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Dear Colleagues,

It is our pleasure to announce that the winners of the *Nanomaterials* 2022 Young Investigator Award are Dr. Liang Huang, Dr. Aiping Chen, and Dr. Leonardo Ricotti. Dr. Liang Huang will receive an honorarium of CHF 2000. Dr. Aiping Chen and Dr. Leonardo Ricotti will each receive an honorarium of CHF 800. Each winner will have the option to publish one paper as a corresponding author free of charge in *Nanomaterials* before 31 December 2023, following peer review. Each winner will also receive an engraved plaque.

Dr. Liang Huang is an Associate Professor at the Wuhan National Laboratory of Optoelectronics Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan, Hubei, China. His research focus is two-dimensional (2D) materials, with applications in energy conversion and storage. He has developed a salt-assisted strategy for the synthesis of massive quantities of certain 2D materials. He also developed a method for fabricating ultrathin oxide nanosheets using a self-formed sacrificial carbon template. He has published over 110 papers and has been cited more than 9300 times, with an h-index of 55 (Google Scholar).

Dr. Aiping Chen is a Scientist at the Center for Integrated Nanotechnologies (CINT) at Los Alamos National Laboratory, New Mexico, USA. His research area is nanostructured and multifunctional materials, such as multiferroics and vertically aligned nanocomposites. His work has impacted the epitaxial growth of complex metal oxide thin films and nanostructured materials using pulsed laser deposition and laser molecular beam epitaxy. He has published over 120 papers that have been cited more than 4600 times, with an h-index of 39 (Google Scholar).

Dr. Leonardo Ricotti is an Associate Professor at the BioRobotics Institute of Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna (SSSA), Pisa, Italy, where he leads the "Regenerative Technologies" Laboratory. His work combines bioengineering and biorobotic approaches for regenerative medicine, artificial and bioartificial organs, and biohybrid robots. He has published over 130 scientific publications, as well as 18 patents. His work has been cited over 3800 times, with an h-index of 35 (Google Scholar).

We would like to thank all the nominators from various fields of study for their participation and all the award committee members for their evaluation of the numerous excellent nominations.

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