



We are pleased to announce the winners of the **2017 *IJMS* Young Investigator Prize** and three **2017 *IJMS* Travel Awards**:

The **2017 *IJMS* Young Investigator Prize** has been awarded to **Dr. Rob W. J. Collin**, an Associate Professor at the Department of Human Genetics, Radboud University Medical Center, The Netherlands. His research focuses on developing molecular therapies for inherited eye disorders.

As the awardee, Dr. Collin will receive an honorarium of 2000 CHF as he has made remarkable contributions to the retinal degenerations and translational research, including the discovery of a record number of novel genes associated with hearing impairment and blindness during his early research period and developing novel genetic treatment strategies for inherited retinal diseases based on splice modulation therapy and (micro)gene augmentation therapy.

2017 *IJMS* AWARDS WINNERS

The **2017 *IJMS* Travel Awards** have been granted to:

Biochemistry—**Dr. Yi Ma**, a Post-Doctoral Researcher at the University of Connecticut, USA. Her research focuses on Ca^{2+} associated signaling cascades in plant cells.

Molecular Medicine—**Dr. Miranda Ween**, a Post-Doctoral Researcher at Royal Adelaide Hospital, Australia. Her research focuses on respiratory medicine.

Biomaterial—**Dr. Reza M. Zadegan**, a Post-Doctoral Researcher at Boise State University, USA. His research focuses on nanomaterials for synthetic biology, nanotechnology, and Nucleic Acid Memory (NAM). These awards consist of 800 Swiss Francs each, to attend an academic conference of their choices in 2017.

We would like to thank all the Scientific Committee members for their assiduous evaluation of the candidates and all the applicants for submitting their diverse and fascinating range of research topics.

The competition for *IJMS* Travel Awards 2018 will be open from September 2017. Please check <http://www.mdpi.com/journal/ijms> for more information closer to that date.