

On 7th and 8th February 2024, the 29th annual Doctoral Students' Seminar Inorganic Non-metallic Materials, traditionally organized by the Department of Glass and Ceramics at the University of Chemistry and Technology, Prague took place. This year, 21 participants from 7 institutions from both the Czech Republic and Slovakia were registered.

The seminar included a Student Speech Contest, which was judged by a four-member committee consisting of Prof. Dr. Willi Pabst, Doc. Kateřina Rubešová, Ph.D., Ing. Richard Pokorný, Ph.D. and Ing. Diana Horkavcová, Ph.D.. The committee selected 5 winners of the Student Speech Contest, with **Petra Šimonová** (Department of Glass and Ceramics, UCT Prague) in first place, **Jan Zich** (Institute of Applied Physics and Mathematics, University of Pardubice) in second place, third place **Nasser Hosseini** (Institute of Inorganic Chemistry, Slovak Academy of Sciences), fourth place **Kateřina Křehlíková** (Department of Inorganic Chemistry, UCT Prague) and fifth place **Guido de la Torre** (Institute of Inorganic Chemistry, Slovak Academy of Sciences). In addition, the Czech Silicate Society, represented by doc. Hana Ovčačíková awarded **Klára Pulcová** (Department of Glass and Ceramics, UCT Prague).