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Dear colleagues,

To award the excellence of the papers in Section “Materials”, we are pleased to launch our new Best Paper Awards. The winning papers will receive an award each. The papers will be selected after thorough evaluation by an Award Committee consisting of senior scholars from the *Applsci* Editorial Board.

Eligibility for the Awards:

- ONLY papers or articles published in Materials from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020 will be considered.
- Open to all career levels;
- Both regular and Special Issue submissions will be considered.

Selection Criteria:

Papers will be selected by the journal Award Committee according to the following criteria:

- Scientific merit and broad impact;
- Relevance to the section and journal scope;
- Originality of the research objectives and/or the ideas presented (for research article);
- Creativity of the study design or uniqueness of the approaches and concepts (for research article);
- Comprehensiveness for review article;
- Citations (data source: Web of Science (Clarivate Analytics)) and download rates in 2021.

Prizes:

- One review award: 400 CHF and a chance to publish a paper in *Applied Sciences* in 2022;
- One research article award: 400 CHF and a chance to publish a paper in *Applied Sciences* in 2022;
- Each winner will also receive a certificate.

The winners will be announced on the journal website in 31 January 2022.

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