



Editorial

# **Coatings Best Paper Award 2016**

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Coatings has established the Best Paper Award to recognize its best published articles each year. The prize started in 2015 [1], and as of 2016, it has awarded in two categories: Best Original Research Article and Best Review Paper.

Nominations were selected by the Editorial Office of *Coatings* among the Papers published in 2015, with a selection process based on the number of citations and downloads from the website.

The selection committee—which consisted of three members of the Editorial Board and the Editor in Chief—examined each paper and expressed their preferences, releasing the ranking of the "Coatings Best Paper Award" 2016.

# Original Research Article Award:

1st Prize

# Performance Testing of Suspension Plasma Sprayed Thermal Barrier Coatings Produced with Varied Suspension Parameters

Nicholas Curry, Kent VanEvery, Todd Snyder, Johann Susnjar and Stefan Bjorklund *Coatings* **2015**, *5*(3), 338–356; doi:10.3390/coatings5030338

Available online: http://www.mdpi.com/2079-6412/5/3/338

2nd Prize

#### Preservation of Historical Stone Surfaces by TiO<sub>2</sub> Nanocoatings

Giovanni Battista Goffredo and Placido Munafò *Coatings* **2015**, *5*(2), 222–231; doi:10.3390/coatings5020222 Available online: http://www.mdpi.com/2079-6412/5/2/222

3rd Prize

# High Energy Radial Deposition of Diamond-Like Carbon Coatings

Konrad Suschke, René Hübner, Peter Paul Murmu, Prasanth Gupta, John Futter and Andreas Markwitz *Coatings* **2015**, *5*(3), 326–337; doi:10.3390/coatings5030326

Available online: http://www.mdpi.com/2079-6412/5/3/326

# **Review Paper Award:**

# **Bio-Based Coatings for Paper Applications**

Vibhore Kumar Rastogi and Pieter Samyn *Coatings* **2015**, *5*(4), 887–930; doi:10.3390/coatings5040887 Available online: http://www.mdpi.com/2079-6412/5/4/887

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These four outstanding papers are valuable contributions to *Coatings*. On behalf of the Prize Awarding Committee and the Editorial Board, we would like to congratulate these four teams for their excellent work. In recognition for their accomplishment, Dr. Nicholas Curry, Dr. Giovanni Battista Goffredo, Dr. Andreas Markwitz, and Dr. Pieter Samyn will received the privilege to publish an additional paper free of charge in open access format in *Coatings* after the usual peer-review procedure.

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