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Dear Colleagues,

As the Editor-in-Chief of *Coatings*, it is my great pleasure to announce the winner of the *Coatings* 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.

2021 BEST PHD THESIS AWARD WINNER

The award has been granted to the following:

Biomaterial Strategies to Promote Hemidesmosome Formation on Percutaneous Devices

By Dr. Nicholas Fischer

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The winner will receive a bonus of CHF 500, a certificate, and a chance to publish a paper with the article processing charge (APC) waived in *Coatings* in 2022.

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

Dr. Alessandro Lavacchi
Editor-in-Chief, *Coatings*