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Elections to the SCNAT «Platform Chemistry» Board

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A warm welcome to the newly elected member of the SCNAT «Platform Chemistry» board: Prof. Dr. **Laura Nyström** (ETH Zürich). We're looking forward to a fruitful collaboration.

At the same time, we would like to thank our retiring board member: Dr. **Thomas Gude** (SQTS), who has been an active member of the board from 2015 to 2018. We wish him all the best for his present commitments.

Additional information about the «Platform Chemistry» and its activities may be found at www.chemistry.scnat.ch



Prof. Dr. **Laura Nyström** studied food sciences at the University of Helsinki (FI), where she also obtained her PhD on 'Occurrence and properties of steryl ferulates and glycosides in wheat and rye' in 2008. Her career brought her to the ETH Zürich, where she currently is Associate Professor of Food Biochemistry in the Department of Health Sciences and Technology. Her research is

focused on understanding the detailed composition of foods, especially food components that have beneficial effects on human health. Her group aims to reach an understanding of health promoting compounds in plant based foods and the possibility to utilize their characteristic chemical features and reactions to improve food quality from a nutritional, technological, or sensory point of view.

<http://www.foodbiochem.ethz.ch>