

Editorial

Invitation to attend the Fall Meeting of the Swiss Chemical Society in Lausanne, on Friday, September 6th, 2013

On behalf of the Division of Fundamental Research of the Swiss Chemical Society and of the Organizing Committee, we are pleased to invite you to attend the SCS Fall Meeting 2013. Following the tradition of alternating locations of this event, the *Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne* (EPFL) is proud to host this year's edition on its campus.

The Fall Meeting continues to be a major event for chemical researchers with more than 540 submitted abstracts for this edition. 567 Scientific contributions will be presented in the fields of Analytical Sciences, Catalysis Science and Engineering, Computational Chemistry, Inorganic & Coordination Chemistry, Medicinal Chemistry & Chemical Biology, Organic Chemistry, Physical Chemistry, and Polymer, Colloids & Interfaces. Plenary sessions and nine parallel sessions will offer a total of 132 invited lectures and contributed talks. In addition, a large number 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, sponsored by DSM and the Metrohm Foundation, 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. We will have a number of invited lectures presented by distinguished scientists. This year's Grammaticakis-Neumann Prize Lecture will be given by Dr. Uwe Pischel of the University of Huelva, and the Sandmeyer Award Lecture will be presented by Dr. Pascal Steffanut of the Clariant Group and Dr. Stéphane Bellemin-Lapponnaz, Université de Strasbourg. The final plenary lecture will be given by the recipient of the KGF Distinguished Industrial Investigator Award 2013, Dr. Klaus Müller of F. Hoffmann-La Roche. Other invited lectures will be given in the Parallel Sessions.

The organization of such a large meeting would not be possible without financial support and the voluntary help from many people. We are grateful to the Swiss Chemical Industry for its continued sponsorship in the form of session endowments and general financial contributions. Beyond the financial aspect, the involvement of industrial partners in this event reflects their interest in the research activities developed by young scientists in our academic institutions. 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 exciting 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 2013 again a grand success. We look forward to seeing you there.

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