

Dear Members, Dear Scientific Advisors, Dear Colleagues, Dear Friends,

On behalf of the [French Medicinal Chemistry Society](#), we send our best wishes to you and your loved ones for the coming New Year, hoping that 2022 will bring an end to the sanitary crisis. We are looking forward to fruitful interactions with you in the coming months.

We wish to warmly thank [Dr Dominique Lesuisse](#) and [Dr Brigitte Lesur](#) for their long-term dedication to our society and for the work they both provided since 2019 as vice presidents of SCT under the presidencies of Pr Papot and Pr Deprez-Poulain. We welcome [Dr Jean-Yves Ortholand](#) as the new vice president for 2022.

We also express our deep gratitude to all members that continued to support us and attended our conferences in 2021, the members and coordinator of our scientific advisory board, our industrial and institutional sponsors, and the meeting organizers for their enthusiastic involvement in the life of the society.

A Look Back at 2021

- Last year, we organized 3 **successful meetings** confirming our capacity of providing high quality scientific events in medicinal chemistry and chemical biology:
 - the 28th Young Research Fellow Meeting in Paris
 - the 56th RICT International Conference on Medicinal Chemistry (virtual edition)
 - the Thematic Fall Meeting: On the hunt for next generation antimicrobial agents, an SCT-[SFM](#) event
- We also launched our first **webinar** with the [European Lead Factory](#).
- We completely reviewed our policy of recognition and our panel of **Prizes & Awards** to better acknowledge contributions to drug-discovery chemistry and chemical biology. Consequently, we just released our first call for nominations:
 - SCT Award for Young Investigator in Medicinal Chemistry in Academia
 - SCT Award Investigator in Medicinal Chemistry in Industry (**New**)
 - Galapagos Award for Drug-Discovery Chemistry (**New**)
- The **SCT contributed to a special issue** in the *Actualité Chimique* with [an article on the complementarity of medicinal chemistry & chemical biology](#) for human health.

Upcoming Events in 2022

- We are delighted to inform you that **several events** are already planned:
 - July (week 27) the **29th Young Research Fellow Meeting YRFM** in Nantes. (initially planned in Feb.)
 - Sept. 4th-8th: the [EFMC-ISMC](#) in Nice, on behalf of the EFMC.
On this occasion, the 2022 RICT meeting won't take place. The 57th RICT will take place in July 2023 in Lille.
 - Dec. (date to be confirmed): **The Thematic Fall Meeting**
- Several **webinars** are already being organized:
 - Chemistry of nucleotides/sides of antivirals (March 2022)
 - Education in medicinal and pharmaceutical organic chemistry (June 2022)
- **New prizes and awards** will be announced, which will include:
 - A sponsored Prize in Excellence in Molecular Design
 - A Prize in Education

In 2022, we will also provide a website showcase for members' achievements through a newsletter, revamp our website and inaugurate the creation of the group of young chemists.

To join us for these great events and benefit from all the SCT activities and special prizes for our events, click hereafter to become a member ([link](#))!

For those already adhering, please don't forget to renew your membership ([link](#))

Pr Rebecca Deprez-Poulain
President

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Dr Jean-Yves Ortholand
Vice-President

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