

Editorial

In this issue of CHIMIA, the recipients of the best oral and the best poster presentation prizes at the 2019 Fall Meeting of the Swiss Chemical Society, held at the University of Zürich in September 2019, present their award-winning research.

First introduced in 2002, this award program has become a highlight of the Fall Meeting. The Award Ceremony is the final event on the agenda of an intense one-day meeting, and, with a very few exceptions, the more than thirty winners and runners-up, when called on stage, are still in the audience. In this issue, fourteen laureates present their research. One contribution will follow later, as the author is expecting a baby. At that point, all Swiss universities will be represented with at least one laureate.

For more than a decade, Metrohm (oral presentations) and DSM Nutrition (posters) have been sponsoring this unique award program. Their generous contribution makes this 'grand final' of the Fall Meeting possible.

With the first prizes in the best poster and the best oral presentation categories of each parallel session, in addition to the cash and travel awards, there is also the invitation to contribute to this issue of CHIMIA. There are similar awards for the second ranked presenters.^[1] Overall, close to 40'000 CHF are handed out to the laureates.

We would like to thank the young authors for the work and the pride they put into their articles. We also thank the Jury for their effort to identify the award-winning presentations. Given the large number of presentations, close to six hundred overall, and the limited time available, the selection process is not easy. The attribute 'best' therefore can't be taken literally, but it is fair to say that the presentations of the winners were of excellent quality. The Junior Laureates issue will convince you that this is the case!

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[1] For the 2019 Fall Meeting Award program and the complete list of winners see: <http://fm19.chemistrycongresses.ch/program/presentation-awards>

The picture for the front cover was provided by Prerna Yadav, University of Zurich, whose article on 'Metal-Salen-based Probes for the Selective Detection of Phosphates *via* a Disassembly Approach' can be found on page 252 of this issue. The image depicts the detection of pyrophosphate (PPi alias E450) *via* a disassembly approach using Fe(III)-salen complexes in foodstuff (baking powder) and in mitochondria.