

Dear Colleagues,

As the Editor-in-Chief of *Catalysts*, it is my pleasure to announce the winner of the *Catalysts* 2021 Best PhD Thesis Award. This prize was aimed to be granted to a PhD student or a doctor who has produced a highly anticipated academic potential thesis.

The award has been granted to:

"Molecular Structural Dynamics of Supported Mn₂O₃-Na₂WO₄/SiO₂ Catalysts during Oxidative Coupling of Methane (OCM)" By Sagar Sourav, Lehigh University, USA

2021 BEST PHD THESIS AWARD

WINNER

The winner will receive CHF 800, a certificate, and a chance to publish a paper after peer review in *Catalysts* with the article processing charge (APC) waived in 2022.

On behalf of the evaluation committee, I would like to congratulate the winner on his accomplishment. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the nominated research groups of the above exceptional thesis for their contributions to *Catalysts* and the Award Committee for voting and helping with this award.

Dr. Keith Hohn Editor-in-Chief, *Catalysts*



