



President's Message

Dear colleagues and friends of EFCE,

This is my last message as President of EFCE, as my mandate terminates on 31 December 2025. I started my activity as member of the Board, or Charity Trustee, on Jan 1, 2016, and soon after I had the task of participating in an audit of the EFCE structure and operation, which gave me the opportunity to learn in detail many aspects and practices of the organization.

At the end of my first two-year term, I was elected Executive Vice President, i.e. the EFCE Officer in charge of monitoring the operation of the Federation and mainly its economic and financial performance.

During this period, I focused on developing a set of internal policies and procedures, to have clear guidelines and rules covering all main aspects of EFCE operation. I tried to establish good tools for the monitoring and forecasting of the accounts, assuring a proper financial coverage of the activities. During two mandates, I worked very closely and effectively with Herman Feise, the President, and David Bogle, the Scientific VP, having full respect and appreciation for their important contributions to EFCE.

I then was elected as President and did two terms at the helm of the Federation. During these four years, I focused on adapting EFCE to a fast-changing environment. This meant supporting new scientific initiatives, in particular the Spotlight Talks and the European Forum of New Technologies (EFNT), creating new Sections, Chemical Engineering applied to Medicine and Early Career Chemical Engineers, and establishing new international cooperation, in particular with the George Stephanopoulos Foundation, the World Chemical Engineering Council (WCEC) and the Asia Pacific Confederation of Chemical Engineering (APCChE).

The EFCE events gave me the opportunity to meet many representatives of the Working Parties and Sections, the real scientific engine of the Federation. I appreciated their technical skills, their knowledge and their commitment to scientific development and feel proud of their many accomplishments.

During this period, I worked very closely with the Executive VP, Jarka Glassey of Newcastle University,

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the December and year-end issue of EFCE News for 2025! In this issue you will find a President message, information about a White Paper on AI, calls for various 2026 EFCE Awards, Working Party and Section news, an EFCE Event report about EPIC 9, a wide range of upcoming EFCE events and the journal update. If you have any comments/suggestions, please contact us.

With kind regards and best wishes for the festive season,

Giorgio Veronesi
EFCE President

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and with the Scientific VP, first Petr Kluson from the Czech Academy of Science, Prague, and then Boelo Schuur from Twente University. Petr Kluson had unfortunately to leave early our Board due to serious medical reasons, which restricted him importantly, and we all missed his very personal touch and views in many aspects of our work: he is a great person and colleague.

Boelo Schuur managed to quickly blend in the organization and is today a reliable reference person for the scientific activities.

The EFCE statutes wisely fix a limit of ten years for participation to the Board, and this guarantees a balance between continuity and renewal/development of the organization, through fresh views and ideas. Having reached this limit and concluded my overall experience in EFCE Board, I am happy to say that the election of the Officers for the next term, Jarka Glassey, Boelo Schuur and António Gonçalves da Silva from Portugal, will ensure, in my opinion, the future success of EFCE. I was particularly happy to see Jarka Glassey elected as President, the first female covering the position in EFCE 73-year history!

During this long period, I had the privilege of working on the Board with many colleagues from different countries in Europe, and enjoying the truly pan-European structure and International spirit of the Federation, where everybody is contributing to the best of his/her capability and experience, on a fully volunteer basis. Therefore, I am taking this opportunity to express my personal thanks to all the Charity Trustees that shared this experience with me.

I would like to finally acknowledge the very special contribution given by the three EFCE secretariats in France, Germany and UK (in alphabetical order), and in particular to Martine Poux, Ines Honndorf and Claudia Flavell-While. They have given throughout the years to my colleagues, and to me, professional, intelligent and friendly support, representing continuity in an organization that at each new term experiences many changes.

In the last eight years I participated in eleven management meetings per year with the Officers and the representatives of the three Secretariats, nine via web and two in person, and I cannot recall any argument or dispute during them. Of course, we often had different opinions, however, after sharing our views, we always aligned on the agreed path, working in harmony for the best interest of EFCE.

