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Elections to the SCNAT «Platform Chemistry» Board

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A warm welcome to the newly elected members of the SCNAT «Platform Chemistry» board: Prof. Dr. **Catherine Housecroft** (University of Basel) and Prof. Dr. **Shana Sturla** (ETH Zürich). We're looking forward to a fruitful collaboration.

At the same time, we would like to thank our retiring board member: Prof. Dr. **Katharina Fromm** (University of Fribourg), who has been an active member of the board from 2009 to 2017 and headed the «Platform Chemistry» as president in 2014. We wish her all the best for her present commitment as the president of the programmes division of the SNSF national research council. May she spread her passion for chemistry there as she did at SCNAT!

Additional information about the «Platform Chemistry» and its activities may be found at www.chemistry.scnat.ch



Prof. Dr. **Shana J. Sturla** studied chemistry at the University of California, Berkeley (USA). From 1996–2001 she carried out her PhD at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (USA). From 2001–2004, she was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Minnesota Cancer Center (USA), and from 2004–2009, she was an assistant professor at the University of Minnesota.

Since 2009 she is at the ETH Zürich, first as associate, now as full professor, heading the Laboratory of Toxicology at the Department of Health Science and Technology. Her current research interests are at the interface of chemistry and biology and involve understanding chemical toxicity on the basis of chemical structure and reactivity.

<http://www.toxicology.ethz.ch/>



Prof. Dr. **Catherine E. Housecroft** studied chemistry at the University of Durham (UK), where she also obtained her PhD in 1979. Her career in research and teaching of chemistry brought her *via* the University of Notre Dame (USA), the University of New Hampshire (USA), the University of Cambridge (UK) and University of Birmingham (UK) to the University of Basel,

where she is currently Titular Professor in the Department of Chemistry. Her current research is focused on the applications of coordination and materials chemistries to sustainable energy and functional coordination polymers.

<http://www.chemie.unibas.ch/~housecroft/>