The Swiss Chemical Society is pleased to announce the SCS prize and award winners for 2011 and would like to congratulate them again for their outstanding contributions.

**Werner Prize**
CHF 10,000 and medal in bronze; awarded to a promising young scientist for outstanding independent chemical research.

The Prize is awarded to Professor Dr. Xile Hu, Institute of Chemical Sciences and Engineering, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) in recognition of his excellent contributions to the discovery and development of selective and efficient cross coupling and C-H activation reactions.

and

Professor Dr. Reto Dotta for outstanding achievements in catalyst design using novel ligand-coordination modes to activate transition metals.

**Sandmeyer Award sponsored by KPMG**
CHF 10,000 for individuals or CHF 20,000 for groups; awarded to a person or to a group for outstanding work in industrial or applied chemistry.

**Grammaticakis-Neumann Prize**
CHF 5,000; awarded to a promising young scientist for outstanding independent research in photochemistry, photophysics or molecular photobiology

The Prize is awarded to Dr. Marina Kuimova, Department of Chemistry, Imperial College London, UK, for innovative use of photophysical techniques to make in situ measurements in living cells.

**Balmer Prize**
CHF 2,000 for individuals and CHF 2,000 for the school’s chemistry department or CHF 3,000 for a group and CHF 1,000 for the school’s chemistry department; awarded to a teacher working in Switzerland at high school (gymnasium) level for innovation in chemistry teaching.

The Prize is awarded to Prof Dr. Günter Baars „in Anerkennung seiner Aufarbeitung der abstrakten Quantenchemie für den Unterricht und der Bereitstellung entsprechender Unterrichtsmaterialien in gedruckter und elektronischer Form“.

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**Dr. Max Lüthi Award**
CHF 1,000 and medal in bronze; presented for an outstanding diploma thesis in Chemistry conducted at a Swiss University of Applied Sciences

The Award is given to Mr Michael Brand, Zürcher Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften „für die Synthese und medizinische Optimierung von Tetrazyklinanaloga“.
SCS Events in 2012

10th Swiss Snow Symposium (organized by Jcf)
The Swiss Young Chemists’ Association organises a symposium especially for PhD candidates, Post-Docs and chemists from industry with the intention of strengthening the relationship between young chemists.
February 10-12, 2012; Lenk im Simmental
http://www.scg.ch/events/event.cfm?ID=251

SCS Spring Meeting
Conference topic: Analytical Chemistry
February 16, 2012; Geneva
http://www.scg.ch/events/event.cfm?ID=212

SCS Fall Meeting
Fall Meeting and General Assembly of the Swiss Chemical Society
September 13, 2012; Zurich
http://www.scg.ch/events/event.cfm?ID=213

A Warm Welcome to our New Members!