

*Editorial*

## **Polymers Best Paper Award 2014**

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

We are pleased to announce the first “*Polymers* Best Paper Award” for 2014. Nominations were selected by the Editor-in-Chief and Editorial Board members of *Polymers* from all papers published in 2010. The awards are issued to reviews and articles respectively. We are pleased to announce that the following three papers were chosen:

### **Article Award:**

#### *1<sup>st</sup> Prize*

**Yuk-Hong Ting, Chi-Chun Liu, Sang-Min Park, Hongquan Jiang, Paul F. Nealey and Amy E. Wendt**

Surface Roughening of Polystyrene and Poly(methyl methacrylate) in Ar/O<sub>2</sub> Plasma Etching

*Polymers* **2010**, *2*(4), 649-663; doi:10.3390/polym2040649

Available online: <http://www.mdpi.com/2073-4360/2/4/649>

#### *2<sup>nd</sup> Prize*

**Mariano Pracella, Md. Minhaz-Ul Haque and Vera Alvarez**

Functionalization, Compatibilization and Properties of Polyolefin Composites with Natural Fibers

*Polymers* **2010**, *2*(4), 554-574; doi:10.3390/polym2040554

Available online: <http://www.mdpi.com/2073-4360/2/4/554>

**Review Award:****Gilberto Siqueira, Julien Bras and Alain Dufresne**

Cellulosic Bionanocomposites: A Review of Preparation, Properties and Applications

*Polymers* **2010**, 2(4), 728-765; doi:10.3390/polym2040728

Available online: <http://www.mdpi.com/2073-4360/2/4/728>

Fortunately, the Prize Awarding Committee could choose from a large number of high quality publications, so that the selection was a difficult task. Finally, we have identified contributions which represent basic as well as application-oriented research. Moreover, the review which was awarded has already made significant impact in the respective field and is a nice example of the international recognition of open access publishing.

On behalf of the Prize Awarding Committee and the Editorial Board of *Polymers*, I would like to congratulate these three teams on their excellent work. In recognition of their accomplishment, for the awarded articles, Dr. Amy Wendt and Dr. Mariano Pracella will receive prizes of 600 CHF and 400 CHF, respectively, and the opportunity to publish an additional paper free of charge in open access format in *Polymers*, after the usual peer-review procedure. For his review, Dr. Alain Dufresne will be given the opportunity to publish a research article free of charge in *Polymers* after the usual peer-review process.

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