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The Rector of Charles University prof. RNDr. Václav Hampl, DrSc. awarded the Bolzano Award to three students of the university for their exceptional achievements in science. The awarded students are: Mgr. et Bc. Martin Dekarli, Th.D., Mgr. Vít Pospíšil, Ph.D., and RNDr. Jiří Tauchman, Ph.D.

The ceremony to award the Bolzano Award took place on Thursday, January 31st in the small hall of the Karolinum. The three laureates were given a diploma from the Rector of Charles University, Professor Václav Hampl, who also appreciated their excellent scientific work. The new Bolzano Award holders can enjoy both recognition and a financial reward.

"Congratulation to the laureates, and also to all those who were not given the award this year since the quality of all the works entered was more than satisfactory. It is wonderful that such extraordinary scientific research is born in the heads and under the hands of Charles University students. It makes us genuinely happy," underlines the Rector.

The Bolzano Award is a prestigious recognition given by the Rector to those students of Charles University who achieve extraordinary scientific results in social sciences, natural sciences and in medicine. This year, the competition was held for the twelfth time.

The 2012 Bolzano Award for social sciences was given to Mgr. Martin Dekarli, Th.D., for his dissertation thesis called "Church and Freedom: Prolegomenon to Ecclesiology and Moral Theology of John Hus" and he defended it at the Hussite Theological Faculty of CU.

The 2012 Bolzano Award for medicine was given to Mgr. Vít Pospíšil, Ph.D., for his dissertation thesis called "Role of the oncogenic microRNAs miR-17-92 and miR-155 in the regulation of hematopoietic differentiation and leukemogenesis" and he defended it at the 1st Faculty of Medicine of CU.

The 2012 Bolzano Award for natural sciences was given to RNDr. Jiří Tauchman, Ph.D. For his dissertation thesis called "Phosphiniferrocene conjugates of selected amino acid" and he presented it at the Faculty of Science of CU.