

Editorial

Switzerland has a highly dynamic chemistry community who gathered at the occasion of the SCS Fall Meeting 2018, organized at EPFL, on September 7, 2018, under the auspices of the SCS Division of Fundamental Research. As a sign of this vitality, almost 900 participants from academic institutions and chemical/pharmaceutical industry attended this annual event where more than 400 poster contributions and 100 oral communications were presented, spanning all fields of chemistry from fundamental studies to applications in devices, drug development and nanomaterials. For young researchers, the SCS Fall Meeting offers an excellent opportunity to share their recent scientific achievements with a large community and to enlarge their professional network. The enthusiasm of all participants was palpable until the end of day with still a full auditorium to attend the last plenary session and award ceremonies!

The SCS Fall Meeting was again a perfect platform to honor scientists from academic institutions and industries for their outstanding contributions to chemical research and development. In particular, young researchers were honored for the scientific quality and impact of their contributions by the Best Oral Presentation Awards sponsored by Metrohm and the Best Poster Presentation Awards sponsored by DSM. This issue of CHIMIA contains articles by these laureates and will guide you through a journey in the research being developed in Switzerland across a panel of chemical fields. I would like to warmly congratulate all prize winners, and thank the authors for their contributions and Metrohm and DSM for the generous sponsorship of the awards and their support to young talented chemists.

Best Poster Presentation Award winner articles sponsored by DSM

- Shang-Jung Wu, EPF Lausanne
- Guido Zichittella, ETH Zurich
- Rémi Martinent, University of Geneva
- Tiziana Musso, ETH Zurich
- Philipp Melle, University of Bern
- Rebecca Schäfer, ETH Zurich
- Jovana Milić, EPF Lausanne
- Chengjun Kang, ZHAW
- Daniel Čavlović, University of Zurich

Best Oral Communication Award winner articles sponsored by Metrohm

- Kristýna Kantnerová, EMPA
- Lucas Foppa, ETH Zurich
- Fabio Steffen, University of Zurich
- Ganna Gryn'ova, EPF Lausanne
- Christopher Gordon, ETH Zurich
- Daria Grosheva, EPF Lausanne
- Irina Ritsch, ETH Zurich
- Laura Neumann, University of Fribourg

Finally, I sincerely thank the organizing team of the Institute of Chemical Sciences and Engineering (ISIC) at EPFL for their hard work and crucial contribution to the success of the SCS Fall Meeting 2018. We are looking forward to the 2019 edition, which will be held at the University of Zurich on September 6, 2019.

I hope that you will enjoy the content of this issue and I wish you all good reading.

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