

*Editorial*

## ***Polymers* Best Paper Award 2015**

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*Polymers* is instituting an annual award to recognize the outstanding papers in the area of polymer science published in *Polymers*.

We are pleased to announce the second “*Polymers* Best Paper Award” for 2015 [1]. Nominations were selected by the Editor-in-Chief and Editorial Board members of *Polymers* from all papers published in 2011. The awards are issued to reviews and articles respectively. We are pleased to announce that the following five papers were chosen:

### **Article Award**

#### *First Prize*

**Taili T. Thula, Felicia Svedlund, Douglas E. Rodriguez, Jacob Podschun, Laura Pendi and Laurie B. Gower**

Mimicking the Nanostructure of Bone: Comparison of Polymeric Process-Directing Agents  
*Polymers* **2011**, *3*(1), 10-35; doi:10.3390/polym3010010

Available online: <http://www.mdpi.com/2073-4360/3/1/10>

#### *Second Prize*

**Nathalie Bock, Maria A. Woodruff, Dietmar W. Hutmacher and Tim R. Dargaville**

Electrospraying, a Reproducible Method for Production of Polymeric Microspheres for Biomedical Applications

*Polymers* **2011**, *3*(1), 131-149; doi:10.3390/polym3010131

Available online: <http://www.mdpi.com/2073-4360/3/1/131>

*Third Prize***Toshimasa Suzuka, Kosuke Kimura and Takuya Nagamine**

Reusable Polymer-Supported Terpyridine Palladium Complex for Suzuki-Miyaura, Mizoroki-Heck, Sonogashira, and Tsuji-Trost Reaction in Water

*Polymers* 2011, 3(1), 621-639; doi:10.3390/polym3010621Available online: <http://www.mdpi.com/2073-4360/3/1/621>**Review Award***First Prize***Hirenkumar K. Makadia and Steven J. Siegel**

Poly Lactic-co-Glycolic Acid (PLGA) as Biodegradable Controlled Drug Delivery Carrier

*Polymers* 2011, 3(3), 1377-1397; doi:10.3390/polym3031377Available online: <http://www.mdpi.com/2073-4360/3/3/1377>*Second Prize***Stefan Egli, Helmut Schlaad, Nico Bruns and Wolfgang Meier**

Functionalization of Block Copolymer Vesicle Surfaces

*Polymers* 2011, 3(1), 252-280; doi:10.3390/polym3010252Available online: <http://www.mdpi.com/2073-4360/3/1/252>

After its introduction in 2014, we are happy to be able to present to you the results of an extensive voting process that led to the selection of the best papers and best reviews published in *Polymers* in 2011. Before I comment on the papers, I would like to take the opportunity to thank our very active members of the editorial board for their continuous support in the development of the journal. This fact has again been shown in the lively voting procedure and respective discussion, which constitutes an extra-ordinary case for an open access journal. Moreover, the members of the committee had a difficult task as indeed with the help of a rigorous prescreening and review process, *Polymers* has ensured the high quality of the papers published in our journal. This fact is also reflected in the citation indices of the respective articles, which have also contributed to the continuously increasing impact factor assigned to *Polymers*.

On behalf of the Prize Awarding Committee and the Editorial Board of *Polymers*, I would like to congratulate the winners and thank all authors for choosing *Polymers* as publication platform for their high quality research and review papers. In recognition of their great work, Dr. Laurie B. Gower and Dr. Steven J. Siegel will receive prizes of 400 CHF as the first prize winners, respectively, and the opportunity to publish a paper free of charge in open access format in *Polymers*, after peer review. As the winners of second prize, Dr. Tim R. Dargaville and Dr. Wolfgang Meier will be awarded 200 CHF respectively, they also win the opportunity to publish a paper free of charge in *Polymers* after peer review. Congratulations also to the winner of the third prize, Dr. Takuya Nagamine, which includes the opportunity of free publication in *Polymers* after peer review.

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