

## Editorial

### Invitation to Attend the Fall Meeting of the Swiss Chemical Society in Lausanne, on Friday, September 4, 2009

On behalf of the Swiss Chemical Society and of the Organizing Committee, we are pleased to invite you to attend the SCS Fall Meeting 2009. Following the tradition of alternating locations of this event, the *Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne* (EPFL) is proud to host this year's meeting on its campus.

The Fall Meeting continues to be a major event for chemical researchers with almost 500 submitted abstracts for this year. 479 scientific contributions have been accepted in the fields of analytical chemistry, medicinal chemistry, computational chemistry, inorganic and coordination chemistry, organic chemistry, physical chemistry, and polymer science. Plenary sessions and eight parallel sessions will offer a total of 110 invited lectures and contributed talks. In addition, a large panel of posters will be on display. As in past meetings, there will be a jury to select the best oral and poster presentations, for which prizes will be awarded.

As in the past, the SCS Fall Meeting represents a unique occasion for young chemists to present the results of their research. Senior scientists have also been invited to share their recent achievements with us. We are pleased to welcome two very well-known scientists, **David Parker** and **Kenneth Raymond**, for the Minisymposium of Inorganic Chemistry which is organized this year in honour of **Jean-Claude Bünzli**. The Divisions of Analytical Chemistry and Polymers and Colloids will host **Martin Schär**, **Jean-François Gohy** and **Joannis Kallitsis** as guest speakers.

The organization of such a large meeting would not be possible without financial support and the voluntary help from many people. Therefore, we are most grateful to our sponsors, in particular Lonza, DSM Nutritional Products, Mettler-Toledo, the Swiss Academy of Sciences and the members of the KGF (Kontaktgruppe für Forschungsfragen), Ciba, Novartis, F. Hoffmann-La Roche, Merck Serono and Syngenta for their generous support. In addition, many companies will participate in the SCS Fall Meeting in the exhibition area. Finally, we would like to thank the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne for providing the infrastructure and logistic support to this meeting.

We hope that this lavish scientific program will interest you, and we encourage you to come to Lausanne. Your participation during presentations and discussions will make the Fall Meeting of the Swiss Chemical Society 2009 again a grand success. We look forward to seeing you there.

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