by Tip-Enhanced Raman Scattering in a Gap-Mode Configuration’
Near-Field Optics Conference 2010, Beijing China

Stephan Steinmann
Clémence Corminboeuf, EPF Lausanne
‘A System-Dependent Density-Based Empirical Dispersion Correction’
IX Girona Seminar, Girona E

Nicolas Uhlich
Jean-Louis Reymond, University of Bern
‘Convergent Synthesis of Peptide Dendrimers by Chloroacetyl Ligation’
31st European Peptide Symposium, Copenhagen DK

Kitty van Gruijthuijzen
Anna Stradner / Peter Schurtenberger, University of Fribourg
‘Depletion Interactions in Charged, Aqueous Colloid/Polymer Mixtures’
International Soft Matter Conference (ISMC), Granada ES

Michel Wagner
Gérard Hopfgartner, University of Geneva
‘On-line SPE-LC-MS/MS Method Development and Validation for the Quantitation of Oxycodone and its Metabolites in Human Plasma’
57th ASMS, Philadelphia USA

Rui Wang
Renato Zenobi, ETH Zurich
‘On the Ionization Mechanism of Extractive Electrospray Ionization (EESI)’
58th ASMS, Salt Lake City USA

Alex Wiederkehr
Frédéric Merkt, ETH Zurich
‘A Molecular Zeeman Decelerator for the Generation of Cold Atomic and Molecular Samples’
ECAMP X, Salamanca E

Ying Zhou
Greta Patzke, University of Zurich
‘In Situ Study of the Hydrothermal Formation Mechanism of Oxide Nanomaterials’
ICCG16 / ICVGE14, Beijing China

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