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Dear Colleagues,

As Editor-in-Chief of *Designs*, I am pleased to announce the winner of the *Designs* Travel Award for 2018.

The inaugural Travel Award has been granted to **Mr. David Schmelzeisen**, a PhD student from Institut für Textiltechnik, RWTH Aachen University, Aachen, Germany. He will receive 500 CHF to help support travel to attend the ISWC 2018 conference in Singapore this autumn.

## 2018 TRAVEL AWARD WINNER

Mr. David Schmelzeisen studied mechanical engineering at RWTH Aachen University. He started to focus on textiles and textile engineering and received the MSc degree in Textile Engineering, before he supported research in the field of smart textiles at Institut für Textiltechnik of RWTH Aachen University. Furthermore, he developed electronic sensor systems for integration into textiles at ETH Zurich. During his PhD, he started researching textile welding and production technologies for smart textiles. His current research topic is 4D textiles.

It was a difficult decision with such high-quality applications for the award and we would like to thank all applicants for submitting their diverse and fascinating range of research topics. On behalf of the assessment committee, I congratulate the winner for his accomplishments.

Editor-in-Chief  
Prof. Dr. Hamid Reza Karimi

The competition for the 2019 *Designs* Travel Award will be open for applications this September. Please check <http://www.mdpi.com/journal/designs> for more information closer to this date.



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