So many, many thanks to Martine, Ines and Claudia, to the fellow Board Members and to all EFCE members of Working Parties and Sections I dealt with. I will always treasure this wonderful experience in my heart.

I wish all the best to the new leadership team and great success to EFCE!

Giorgio Veronesi

Working Party and Section News

New Working Party and Section Chairs

In June 2025, the members of the **Working Party on Loss Prevention and Safety Promotion in the Industries** elected **Prof. Dr. Genserik Reniers**, Delft, The Netherlands, as their new Chair for a three-year term of office. He succeeds Prof. Bruno Fabiano, who held the position for six years. **Prof. Ales Bernatik** was re-confirmed in his position as the Working Party secretary for the same period.

In September 2025, the **Early Career Chemical Engineers Section** elected **Dr. Theodoros Papalas**, University of Cambridge,

United Kingdom, as their new Chair and **Dr. Kseniya Papchenko**, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom as the new Section Vice-Chair. They succeed Dr. Sofia Garcia Fracaro and Dr. Silvie Müller, respectively. Click here to learn more about the [Section leadership](#).

New members of the Section are welcome.

Please use the application form to apply for FREE membership and join our next General meeting! [How to join the Section!](#)

EFCE-SFGP White Paper “Artificial Intelligence in Chemical Engineering”

Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning have had in the recent past a tremendous impact on chemical engineering. In the long run they can radically change the way in which we perform research on chemical processes, we design, scale-up and optimize chemical reactors and pieces of equipment and they can potentially introduce new paradigms into chemical process control and operation.

Many of the challenges our community faces can be addressed by the European Federation of Chemical Engineering (EFCE) and its Working Parties and Sections. This can be a successful journey only if the European Chemical Engineering community, both academic and industrial, is fully engaged.

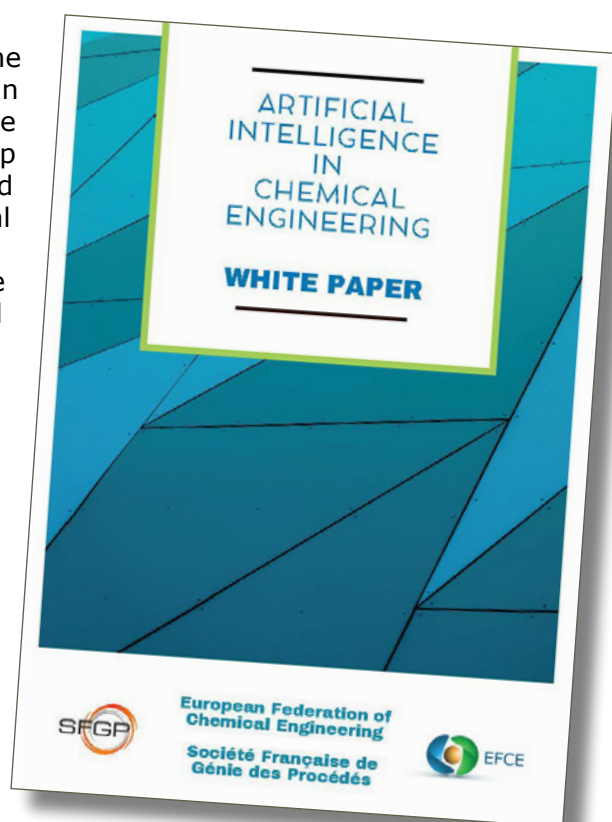
The European Forum on New Technologies is an ideal event to discuss such challenges as it is a one-day event dedicated to new scientific developments where industrialists and academics can exchange views related to a specific chemical engineering challenge.

That is why we have brought together a number of visionary speakers at this event to present the potential and challenges ahead. There was the opportunity to discuss the fundamentals of artificial intelligence, deep learning and machine learning, as well as their applications to process modelling, control and the building of digital twins.

