



The Swiss Society of Hospital Hygiene (SSHH) & the Swiss Society for Infectious Diseases (SSI) Awards 2011

The Swiss Society for Infectious Diseases and the Swiss Society of Hospital Hygiene awarded three prizes, each in the amount of CHF 15'000.00 for outstanding scientific achievements in basic, clinical, or epidemiological research in infectious diseases during the joint annual meeting in Interlaken (24.08.2011 to 25.08.2011) <http://kongress2.imk.ch/sginf2011/Intro>. The prizes were generously sponsored by Merck Sharp & Dohme-Chibret AG, by ViiV Healthcare, and by the two societies. The submissions were evaluated by a joint prize committee of SSHH & SSI.

The 2011 Award of in the category "Clinical Research" was awarded to Frédéric Lamoth for the paper entitled "High cefepime plasma concentrations and neurological toxicity in febrile neutropenic patients with mild impairment of renal function" published in *Antimicrobial Agents & Chemotherapy* 2010;54:4360-7 by Lamoth F., Buclin T., Pascual A., Vora S., Bolay S., Decosterd LA, Calandra T., Marchetti O., from the Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Vaudois (CHUV) and University of Lausanne (UNIL), Switzerland.

The 2011 Award of in the category "Epidemiological Research" was awarded to Stephan Harbarth for the paper entitled "Impact of combined low-level mupirocin and genotypic chlorhexidine resistance on persistent methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* carriage after decolonization therapy: a case-control study" published in *Clinical Infectious Diseases* 2011;52:1405-13 by Lee AS, Macedo-Vinas M, François P, Renzi G, Schrenzel J, Vernaz N, Pittet D, Harbarth S. from the University of Geneva Hospitals and Faculty of Medicine, Geneva, Switzerland and the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, Australia.

The 2011 Award of in the category "Basic Research" was awarded to Margalida Rotger for the paper entitled "Comparative transcriptomics of extreme phenotypes of human HIV-1 infection and SIV infection in sooty mangabey and rhesus macaque" published in *The Journal of Clinical Investigation* 2011;121:2391-2400 by Rotger M, Dalmau J, Rauch A, McLaren P, Bosinger SE, Martinez R, Sandler NG, Roque A, Liebner J, Battegay M, Bernasconi E, Descombes P, Erkizia I, Fellay J, Hirschel B, Miró JM, Palou E, Hoffmann M, Massanella M, Blanco J, Woods M, Günthard HF, de Bakker P, Douek DC, Silvestri G, Martinez-Picado J, Telenti A. from University Hospital and University of Lausanne, Lausanne; University Hospital Bern, Bern; University Hospital Basel, Basel; Ospedale Regionale, Lugano; University Hospital and University of Geneva, Geneva; Kantonsspital St. Gallen, St. Gallen; University Hospital and University of

Zurich, Zurich; Swiss HIV Cohort Study (SHCS), Lausanne, Switzerland; Hospital Universitari Germans Trias i Pujol, Badalona, University of Barcelona, and Banc de Sang i Teixits, Institució Catalana de Recerca i Estudis Avançats, Barcelona, Spain; MIT and Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts; Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia; National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH, Bethesda, Maryland, USA.