

Dear Colleagues,

As Editor-in-Chief of *Toxins*, I am pleased to announce the winners of the *Toxins* Travel Award for 2016:

Travel Award was granted to Dr. Kartik Sunagar, Marie Curie Fellow in Dr. Yehu Moran's lab at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, and to Dr. Philipp Wiemann, a post-doctoral researcher in Dr. Nancy Keller's lab at University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA.

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Dr. Kartik Sunagar studies animal venoms to understand various aspects in evolutionary biology and ecology, with a particular emphasis on molecular evolution, predator-prey interactions, mechanisms of toxic action and the role of environmental and ecological factors in driving the evolution of venom – the nature's most complex biochemical cocktail.

Dr. Philipp Wiemann has been working with *Aspergillus* species, including the opportunistic human pathogen *A. fumigatus* and the aflatoxin producing plant pathogen *A. flavus*. His research mainly focuses on a specific natural product of *A. fumigatus*, called hexadehydroastechrome, that when over-produced contributes to virulence in mice.

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