



Coatings established the Best Paper Award to recognize its best published articles each year. The prize started in 2015 and since 2016 it has been awarded in two categories: *Best Original Research Article and Best Review Paper*.

Nominations were selected by the Editorial Office of *Coatings* among the Papers published in 2016, with a selection process based on the number of citations and the downloads from the website.

The selection committee is chaired by the Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Alessandro Lavacchi, and supported by Prof. Dr. Massimo Innocenti, Prof. Dr. Filippo Berto, Prof. Dr. Miriam Rafailovich and Prof. Dr. Pedro Neto. They examined each paper and have expressed their preferences in the ranking of the “Coatings Best Paper Award” 2017.

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Original Research Article Award:

1st Prize

Development of Antibacterial Composite Films Based on Isotactic Polypropylene and Coated ZnO Particles for Active Food Packaging

Clara Silvestre, Donatella Duraccio, Antonella Marra, Valentina Strongone and Sossio Cimmino

Coatings **2016**, 6(1), 4; doi:10.3390/coatings6010004

Available online: <http://www.mdpi.com/2079-6412/6/1/4>

2nd Prize

The Acoustical Durability of Thin Noise Reducing Asphalt Layers

Cedric Vuye, Anneleen Bergiers and Barbara Vanhooreweder

Coatings **2016**, 6(2), 21; doi:10.3390/coatings6020021

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3rd Prize

Novel Thiol-Ene Hybrid Coating for Metal Protection

Mona Taghavikish, Surya Subianto, Naba Kumar Dutta and Namita Roy Choudhury

Coatings **2016**, 6(2), 17; doi:10.3390/coatings6020017

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Review Paper Award:

State of the Art in the Development and Properties of Protein-Based Films and Coatings and Their Applicability to Cellulose Based Products: An Extensive Review

Maria-Beatrice Coltelli, Florian Wild, Elodie Bugnicourt, Patrizia Cinelli, Martina Lindner, Markus Schmid, Verena Weckel, Kerstin Müller, Pablo Rodriguez, Andreas Staebler, Laura Rodríguez-Turienzo and Andrea Lazzeri

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These four outstanding papers are valuable contributions to *Coatings*. On behalf of the Prize Awarding Committee and the Editorial Board, we would like to congratulate these four teams for their excellent work. In recognition of their accomplishment, Dr. Clara Silvestre, Dr. Cedric Vuye, Dr. Naba Kumar Dutta and Dr. Namita Roy Choudhury, Dr. Maria-Beatrice Coltelli, Dr. Florian Wild and Dr. Elodie Bugnicourt will benefit from the publication of an additional paper free of charge in open access format in *Coatings* after the usual peer-review procedure.