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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that the winner of the *Toxics* 2020 Young Investigator Award is Dr. Andreu Rico.

## 2020 YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD

# WINNER

Dr. Andreu Rico (born in 1983 in Spain) is the principal investigator of the ecotoxicology group of the IMDEA Water Institute (Alcalá de Henares, Spain), and a Ramón y Cajal researcher at the Cavanilles Institute of Biodiversity and Evolutionary Biology, at the University of Valencia (Spain). His research has mainly focused on assessing (1) the environmental fate of emerging contaminants (including microplastics), (2) the resilience of aquatic populations and communities to chemical stress, and (3) the interactive effects of global climate change (e.g., water scarcity, temperature increase, salinization) and chemical pollution on freshwater ecosystems. More recently, he has been involved in several field sampling campaigns to assess the impacts of chemical pollution in the Amazon River and in Mediterranean wetland ecosystems. Dr. Andreu Rico received his Ph.D. in 2014 from Wageningen University (the Netherlands) and has an outstanding publication record, comprising over 60 high-quality publications, with over 1500 citations. In 2015, he won the SETAC best paper award for his study on the relationship between biological traits and invertebrate vulnerability to insecticides. In today's competitive environment, his achievements are outstanding. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Andreu Rico on his impressive array of accomplishments.

As the awardee, Dr. Andreu Rico will receive an honorarium of 1800 CHF, an offer to publish a paper free of charge before 31 December 2021 in *Toxics* after peer-review, and an engraved plaque.

We would like to thank all the nominators from various fields of study for their participation and all the Award Committee Members for their evaluation of the abundant excellent nominations.

*Toxics* 2020 Young Investigator Award Evaluation Committee