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**52nd ESF/EUCHEM Conference on Stereochemistry,
Brunnen, Switzerland, April 30 – May 4, 2017**

Dear Colleague,

The 52nd EUCHEM Conference on Stereochemistry ("Bürgenstock-Conference 2017") will take place at Brunnen from April 30 – May 4, 2017 under the presidency of Prof. Bert Meijer, Eindhoven University of Technology, Netherlands.

As in previous years the Conference will support the participation of a number of outstanding young scientists by covering their full package arrangement for the duration of the conference and by contributing towards their travel expenses. On behalf of the president, Prof. Bert Meijer, 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 52nd "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, areas in which lectures will be given are:

Metal-organic chemistry: discovery and development of new transition-metal catalyzed reactions, C–H bond functionalization, C–C bond cross-coupling, enantioselective reactions.

Organic chemistry: synthesis of complex molecules, flow-chemistry, photochemistry.

Materials: bottom-up synthesis of carbon-based materials. *Supramolecular chemistry:* molecular recognition, biosensing, materials, sustainable chemistry, multi-electron redox processes, enzymatic activity. *Chemical biology:* signal transduction, synthetic biology, protein modification.

The program consists of 14 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 **13th of November 2016**, and also if you could **invite this candidate to send me a curriculum vitae, complete address, fax, e-mail and a list of publications by the same date (preferably by e-mail: helma.wennemers@org.chem.ethz.ch)**. Many thanks for your help, which is invaluable for the success of the Bürgenstock-Conference.

Yours sincerely,



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