



Dear Colleagues,

As Editor-in-Chief of *Metals*, I am pleased to announce the winner of the 2016 Travel Award sponsored by *Metals*:

The Travel Award is granted to **Dr. Ahmad Talaat**, a post-doctoral fellow at Faculty of Chemistry, Material Physics Department, University of the Basque Country UPV/EHU, San Sebastian, Spain. The award consists of **800 Swiss Francs**.

2016 TRAVEL AWARD WINNER

From the applications received, it is obvious that there was a large pool of highly qualified candidates that deserve this award. Given the fact that only one award was available, it was not a simple task to select the winner for this year. In the election process, an experienced committee closely examined the applicants' submitted documents, and ranked them based on strong research productivity and performance merit. From the outcome of this exercise Ahmad Talaat was ranked by three out of four committee members (including the Editor-in-Chief) as the winner of this year's award. Please join me in congratulating Ahmad Talaat for a well-deserved prize.

Hugo F. Lopez
Editor-in-Chief

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