

Dear Colleagues,

As the Editor-in-Chief of *Marine Drugs*, it is my great pleasure to announce the winners of the *Marine Drugs* 2021 Best PhD Thesis Award. This prize has been awarded to two PhD students who have produced highly anticipated potential theses in recognition of their academic excellence.

The awards have been granted to:

"Marine Biorefinery: Valorisation of Algae into Advanced Products" by Dr. Ana Margarida Ferreira Martins, Chemistry Department, University of Aveiro, Portugal.

"Antibiotics from the Abyss: Establishing the Bristol Sponge Microbiome Collection as an Antibiotic Discovery Pipeline" by Dr. Henry Stennett, School of Biochemistry, University of Bristol, UK.

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Each winner will be awarded 1000 CHF and a certificate, as well as an offer to publish a featured paper in *Marine Drugs* with the article processing charge (APC) waived before the end of June 2023.

On behalf of the evaluation committee, I would like to congratulate the winners on their remarkable accomplishments. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the nominated research groups for their contributions to *Marine Drugs* and the Award Committee for their participation.

Prof. Dr. Orazio Taglialatela-Scafati Editor-in-Chief, *Marine Drugs*



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