

Winners in safety management and knowledge transfer

Administration awards for innovative ideas

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Wood K plus employees won the **Georg Haberhauer Administration Award 2019** in collaboration with the Institute for Chemistry of Renewable Resources (BOKU).

The Georg Haberhauer Administration Award is given by the Rectorate of BOKU for implementation of concrete and reliable improvements of administrative and management activities. The team composed by Arianna Lucia and Julien Jaxel, together with other members of the Institute for Chemistry of Renewable Resources in Tulln, developed a management system for the introduction on the safety standards and rules in the chemistry lab for new researchers. The system consists in a "treasure hunt". The new member must ask a list of questions about safety and lab rules to all

the colleagues. At the end the answers will be reported for checking.

In this way, all the group is involved in safety trainings, constantly refreshing the memory about the good behavior needed in a chemistry lab; the new member is stimulated to get to know the answers for sometimes tricky and funny questions, and to get in contact with the new colleagues. Additionally, the safety rules and hints were also collected in a wiki-platform on the BOKU website.

The smooth feasibility of the ideas and the good use of human resources, were worth winning the first prize. According to one of the committee member, "even the non-chemists on the selection committee were really impressed by the brilliant idea of how to make a boring safety training course exciting".



From the left to the right: the vice-rector DI Gerhard Mannsberger, Dr Hubert Hettegger and Dr Stefan Böhmdorfer from the Institute (BOKU), MSc Arianna Lucia and MSc Julien Jaxel from WMT area (Wood K Plus), and the rector of the University Prof. Dr. Hubert Hasenauer (picture by Christoph Gruber).