

# Editorial

## Welcome to the 2012 Fall Meeting of the Swiss Chemical Society (SCS)

On behalf of the Division of Chemical Research of the Swiss Chemical Society, we welcome you to attend the 2012 Fall Meeting. We also welcome the presenters of the over six hundred scientific contributions (posters, contributed lectures, invited lectures). As in previous years, we again had a record response to our Call for Contributions, and we are looking forward to an exciting event.

For the second time after 2010, the event is hosted by the ETH Zürich Department of Chemistry and Applied Biosciences at the Science City (Hönggerberg) campus. Given its popularity, the Fall Meeting represents a major event for chemical research in Switzerland, offering a unique opportunity for graduate students, post-doctoral fellows and senior scientists from academia and industry to share the results of their research.

As in previous years, we will have a number of invited lectures presented by distinguished scientists. This year's Paracelsus Award Lecture will be given by Prof. Bernd Giese of the Universities of Basel and Fribourg. The Grammaticakis-Neumann Award Lecture will be presented by Prof. Hans Jakob Wörner of the ETH Zürich Laboratory of Physical Chemistry. Other lectures will be given by invited speakers in the Parallel Sessions. For the traditional Inorganic and Coordination Chemistry Minisymposium, we are pleased to welcome Professors Avelino Corma (Universitat Politècnica de Valencia), Douglas W. Stephan (University of Toronto), and Maksym Kovalenko (EMPA and ETH Zürich). We also welcome the participants of the session on Catalysis Science and Engineering, which takes place for the first time.

At the Commercial Exhibition, fourteen companies will be presenting their products and services.

We are grateful to the sponsors for their continued support. All sessions have an industrial endowment. Other private and institutional sponsors made very generous general financial contributions, or financed the awards for the best posters and best oral presentations. This support extends beyond the financial aspect; it is also an expression of the interest of industry in our research activities, many of which are carried out by young scientists.

We invite you to browse through the program and hope that the 2012 Fall Meeting will capture your interest. Your participation and your contribution to the scientific discussion will help to make the event a success for everybody involved.

We look forward to seeing you on September 13 at ETH Zürich!

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