

Editorial

Coatings Best Paper Award 2015

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With the start of 2015, *Coatings* is instituting an annual award to recognize outstanding papers related to coatings and surface engineering that meet the aims, scope and high standards of this journal. We are pleased to announce the first “*Coatings Best Paper Award*” for 2015.

This year, the top papers were selected among all full research articles published in 2014 and 2013. Nominations were solicited from the Editorial Office of *Coatings* based on the citations and downloads.

The following three papers were awarded:

Best Paper Award

1st Prize

Marcello Fidaleo, Nadia Bortone, Mark Schulte and Michael C. Flickinger

Ink-jet Printing of Gluconobacter Oxydans: Micropatterned Coatings as High Surface-to-Volume Ratio Bio-Reactive Coatings

Coatings 2014, 4(1), 1–17; doi:10.3390/coatings4010001

Available online: <http://www.mdpi.com/2079-6412/4/1/1>

“The impact on society of the coatings under research in this article is very high.”—Prof. Dr. Anibal Maury-Ramirez

“Very interesting paper describing a novel technology for microbial biosensors.”—Prof. Dr. Maria Cristina Tanzi

2nd Prize

Andrea Milanti, Heli Koivuluoto, Petri Vuoristo, Giovanni Bolelli, Francesco Bozza and Luca Lusvarghi

Microstructural Characteristics and Tribological Behavior of HVOF-Sprayed Novel Fe-Based Alloy Coatings

Coatings 2014, 4(1), 98–120; doi:10.3390/coatings4010098

Available online: <http://www.mdpi.com/2079-6412/4/1/98>

“The characterization work of the coatings done in this article is complete and very useful for other developments.”—Prof. Dr. Anibal Maury-Ramirez

“Comprehensive study with well-considered conclusions presented.”—Dr. Gordon Armstrong

“Clearly the best paper; very good mechanical results, nice characterization.”—Prof. Dr. Giovanni Zangari

“Interesting paper with good results for specialized practical application.”—Prof. Dr. Maria Cristina Tanzi

3rd Prize

Lamia Znaidi, Tahar Touam, Dominique Vrel, Nacer Souded, Sana Ben Yahia, Ovidiu Brinza, Alexis Fischer and Azzedine Boudrioua

AZO Thin Films by Sol-Gel Process for Integrated Optics

Coatings **2013**, 3(3), 126–139; doi:10.3390/coatings3030126

Available online: <http://www.mdpi.com/2079-6412/3/3/126>

“Good paper with interesting results for optical waveguiding applications.”—Prof. Dr. Maria Cristina Tanzi

These three outstanding papers are valuable contributions to *Coatings* and its engineering field. On behalf of the Prize Awarding Committee and the Editorial Board of *Coatings*, we would like to congratulate these three teams for their excellent work. In recognition of their accomplishment, the corresponding authors of these three best papers, Dr. Marcello Fidaleo, Dr. Andrea Milanti, and Dr. Lamia Znaidi will receive the privilege to publish an additional paper free of charge in open access format in *Coatings* after the usual peer-review procedure.

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