

Editorial

## **Crystals 2017 Best Paper Award**

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*Crystals* is instituting the Best Paper Award to recognize the outstanding papers published in the journal. We are pleased to announce the “*Crystals* Best Paper Award” for 2017. Nominations were chosen from all papers published in 2015 and 2016. The selection committee—which consisted of 36 members of the Editorial Board and the Editor in Chief—examined each paper and expressed their preferences, releasing the ranking of the “*Crystals* Best Paper Award” 2017.

Following the review by the Editorial Board, the following top-voted research articles and review papers, in no particular order, have won a “*Crystals* Best Paper Award” for 2017.

### **1. Original Research Article Award**

**Yubing Guo, Miao Jiang, Chenhui Peng, Kai Sun, Oleg Yaroshchuk, Oleg D. Lavrentovich and Qi-Huo Wei**

*Designs of Plasmonic Metamasks for Photopatterning Molecular Orientations in Liquid Crystals* *Crystals* **2017**, 7(1), 8, doi:10.3390/cryst7010008.

Available online: <http://www.mdpi.com/2073-4352/7/1/8>.

**Luca Dal Negro, Ren Wang and Felipe A. Pinheiro**

*Structural and Spectral Properties of Deterministic Aperiodic Optical Structures* *Crystals* **2016**, 6(12), 161, doi:10.3390/cryst6120161.

Available online: <http://www.mdpi.com/2073-4352/6/12/161>.

### **2. Review Paper Award**

**Paul J. Paukstelis and Nadrian C. Seeman**

*3D DNA Crystals and Nanotechnology* *Crystals* **2016**, 6(8), 97, doi:10.3390/cryst6080097.

Available online: <http://www.mdpi.com/2073-4352/6/8/97>.

**Yuriy Garbovskiy and Iryna Glushchenko**

*Nano-Objects and Ions in Liquid Crystals: Ion Trapping Effect and Related Phenomena* *Crystals* **2015**, 5(4), 501–533, doi:10.3390/cryst5040501.

Available online: <http://www.mdpi.com/2073-4352/5/4/501>.

These four outstanding papers are valuable contributions to *Crystals*. 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. Qi-Huo Wei, Dr. Luca Dal Negro, Dr. Paul J. Paukstelis and Dr. Yuriy Garbovskiy will receive a certificate and the privilege to publish an additional paper **free of charge** in open access format in *Crystals* after the usual peer-review procedure.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the nominated research groups of the above exceptional papers for their contributions to *Crystals*, and thank the *Crystals* Editorial Board for voting and helping with this “Best Paper Award”.

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### 3. Prize Awarding Committee

*Crystals* Editorial Board.



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