The 5 European Forum on New Technologies was organized in Paris on 13 December 2024, gathering experts, professionals, and researchers from academia and industry (with about a 50/50 representation academia/industry and no less than 42 companies taking part) to discuss the role of Artificial Intelligence in Chemical Engineering. The large attendance (130 participants) coming from 17 countries confirms that Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a hot topic that concerns many areas of chemical engineering. The program was structured in three sessions followed by a round-table held at the end of the day covering different aspects of AI in Chemical Engineering.

This White Paper is based on the oral presentations given during the day and aims to summarize the discussions that took place. It describes the applications of AI in different areas of chemical engineering and provides guidelines and highlights the precautions that should be taken when implementing it.

Martine Poux
Coordinator of the EFNT



EFCE Awards – Call for nominations

EFCE calls for nominations for the Carl Wagner Medal of Excellence in Electrochemical Engineering

The Carl Wagner Medal of Excellence in Electrochemical Engineering is awarded every three years by the Working Party on Electrochemical Engineering (WPEE - https://efce.info/WP_EE.html) of the European Federation of Chemical Engineers (EFCE) to a European researcher under the age of 35 for outstanding contributions to research in applied electrochemistry or electrochemical engineering. Most of the relevant contributions should have been generated in Europe. Exceptions from the age (under 35 at the deadline of the call for proposals) could be made due to maternal leave or military service with indication of the time period, but not more than three years.

In 2026, the medal will be presented at the [14th European Symposium on Electrochemical Engineering – 14th ESEE](#), to be held in Glasgow, Scotland, on 8-11 June 2026, where the recipient of the medal will be invited to give a lecture. The award also comprises a certificate and a travel

grant to attend the 14th ESEE.

Nominations for the medal, with supporting documentation (letter of support of the nomination by a senior electrochemist or electrochemical engineer, curriculum vitae of the nominee, list of publications and other relevant activities) should be sent to claudia.weidlich@dechema.de and francois.lapicque@univ-lorraine.fr

**Deadline for submission of nominations:
31 January 2026**

Further information about the nomination procedure, eligibility, supporting documentation, and the online submission form can be obtained from the EFCE website at:

<https://efce.info/Carl+Wagner+Medal>.



Call for nominations - EFCE Excellence Award in Crystallization 2026

The European Federation of Chemical Engineering (EFCE) and its Working Party on Crystallization (website: <https://efce.info/WPC.html>) are pleased to announce the call for nominations for the **2026 EFCE Excellence Award in Crystallization**. Launched in 2007, this triennial award has been instituted to recognise a PhD thesis or paper(s) of a scientist in an early stage of his/her career, who has made excellent contributions to the understanding or the industrial application of crystallization.

Recent award winners are Dr. Ashwin Kumar Rajagopalan (2020 – presented in 2021), and Dr. Francesca Breveglieri (2023).

The award consists of a certificate, a travel grant not exceeding 500 euros and an invitation to attend the [23rd International Symposium on Industrial Crystallization \(ISIC 2026\) to be held in Budapest, Hungary, on 6-9 September 2026](#), where the award will be presented during a

dedicated session. Here, the award winner will be given the opportunity to present the work.

Nominations may be submitted by any PhD supervisor at a PhD-awarding institution in an EFCE member country or by a member of an EFCE member society. The PhD thesis/paper(s) nominated must address a topic relevant to the field of crystallization. Only PhD theses or papers published between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2025 are eligible for nomination. A nominated PhD thesis must have been completed and published and the PhD degree examined and awarded.

**Closing date for nominations:
30 March 2026**

For further information about the nomination procedure, eligibility, supporting documentation, and the online submission form, please visit the EFCE website at <http://www.efce.info/ExcellenceAwardCrystallization.html>

EFCE calls for nominations for the 2026 Young Researcher Award in Mixing

The European Federation of Chemical Engineering (EFCE) and its Working Party on Working Party on Mixing (https://www.efce.info/WP_Mixing) are pleased to present the calls for nominations for the **2026 Young Researcher Award in Mixing**.

