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### Presentation of the EFCE Excellence Award in Crystallization 2008

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**Dr. Pedro Miguel da Silva Martins**, Portugal, is the prize winner of the **Excellence Award in Crystallization 2008** of the European Federation of Chemical Engineering (EFCE).

His excellent PhD thesis on *"Modelling Crystal Growth from Pure and Impure Solutions – A Case Study on Sucrose"*, completed at the University of Porto under the supervision of Professor Fernando Alberto Rocha, received the best evaluation results in terms of innovativeness, breadth and depth of the study, and its industrial relevance.

The award will be presented on the occasion of the 17th International Symposium on Industrial Crystallization (ISIC17) to be held in Maastricht, The Netherlands, from 14 to 18 September 2008.

Pedro Miguel da Silva Martins received his Master's degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Porto, Portugal. Currently, he is working as a post-doc grantee of the Portuguese Foundation of Science and Technology at the Instituto de Biologia Molecular e Celular, Porto, on the research project *"Protein crystallization for pharmaceutical, biochemical and biomedical purposes"*.

The triennial Excellence Award in Crystallization acknowledges a PhD thesis or scientific publication published in the years 2005 to 2007 which demonstrates the most outstanding contribution to research and/or practice in crystallization.

The award comprises a certificate, a cash prize of 1,500 Euros, and free admission and a travel grant for the ISIC conference where the award is presented. Furthermore, the winner is invited to give a plenary lecture on the results of the PhD thesis.