Dear Colleague,

The 53rd SCS-Bürgenstock Conference on Stereochemistry ("Bürgenstock-Conference 2018") will take place at Brunnen from April 29 – May 3, 2018 under the presidency of Prof. Ilan Marek, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa.

As in previous years the Conference will support the participation of a number of outstanding young scientists by fellowships of CHF 1’000, covering the registration fee as well as a substantial part of the accommodation costs. On behalf of the president, and the organizing committee, I would like to ask you for your help in identifying candidates worthy of support. The person’s research interests should be close to the theme of the conference - organic chemistry in a broad and interdisciplinary sense. The ideal applicant has completed a Ph.D. or equivalent degree, is building up an independent research group at an academic institution, is 35 years of age or younger, and has not been supported before.
The program of the 53rd "Bürgenstock-Conference" will again be highly interdisciplinary, covering many areas of chemistry in its main body, but allowing also for relevant highlights from neighbouring disciplines, with due focus on structural and mechanistic aspects in all contributions. By tradition, the program of the "Bürgenstock-Conference" is not published in advance. However, the main areas in which lectures will be given, are:

**Metal-organic chemistry:** discovery and development of new transition-metal catalyzed reactions, activation of unreactive bonds, C–H bond functionalization, C–C bond cross-coupling, enantioselective reactions. **Organic chemistry:** synthesis of complex molecules, diversity-oriented synthesis. **Materials:** bottom-up synthesis of carbon-based materials. **Supramolecular, structural and physical chemistry:** molecular recognition, biosensing, quantum mechanical tunnelling, reactive intermediates, halogen-bonding, fluorine chemistry, multi-electron redox processes, enzymatic activity. **Chemical biology:** signal transduction, neurobiology, synthetic biology, protein modification.

The program consists of 13 plenary lectures (60 minutes), each followed by a discussion session of 30 minutes. Thus, there will be ample time for each topic to be presented fully and examined from different angles and perspectives. Lectures and discussions are held in the mornings and the evenings. The afternoons are free for recreation, informal discussions, and poster sessions.

I would appreciate if you could communicate to me the name of a suitable candidate, preferably before the 1st of December 2017, and also if you could invite this candidate to send me a curriculum vitae, complete address, e-mail and a list of publications by the same date (preferably by e-mail: christian.bochet@unifr.ch). I am very grateful for your help, which is invaluable for the success of the Bürgenstock-Conferences.

With best personal wishes,

Christian Bochet