



Dear Colleagues,

As Editor-in-Chief of Biosensors, I am pleased to announce that the winner of the 2016 Travel Award, sponsored by Biosensors, is **Peng Zheng**, a PhD student at West Virginia University, USA, who will be supported with 800 Swiss Francs towards travel expenses to attend international conferences in 2016.

Originally inspired by pollution issues in his native China, Peng pursued a goal of developing biosensors using nanotechnology to detect heavy metals—water resources in West Virginia suffer from heavy metal pollution due to mining activities. Training in nanofabrication and chemical synthesis enabled Peng to create a biosensor which detected silver and mercury ions in water and human saliva fluid, resulting in two first-authored publications. His efforts in advocating environmental protection as well as developing sustainable energy and biosensors gained him a SNO Student Award and a SURE Symposium Award. Still to complete his PhD, Peng has already co-authored 11 publications, as well as presenting his work at many conferences via oral presentations and posters. He has been the recipient of numerous awards, including a prestigious Chinese Government Fellowship of Western Development Project, 2007–2011.

Yours sincerely

Dr. Jeff D. Newman, Cranfield University

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