

Preface: Bürgenstock Junior Contributions

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The 51st Bürgenstock Conference (SCS Conference on Stereochemistry) took place in May 2016, as each year in Brunnen, Switzerland, at the beautiful Seehotel Waldstätterhof Brunnen. The number of participants was limited to ca. 100 chemists from the best universities worldwide, and 14 speakers gave multi-disciplinary conferences of top quality. Thanks to the Division of Chemical Research of the Swiss Chemical Society, 15 young promising European chemists at the beginning of their academic career had the

chance to contribute to this prestigious conference and to present some of their first independent scientific contributions. This year we have set-up at SYNTHESIS a Special Section entitled 'Bürgenstock Junior Contributions' where we have collected 13 articles and reviews from the junior scientist participants of 2016. The diversity and the quality of their contributions confirm the excellent level of this program and give us a vision of the future of synthetic chemistry.