

## PhD graduate from TU Berlin wins Umicore Scientific Award

Brussels, 12 March 2014. Mehtap Özasan, a scientist at TU Berlin has received the € 10,000 Umicore Scientific Award for her PhD work in the field of catalytic properties of cathode fuel cell electrocatalysts. Mehtap's entry was one of 25 submitted from all over Europe.

The main Award is granted to a PhD graduate who, through his or her research, contributes to science in those fields that are crucial both to the growth of Umicore's business and the development of a sustainable society. These areas are: fine particle technology and applications; technology for metal-containing compounds such as recycling; sustainable energy related topics; catalysis and finally, economic or societal issues linked to metal-containing compounds.

Umicore's partners, the Belgian funds for scientific research Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (FWO) and Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique (FNRS), selected the laureates and ensured the scientific excellence of their work. Since its launch 7 years ago, Umicore and its partners have judged over 200 entries and awarded more than € 120,000 to 33 scientists across Europe.

### **Notes to editors:**

We received 25 PhD entries coming from Belgium, France, Germany, UK, Switzerland, Sweden and Portugal.