



## **Dr Mischa Zelzer - Vickerman Prize for 2013**

This award is presented to researchers whose work is anticipated to have a major impact in the field of surface analysis. It is intended as a recognition of high quality independent research at an early career stage. It is not restricted to members of the UK Surface Analysis Forum (formerly the UK ESCA and SIMS Users Groups). The award is named after John Vickerman, the founding Chairman of the SIMS Users Group, in recognition of his pioneering work in SIMS and his leading role in UK surface and interface science.

The award for 2013 is made to Dr Mischa Zelzer of Nottingham University.

In his early career, Mischa Zelzer has made substantial contributions to the development and characterisation of surfaces based on biological building blocks to advance the study of biomaterial interfaces. He has developed low cost methods to monitor the different stages of solid phase peptide synthesis on a surface which are now applied routinely. He has further employed surface analytical tools (ToF-SIMS) to investigate the interaction of peptide surfaces with biological entities such as enzymes.

In this award Mischa's contribution to the future of surface and interfacial studies is acknowledged.