



## Conference Report

### Meet & Greet of the Alfred Werner Scholarships

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Every year the SCS Foundation sponsors – through the Alfred Werner fund – between 8 to 10 students to carry out their Master degree studies in Chemistry or Biochemistry at a Swiss University or Federal Institute of Technology. This opportunity targets students from foreign countries in the top 10% of their undergraduate programs. The goal of the program is to bring in young talents to Swiss Universities and to keep them after the BSc studies in Switzerland. The Werner fund is sponsored by the following industrial partners: BASF, Firmenich, Givaudan, Lonza, Novartis, Roche and Syngenta.

In 2016, Christoph Täschler initiated that the stipendees were given the opportunity to spend one day within his company, Lonza. The enthusiastic feedback from the 2016 event stimulated a repeat in 2017. On May 8, 2017, Edouard Godineau and Alain De Mesmaeker organized a visit to the Syngenta R&D Chemistry Stein campus for the current 15 Werner stipendees (seven from the 2015–2017 class, eight from the 2016–2018 class, which represents a total of 13 different nationalities!). The main objective is to give students a view from the industry and raise their awareness about the breadth of science realized within its doors. The visit comprised a tour of Syngenta's technological installations from our Stein research campus, in particular of our biology and greenhouse platforms as well as our seed care institute. An interactive lunch enabled all students to discuss informally with a delegation of scientists from Syngenta, to ask questions and to deepen their knowledge about science within the industry. The afternoon was ended by successive short presentations by the students from the class of 2015–2017 about their research investigations.



In my view, the high-quality science which was presented truly supports the SCS, that such an investment in future talents is an excellent choice.

#### Presentations from Members of the 2015–2017 Class

**Loren Ban**, ETH Zurich

Group of Prof. Ruth Signorell, ETHZ, support Thomas Gartmann and Sebastian Hartweg

«*Photoelectron Velocity Map Imaging of Water Clusters*»

**Lluc Farrera-Soler**, University of Geneva

Group of Prof. Nicolas Winssinger

«*Towards Directed Evolution of Non-Proteogenic Ligands*»

**Yuting Feng**, University of Geneva, Givaudan AG

Group of Prof. Clément Mazet, UniGE, support Dr. Fridtjof Schröder, Givaudan

«*Polyene Cyclization – Ambroxide synthesis; A journey on the investigation for robust industrial synthetic process*»

**Sarah Foillet**, University of Geneva

Group of Prof. Clément Mazet, support Dr. Daniele Fiorito

«*Access to 2-substituted 1,3-dienes by Ni-catalyzed cross-coupling*»

**Ogadimma Cassandra Oji-Okoro**, EPF Lausanne

Group of Prof. César Pulgarin, support Dr. Stefanos Giannakis

«*The effect of solar light, fenton and the homogenous and heterogenous photo-fenton process on the inactivation of viruses in water at neutral pH*»

**Riccardo Tarchini**, ETH Zürich, F. Hoffmann-La Roche AG

Group of Prof. Dr. Marco Mazzotti, support Dr. Marcello Bosco and Fabio Salvatori

«*Design of an experimental protocol for crystal size and shape control*»

Excused: Ali Tuna, University of Zurich



#### Students of the Werner class 2016–2018

**Jean Behaghel de Bueren**, EPF Lausanne

**Dora Heranzog**, ETH Zurich

**Heorhii Humeniuk**, University of Geneva

**Zlatko Jončev**, University of Basel

**Viktoria Morad**, ETH Zurich

**Zahra Pourmand Tehrani**, EPF Lausanne

**Benjamin Planterose**, University of Geneva



#### Alfred Werner Fund, Supporting companies

