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Pohorecki awarded Villermaux medal

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Professor Ryszard Pohorecki, Poland, has been awarded the Jacques Villermaux Medal 2011 for his outstanding scientific achievements and his commitment to the development of chemical engineering education worldwide.

Pohorecki's prolific career has spanned the fields of absorption with chemical reaction, kinetics of chemical processes, micro-mixing and chemical reaction engineering including enzyme synthesis. He has made a substantial contribution to the EFCE Working Parties on both Fluid Separations and Education and was also the Federation's Scientific Vice-President in 2003-2007.

The award comprises of a medal and commemorative certificate and will be presented during the opening ceremony of the 8th European Congress of Chemical Engineering, ECCE-8, on Sunday, 25 September 2011.

Widely regarded as one of Poland's leading chemical engineers, Pohorecki began to study the subject at the Warsaw University of Technology, under the guidance of Prof J. Ciborowski, one of the founders of chemical engineering education in Poland. During his scientific career, he spent time working at the University of Cambridge, UK; the Institute National Polytechnique de Toulouse and the Laboratory of General Chemistry Nancy University, France; and the Universities of Connecticut and Minnesota, United States.

The Jacques Villermaux Medal, which was first presented in 1999, is awarded every four years in recognition of an individual who has amassed scientific achievements within the context of the Federation's science policy, working parties, conference programme or other related activities.

Note to editors:

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