The Young Researcher Award was established in 2000 to recognise the work of a young researcher in his/her early career, which demonstrates an outstanding contribution to research and/or practice in mixing.

Previous Award winners are Giorgio Micale (2000), Joëlle Aubin (2003), Giuseppina Montante (2006), Andrea Ducci (2009), Sebastian Maaß (2012), Claudio Antonio Pereira da Fonte (2015), Federico Alberini (2018), Lena Hohl & Francesco Maluta (2021) and Dr. Margarida Brito (2023).

The award consists of a certificate, a cash prize of 1,500 EUR, and an invitation to the 18th European Conference on Mixing to be held in Limerick, Ireland, on 30 August - 2 September 2026 (conference website: <https://mixing18.dryfta.com/index.php>).

Any young researcher (less than 35 years old) who has completed his/her PhD in the field of mixing at a European university and is currently active in the mixing research is eligible for nomination.

**Closing date for nominations:
Thursday, 30 April 2026**

For further information about the nomination procedure, eligibility, supporting documentation, etc., please refer to the EFCE website at https://www.efce.info/YoungResearcherAward_Mixing

The Award is generously sponsored by **EKATO**.

About Ekato

In the past 85 years EKATO has developed to world market leader in stirring and mixing technology for all process-oriented industries. The EKATO GROUP companies offer optimized mixing technology, from molecular, robust and rapidly available industrial agitators over industrial solutions for reactor agitators on sophisticated mixing processes up to complete process plants including automation. EKATO has been family-owned since its foundation in 1933 and is represented worldwide with subsidiaries in Europe, Asia, Australia, South America, South Africa and the USA as well as a network of trading partners. At the state-of-the-art research and development center in Schopfheim, EKATO offers engineering services from process development to process optimization to make customer processes and mixing procedures more reliable and efficient. <https://ekato.com>

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EFCE calls for nominations for the 2026 Alvin and Helen Nienow Lifetime Recognition Award in Mixing

The European Federation of Chemical Engineering (EFCE) and its Working Party on Mixing (https://www.efce.info/WP_Mixing) are pleased to present the calls for nominations for the **2026 Alvin and Helen Nienow Lifetime Recognition Award in Mixing**.

Established in 2000, the Lifetime Recognition Award is presented to a senior researcher or industrial engineer belonging to one of the EFCE member countries in recognition of his/her outstanding contribution to mixing research and practice throughout his/her career. Previous Award winners were John Smith (2000), Alvin Nienow (2003), John Bourne and Ivan Fort (2006), Joël Bertrand (2009), Franco Magelli (2012), Harry van den Akker (2015), Michael Yianneskis (2018), **Alberto Brucato & Matthias Kraume (2021), Alain Liné (2023)**.

The award consists of a certificate, a cash prize of 1,000 EUR, and an invitation to the 18th European Conference on Mixing to be held in Limerick, Ireland, on 30 August - 2 September 2026 (conference website: <https://mixing18.dryfta.com/index.php>).

Nominations must be submitted by members of a national or regional member association of EFCE.

**Closing date for nominations:
Thursday, 30 April 2026**

For further information about the nomination procedure, eligibility, supporting documentation, etc., please refer to the EFCE website at https://efce.info/Alvin_and_Helen_Nienow_LifetimeRecognitionAward_Mixing

The Award is generously sponsored by **Alvin and Helen Nienow**.

About Alvin and Helen Nienow

Professor Alvin W Nienow, DSc, FIChemE, FREng was a member of the Organising Committee of the First European Mixing Conference in 1974. Since that time, he has been on the Organizing or Scientific Committee and contributed technically to the Conference series and to mixing research and practice as such. He was also a winner of the 2nd LRA in 2003 when it was sponsored by Ekato. He and his wife Helen count many people in Europe and world-wide working in mixing as their friends. Alvin and Helen are sponsoring this prize starting from the 2021 edition in recognition of the contribution that mixing in general and the European mixing community in particular has made to enhance the quality of their lives.

