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## EDITORIAL

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This issue of CHIMIA highlights the success of the 2003 Fall meeting of the Swiss Chemical Society (SCS) which was held for the first time at the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne. Once again it was a great scientific event with more than 600 participants and a record of 345 communications. I would like to thank the members of the Organizing Committee as well as all those involved in the technical and organizational support for making this meeting so successful.

The 2003 Werner Prize has been awarded to two young chemists: Prof. Thomas C. Brunold from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, for his remarkable study on spectroscopic and computational insights into the function of coenzyme B<sub>12</sub>, and to Prof. Kay Severin from the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne for his outstanding work on synthesis of catalysts and receptors by self-assembly and combinatorial chemistry. The papers corresponding to these two prize lectures appear in this issue of CHIMIA.

The fall meeting of the SCS is a good opportunity for young scientists of Switzerland to present oral or poster communications which are all published as abstracts in CHIMIA before the meeting. In keeping with the tradition of honoring the best oral and poster presentations, 19 prizes were awarded in Lausanne and the laureates have been given the possibility to publish their results as a full paper in this journal. Most of them have accepted this opportunity: Ganpan Gao, Ian Lewis, and Olivier Turpin (Medicinal Chemistry), Pascal Bernet, Loïc Dayon, and Yara Ilias (Analytical Chemistry), Yoann Baudry, Karl Gademann, and Philippe Panchaud (Organic Chemistry), Alain Borel, Luca Fadini, and Alexej Michailovski (Inorganic and Coordination Chemistry), Christian Tanner (Physical Chemistry). I am sure you will enjoy reading the contributions of these promising young chemists.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Rizzo".

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2003 SCS Fall Meeting