The winners of *The EMBO Journal* Cover Contest 2012 are Martin Oeggerli for best scientific image and Eric Röttinger for best non-scientific image.

An image showing a water-repellent network on the **surface of a mosquito egg** (from *Culex pipiens*) won the scientific category. "Mosquito eggs are as much revolutionary as they are evolutionary - they are so fascinating, you think you must be dreaming," says science photographer Oeggerli.

The highest scores in the non-scientific category were for an image of a bivalve mollusc that swims by clapping its shells together.

To view the winning images and a gallery of the shortlisted pictures please visit: http://covercontest.embo.org/Winners_2012.html

This year, more than 1500 images were submitted to this annual contest. The winning images will be published on the front cover of the current and upcoming issues of *The EMBO Journal*.