

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the *Metals* 2021 Highly Cited Paper Awards, which will recognize the most highly cited paper in the past 2 years. We hope the awards will encourage the publishing of more high-quality papers in *Metals*. The papers will be selected after thorough evaluation by the *Metals* Award Committee led by the EiC, Prof. Dr. Hugo F. Lopez, and the winners will be announced in July 2022.

2021 HIGHLY CITED PAPER AVARDS

Eligibility for the Awards:

- Papers published in *Metals* from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2020;
- Open to all career levels;
- Both regular and Special Issue submissions will be considered.

Selection Criteria:

The papers will be selected by the Editorial Office of *Metals* according to the following criteria (data source: Web of Science (Clarivate Analytics)):

- Scientific merit and broad impact;
- Relevance to the journal's field;
- Originality of the research objectives and/or the ideas presented;
- Creativity of the study design or uniqueness of the approaches and concepts;
- Clarity of presentation;
- Citation and download rates in 2021

Prizes:

- One first prize: 800 CHF;
- Two second prizes: 500 CHF each;
- Two third prizes: 300 CHF each;
- Each winner will also receive a certificate.

The winners will be announced on the journal website in July 2022.

Kind regards, *Metals* Editorial Office



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