Reminder - Call for nominations - EFCE Excellence Award in Fluid Separations 2026

The call for nominations for the **2026 EFCE Excellence Award in Fluid Separations** is still open. This quadrennial award recognises a PhD thesis of a researcher or engineer which demonstrates an outstanding contribution to research and/or practice in fluid separations.

The award comprises a certificate, the sum of 1500 Euros, a travel grant of up to 500 Euros, and a fee waiver to attend the 13th International Conference on Distillation & Absorption 2026 (D&A 2026; conference website: <https://dechema.de/da2026.html>) to be held in Salzburg, Austria, from 30 August to 2 September 2026, where the award will be presented.

Only PhD theses published between 1 January

2022, and 31 January 2026 are eligible for nomination.

**Closing date for nominations:
9 February 2026**

Further information about the nomination procedure, eligibility, supporting documentation, etc. can be obtained from the EFCE website at

<http://www.efce.info/ExcellenceAwardFluidSeparations.html>.

The award is generously sponsored by **Evonik Operations GmbH**.



EFCE Event Report

EPIC9: A Milestone Event for the European Process Intensification Community

The **9th European Process Intensification Conference (EPIC 9)** took place in Athens on 4-6 June 2025, hosted at the historic Zappeion Megaron by the National Technical University of Athens. **Prof. Georgios Stefanidis**, Chairman of the Conference and of the EFCE Working Party on Process Intensification (WP PI), welcomed delegates to a dynamic and well-attended event that highlighted Europe's continued leadership in process intensification research and innovation.

This year's conference brought together **174 participants from 25 countries**, spanning Europe, Asia, and the Americas. The programme featured **5 plenary lectures, 105 oral presentations, 41 posters, and 27 parallel sessions** covering **13 major topics in process intensification**.

EPIC 9 hosted an internationally distinguished panel of plenary speakers, representing both academia and industry and covering Europe and the United States: **Prof. Dion Vlachos**, University of Delaware (USA), **Dr. Jean-Luc Dubois**, Trinseo (The Netherlands), **Prof. Hannsjörg Freund**, TU Dortmund University



Full group photo of EPIC 9 participants at the peristyle of the Zappeion Megaron

(Germany), **Dr. Dimitris Collias**, University of Pennsylvania, Aeiforia Innovations, LLC, and Procter & Gamble (retired) (USA), **Prof. Adam Harvey**, Newcastle University (United Kingdom). Their lectures addressed advances in intensified reactors, catalysis, digital tools, circular economy innovation, and sustainable chemical engineering.



Entrance to the Zappeion Megaron with the EPIC 9 welcome banner; invited industrial lecture by Gareth Alford (AstraZeneca); Plenary lecture by Prof. Hannsjörg Freund (TU Dortmund University, Germany).

Outstanding scientific contributions were recognised through the **EFCE Process Intensification Award for Industrial Innovation**, as well as **Best Oral Presentation** and **Best Poster Presentation Awards**. A dedicated **Virtual Special Issue** in *Chemical Engineering and Processing: Process Intensification Journal* (Elsevier) will publish selected full papers from the conference.

The Zappeion Megaron offered an iconic backdrop for the event, combining classical architecture with modern facilities. Beyond the scientific sessions, networking events -including coffee

breaks, lunches, and the dedicated conference dinner- fostered meaningful exchanges among researchers and industrial practitioners.

At the closing session, it was announced that **EPIC 10** will take place in **Bologna, Italy**, on **12-15 September 2027**, organized by AIDIC with the support of EFCE and WP PI.

With its engaging programme, high scientific standards, and excellent international participation, EPIC 9 successfully strengthened the community of researchers and practitioners working to advance process intensification across Europe and beyond.



