

Editorial

Invitation to attend the Fall Meeting of the Swiss Chemical Society in Lausanne, on Friday, September 9, 2011

On behalf of the Swiss Chemical Society and of the Organizing Committee, we are pleased to invite you to attend the SCS Fall Meeting 2011. Following the tradition of alternating locations of this event, the *Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne* (EPFL) is proud to host this year's edition on its campus.

The Fall Meeting continues to be a major event for chemical researchers with more than 500 submitted abstracts for this edition. 516 Scientific contributions will be presented in the fields of analytical chemistry, medicinal chemistry, computational chemistry, inorganic and coordination chemistry, organic chemistry, physical chemistry, and polymer science. Plenary sessions and eight parallel sessions will offer a total of 103 invited lectures and contributed talks. In addition, a large panel of posters will be on display. As in past meetings, there will be a jury to select the best oral and poster presentations, for which prizes, sponsored by DSM and the Metrohm Foundation, will be awarded.

As in the past, the SCS Fall Meeting represents a unique occasion for young chemists to present the results of their research. We will have a number of invited lectures presented by distinguished scientists. This year's Werner Prize Lecture will be given by Prof. Xile Hu of the *Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne*, and the Grammaticakis-Neumann Prize Lecture will be presented by Dr. Marina Kuimova of Imperial College London. Both lectures will be delivered as plenary lectures. Other invited lectures will be given in the Parallel Sessions. For the traditional Inorganic and Coordination Chemistry Minisymposium, we are pleased to welcome Profs. Richard A. Andersen (UC Berkeley), Christophe Copéret (ETH Zürich) and Dr. Olivier Maury (ENS Lyon).

The organization of such a large meeting would not be possible without financial support and the voluntary help from many people. We are grateful to the Swiss Chemical Industry for its continued sponsorship in the form of session endowments and general financial contributions. Beyond the financial aspect, the involvement of industrial partners in this event reflects their interest in the research activities developed by young scientists in our academic institutions. In addition, many companies will participate in the SCS Fall Meeting in the exhibition area. Finally, we would like to thank the *Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne* for providing the infrastructure and logistic support to this meeting.

We hope that this lavish scientific program will interest you, and we encourage you to come to Lausanne. Your participation during presentations and discussions will make the Fall Meeting of the Swiss Chemical Society 2011 again a grand success. We look forward to seeing you there.

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