The InChI Team presented with the 2014 Chemical Structure Association (CSA) Trust Mike Lynch **Award**

he 2014 Chemical Structure Association (CSA) Trust Mike Lynch Award is being presented to the "InChI Team," namely Steve Heller, Steve Stein, Alan McNaught, Dmitrii Tchekhovskoi, and Igor Pletnev.

This award is given tri-annually to someone who has made outstanding contributions to education, research, and development activities that facilitate the storage, processing, and retrieval of information about chemical structures, reactions, and properties. Dr. Andreas Barth, Chair of the CSA Trust, stated that it is an honor to acknowledge the work in the conception and development of the IUPAC International Chemical Identifier, InChl.

The Award ceremonies took place during the 10th International Conference on Chemical Structures held in Nordwijkerhout, in The Netherlands, 1-5 June 2014.





Data Citation Principles

ound, reproducible scholarship rests upon a foundation of robust, accessible data. For this to be so in practice as well as theory, data must be accorded due importance in the practice of scholarship and in the enduring scholarly record. In other words, data should be considered legitimate, citable products of research. Data citation, like the citation of other evidence and sources, is good research practice and is part of the scholarly ecosystem supporting data reuse. In support of this assertion, and to encourage good practice, a set of guiding principles for data citation has been developed by the "Data Citation Synthesis Group."

The "Data Citation Synthesis Group (www.force11.org/ node/4785) is a cross-team committee leveraging the perspectives from the various existing initiatives working on data citation to produce a consolidated set of data citation principles (based on the Amsterdam Manifesto, the CODATA-ICSTI Task Group report and other sets of principles provided by others) in order

to encourage broad adoption of a consistent policy for data citation across disciplines and venues. The group has reviewed the existing efforts and made a set of recommendations in a Joint Declaration of Data Citation Principles released earlier this year at www. force11.org/datacitation

The Data Citation Principles cover purpose, function, and attributes of citations. These principles recognize the dual necessity of creating citation practices that are both human-understandable and machineactionable. As the preamble to those eight short consensus principles states, they are not meant as a blueprint for implementation of data citation policies and practices, but as high-level guidance for any organization and sector to develop and then implement a data citation protocol. These principles integrate the emerging consensus of several different international groups working in the data citation arena. The principles were broadly reviewed and discussed over the past several months.

The Group is seeking endorsements of these principles by the worldwide research community. See the endorsement page:

www.force11.org/datacitation/endorsement

2015 Year of Soils and Year of Light

The United Nations has approved 2015 as the Year of Soils. This will be an unique opportunity to raise the profile of soils and celebrate soil science. The IUSS has formed an ad-hoc committee that will coordinate and organize all activities for this special year. Many activities are being planned. Please submit activities and all your ideas to the IUSS President elect Rainer Horn: rhorn@soils.uni-kiel.de

www.fao.org/globalsoilpartnership/iys-2015/en/

The United Nations has also declared that the year 2015 will be the International Year of Light and Lightbased Technologies (IYL2015). With light-science and its applications, the potential for collaboration is very

broad. Do not hesitate to contact the IYL2015 organizers



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to explore collaboration possibilities. For more information, please contact Joe Niemela (light2015@ictp.org).

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