Clockwise from top: Prof. Georgios Stefanidis welcoming participants during the opening session; Plenary lecture by Dr. Dimitris Collias University of Pennsylvania, Aeiforia Innovations LLC, and Procter & Gamble (retired) (USA); Plenary lecture by Dr. Jean-Luc Dubois (Trinseo, The Netherlands); Plenary lecture by Prof. Dion Vlachos (University of Delaware, USA); audience attending a parallel technical session; another EPIC 9 session with active participant engagement

Member Society News

Join the 19th European Symposium on Comminution & Classification (ESCC)

The Conference, the 19th in a series started in 1962, will be held in Napoli, Italy, from September 27th to 30th, 2026, is organized on behalf of the Working Party on Comminution and Classification of EFCE, welcoming scientific and technological contributions on traditional and innovative aspects of this sector various topics, as indicated below.

This event is promoted by AIDIC, The Italian Association of Chemical Engineering, and it represents an opportunity to exchange up-to-the minute information on industrial needs, new technology developments and research opportunities. The previous events attracted leading Industrialists and Academics from all over the world and provided a state of the art on Comminution & Classification.

ESCC topics

- I. Fundamentals of particle breakage.
- II. Particulate characterisation.
- III. Mechanisms of grinding, dispersing and classification.
- IV. Modelling of comminution and classification processes.
- V. Wear, erosion, contamination.
- VI. Technological application fields of comminution and classification such as: chemical engineering operations and reactors, recycling industry and waste processing, environmental applications and renewable energy, mining, food, pharma, battery industry.
- VII. Mechanochemical and mechanofusion processes, bulk and surface mechanical transformations, mechanical alloying.
- VIII. Plant operation, control and energy optimisation in milling and classification processes.
- IX. Innovative materials for comminution and classification.
- X. Powders flowability and floodability in milling operations, grinding aids.
- XI. Cell disintegration and recovery of high added-value products.
- XII. Application of machine learning, automation and artificial intelligence to comminution and classification processes.

The Conference technical program is structured in parallel sessions, which will be held over three days. The Conference topics will be treated in invited Plenary Lectures, Keynote Lectures, Oral and Poster presentations. Posters will stay on for the whole Conference, promoting Author presentation and spontaneous discussion.

Plenary Speakers:

- **Giancarlo Cravotto, University of Turin (Italy)**, *Mechanochemical and cavitation methods in the conversion of agro-industrial waste to valuable products, materials and energy.*
- **Arno Kwade, Braunschweig University of Technology (Germany)**, *Sustainability in comminution - from maximum energy efficiency to circular economy.*
- **Luís Marcelo Tavares, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)**, *Advances in modelling of media mills.*

Keynote Speakers:

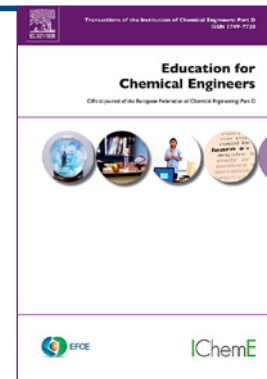
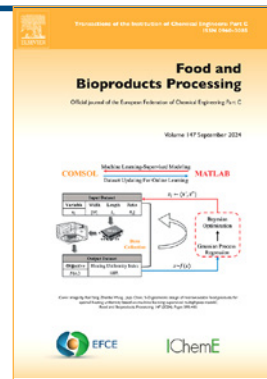
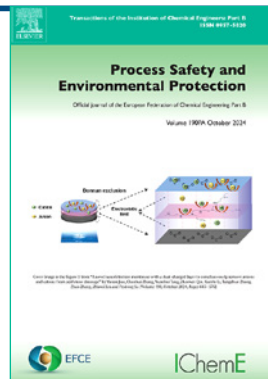
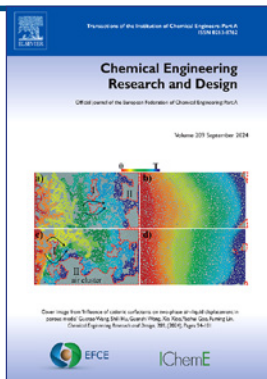
- **Andrea Benassi, Chiesi Farmaceutici R&D (Italy)**, *Milling of pharmaceutical active ingredients for orally inhaled drug products.*
- **Claire Mayer-Laigle, National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment (INRAE), Montpellier (France)**, *Green crushing? The potential of mechanical pathways to engineer powders from lignocellulosic biomass for energy, materials and green chemistry.*
- **Aubrey Mainza, University of Cape Town (South Africa)**, *Understanding the symbiotic relationship between comminution and classification equipment in designing and optimising circuits for efficient operation.*
- **Wolfgang Peukert, Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nürnberg (Germany)**, *Defects in particles - the universe inside.*
- **Orla Williams, University of Nottingham (UK)**, *The dark art of milling: optimising the milling of low carbon fuels for energy applications.*
- **Mohsen Yahyaei, The University of Queensland (Australia)**, *When comminution and classification circuits start talking: communicative process automation and the future of autonomy.*

