

Editorial



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As a sign of the vitality and variety of chemical research being carried out in Switzerland, the SCS Fall Meeting 2015, organized under the auspices of the SCS Division of Fundamental Research, gathered about 800 participants on the premises of the EPF Lausanne on September 4, 2015. The 507 scientific contributions (oral and poster presentations) and 12 invited lectures attracted collaborators from both academia and chemical/pharmaceutical industry to present, discuss and share recent scientific achievements which were presented in eight parallel sessions and two plenary sessions. The excitement of the young researchers disclosing the most important results of their research was palpable, and the social components of this large and lively annual event gave excellent opportunities to make new contacts and enlarge professional networks. What a sign of enthusiasm to see a full auditorium for the final lecture and plenary session until 6.30 pm!

The SCS Fall Meeting was again a perfect platform to honor scientists from academic institutions and industries for their outstanding contributions to chemical research and development. In particular, young researchers were honored for the scientific quality of their contributions by the SCS-Metrohm Awards for Best Oral Communications and the SCS-DSM Best Poster Awards. This issue of CHIMIA contains articles by these laureates and will give you a flavor of the research being developed in Switzerland in a wide range of chemical fields.

I would like to warmly congratulate all prize winners, thank the authors for their contributions, Metrohm and DSM for the generous sponsorship of the awards and their support to young talented chemists. My acknowledgements also go to the jury members for their excellent selections of laureates, from a considerable number of contributions.

Best Poster Award winner articles sponsored by DSM

- Jasmin Krismer, ETH Zurich
- Stefan Knecht, ETH Zurich
- Christoph Heinz, EPF Lausanne
- Lucas-Alexandre Stern, EPF Lausanne
- Anaëlle Dumas, University Paris-Sud
- Heiner Saßmannshausen, ETH Zurich

Best Oral Communication Award winner articles sponsored by Metrohm

- Andreas Riedo, University of Bern
- Mark Bispinghoff, ETH Zurich
- Adrian Najer, University of Basel
- Maximilian Moser, ETH Zurich
- Franziska A. Balmer, University of Bern

Finally, I sincerely thank the organizing team of the Institute of Chemical Sciences and Engineering (ISIC) at EPFL for their hard work and crucial contribution to the success of the SCS Fall Meeting 2015. We are looking forward to the 2016 edition, which will be held at the University of Zurich on September 15, 2016.

I hope that you will enjoy the content of this issue and I wish you all good reading.

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