

## Press release

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### **Feyo de Azevedo awarded Behrens chemical engineering medal**

**Prof Dr Sebastião Feyo de Azevedo has been chosen to receive the 2013 Dieter Behrens Medal in recognition of his sustained contribution to chemical engineering and the European Federation of Chemical Engineering (EFCE).**

Feyo de Azevedo of the University of Porto, Portugal has been recognised for his work over eleven years within the EFCE Working Party on Education (WPE), three of which as Chairman.

Amongst the citations in support of the award was the special recognition of Feyo de Azevedo's leading role in preparing EFCE's recommendations for chemical engineering education in a Bologna three-cycle degree system, as well as the numerous papers, briefings and lectures he delivered on the subject of qualifications frameworks and quality assurance in education.

He will be presented with the award at the Opening Ceremony of 9<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Chemical Engineering in The Hague, The Netherlands, on 21 April 2013.

EFCE President Richard Darton says that Feyo de Azevedo is a worthy recipient: "With the award of the Behrens Medal the Federation is delighted to recognise Sebastiao's huge personal contribution, and also the vital importance of educating engineers in Europe to a high universal standard".

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## **Notes to editors:**

### **About chemical engineers**

Chemical, biochemical and process engineering is the application of science, maths and economics to the process of turning raw materials into everyday products. Professional chemical engineers design, construct and manage process operations all over the world. Pharmaceuticals, food and drink, synthetic fibres and clean drinking water are just some of the products where chemical engineering plays a central role.

### **About EFCE**

Founded in 1953, The European Federation of Chemical Engineering (EFCE) is a non-profit-making association, whose object is to promote co-operation in Europe between non-profit-making professional scientific and technical societies in 30 countries for the general advancement of chemical engineering and as a means of furthering the development of chemical engineering. See [www.efce.org](http://www.efce.org)

### **About Dieter Behrens 1926-1992**

The Dieter Behrens Medal, first awarded in 1999, is EFCE's fitting tribute to the man who is remembered as one of Europe's most distinguished chemical engineers. Chief Executive of Dechema for some 30 years, he was passionate about the advancement of research, and was a driving force in setting up the *Karl Winnacker Institute*. He will be remembered principally for his role in establishingACHEMA, now the world's largest chemical engineering and biotechnology exhibition, which takes place in Frankfurt every three years, attracting 200,000 visitors; he is further credited with developing its counterpart – ACHEMASIA – for markets in the Far East.