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New President of the «Platform Chemistry»

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The Executive Board of SCNAT has elected **Karl Gademann** as the new president of the «Platform Chemistry» from January 1st, 2010. Karl Gademann has been a member of the Board of the «Platform Chemistry» since 2007 and succeeds *Peter Kündig*, who held the presidency of the platform from 2007 to 2009. Peter Kündig will continue to serve in the Board of the «Platform Chemistry».

Beat H. Meier has resigned as member of the Board by the end of 2009, as well as *Georg Fräter*, who concluded his *ex-officio* representation as President of the Swiss Chemical Society by mid-February 2010.

We would like to thank Peter Kündig for his dedication over the last three years as the first president of the «Platform Chemistry». His great commitment enabled the «Platform Chemistry» to be set-up as the umbrella organization for the chemical sciences in Switzerland. Furthermore we would also like to thank Georg Fräter and Beat Meier for their work on the Board of the platform.



Prof. Dr. **Karl Gademann** (1972) was educated at ETH Zürich and Harvard University (PhD with Prof. Dr. Dieter Seebach, postdoctoral studies with Prof. Dr. Eric N. Jacobsen, Habilitation associated with Prof. Dr. Erick M. Carreira). After four years as assistant professor at the EPFL Lausanne (2006–2010), he moved

to the University of Basel this year. Karl Gademann has published over sixty publications, holds two patents and has received several internationally renowned awards including the 2009 Ruzicka Prize, the Schläfli award of the Swiss Academy of Sciences, and the prestigious European Young Investigator award. His research group works on the chemistry and biology of natural products.

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