

3M Award for Young Professionals in Upstream & Downstream Processing

This new award recognizes excellence by a non-student member of the BIOT

3M Separation and Purification Sciences Division (SPSD) and ACS-BIOT (American Chemical Society's Division of Biochemical Technology) have initiated a 3M Award for Young Professionals in Upstream & Downstream Processing. This 3M Award is given to professionals 35 years of age or younger who present outstanding research at the poster session sponsored by the Division of Biochemical Technology (BIOT) at the ACS annual meeting.

The 2017 3M Award for Young Professionals in Upstream & Downstream Processing will be awarded at this year's poster session **event on Tuesday, March 20, 2018**. The 2017 event was adjudicated by BIOT committee members.

At its core, this award is a continuation of 3M's efforts to recognize bioprocess professionals and help young scientists be recognized for their excellence in the field of upstream and downstream processing. "3M is honored to be a part of institutionalizing this young scholar award for young leaders in bioprocessing," said Koen Wilms, Vice President and General Manager, 3M Separation and Purification Sciences.

"The BIOT poster session, with nearly 300 posters each year, highlights a breadth of high quality industrial and academic research annually. We are happy to partner with 3M in conferring this award. It is an excellent way to bring more diversity to our awards by recognizing younger members of our community in the upstream and downstream processing fields" said Varnika Roy and Todd Przybycien, CBIOT Executive Committee.

The 2017 **Winner** of the 3M Award for Young Professionals in Upstream & Downstream Processing is **Kirk Roffi (Pfizer) in the Upstream Area** for his poster "Rational Molecular Tweaking of an IgG1 monoclonal antibody for Improved High Concentration Solution Properties."

Kirk Roffi will receive a cash award of \$2,500 and a plaque to commemorate the award during 2018 ACS-BIOT meeting being held, March 18-22, 2018 in New Orleans.

The 2018 3M Award for Young Professionals in Upstream & Downstream Processing will have a cash award of \$5000. Learn more about the award and ACS-BIOT at www.acsbiot.org

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