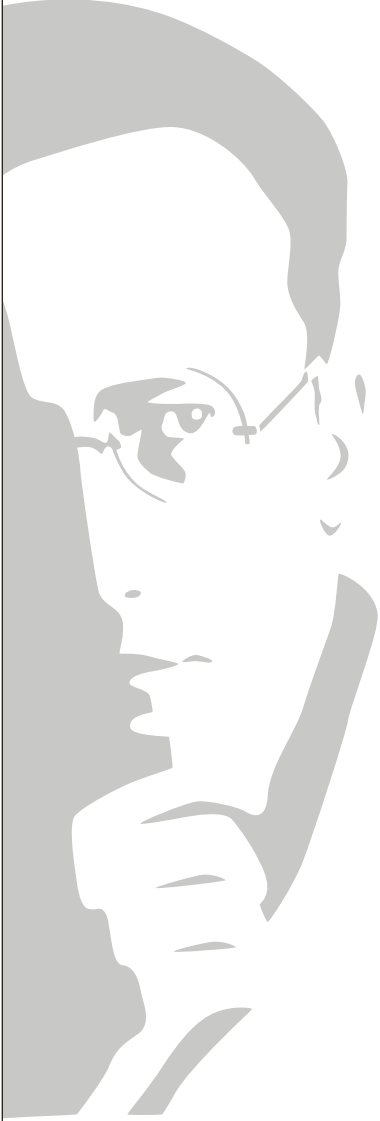


# ESI MEDAL 2020 · AWARD CEREMONY

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**SEPTEMBER 24, 2020**  
AT THE ESI, BOLTZMANN LECTURE HALL



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## ESI Medal 2020

Award Ceremony on September 24, 2020  
at the ESI, Boltzmann Lecture Hall

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The Medal of the Erwin Schrödinger International Institute for Mathematics and Physics, or ESI Medal, awarded in 2020 for the first time, has been created to recognize outstanding achievements in any area of mathematics or physics, including contributions at the interface of the two fields.

**Prof. Anton Alekseev**, University of Geneva, receives the first ESI Medal for his outstanding contributions to mathematics. In particular for the discovery of the link between the Grothendieck-Teichmüller group and the long-standing Kashiwara-Vergne problem in Lie theory, for the program of tropicalization of Poisson structures, and for the proof of the Goldman-Turaev formality in 2-dimensional topology. His work unites brilliant intuition, deep knowledge, and remarkable technical skills.

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### 14:00 Welcome

Prof. Christoph Dellago  
*ESI Director, University of Vienna*

### 14:05 Laudatio

Prof. Thomas Strobl  
*University of Lyon 1*

### 14:45 Break

### 15:00 Award—ESI Medal

Prof. Christoph Dellago  
*ESI Director, University of Vienna*

### 15:15 Award Lecture

Prof. Anton Alekseev  
*University of Geneva*

### 16:00 Closing

Prof. Christoph Dellago  
*ESI Director, University of Vienna*