Abstract submission is now open!

Deadline: 15 April 2026

Please refer to the symposium website, constantly updated (<https://www.aidic.it/escc2026/>), for information on venue, organising and scientific committees, abstract submission, registration, Conference program, key dates.

*Fabio Montagnaro
University of Naples Federico II
Conference Chair*



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Chemical Engineering Research and Design

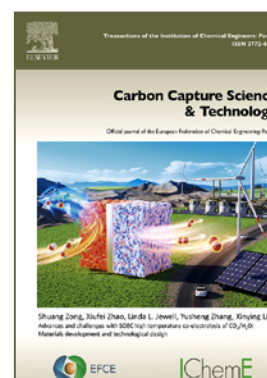
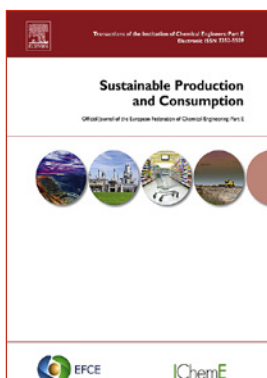
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<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.psep.2024.01.008>
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<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.psep.2024.11.020>
- January 2025 issue (Volume 193)
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<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.spc.2023.05.016>
- The SPC article winning the IChemE Hutchison Medal, 2025 "Carbon dioxide removal from the oceans: Carbon dioxide emission and techno-economic analyses of producing renewable synthetic methane"
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Invitation to submit papers

We have a number of special issues planned that are currently open to all for submissions. If you require any further information then please contact Managing Editor Colin Smith csmith@icheme.org

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Special Issue: Astrochemical Engineering (Manuscript submission deadline **01 April 2026**)

Sustainable Production and Consumption

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/sustainable-production-and-consumption/about/call-for-papers>

Special Issue: Sustainable Urban Transitions (Manuscript submission deadline **15 March 2026**)

Digital Chemical Engineering

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/digital-chemical-engineering/about/call-for-papers>

Special Issue: Advances in the Digitalisation of Process Industries (Manuscript submission deadline **01 February 2026**)

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/special-issue/327399/resilient-chemical-engineering-systems-in-the-digital-age>

Special Issue: Resilient Chemical Engineering Systems in the Digital Age (Manuscript submission deadline **31 May 2026**)

Carbon Capture Science & Technology

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/carbon-capture-science-and-technology/about/call-for-papers>

Special Issue: Synergies between Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage Technologies and Building Materials (Manuscript submission deadline **01 June 2026**)

Special Issue: 2025 IChemE & CCST Young Investigator Award (Manuscript submission deadline **31 December 2025**)

Special Issue: 2025 IChemE & CCST Distinguished Investigator Award (Manuscript submission deadline **31 December 2025**)

EFCE Events in 2026/27

Organised by or on behalf of EFCE

An extended list of events is available at <http://www.efce.info/events.html>

Industrial Biotechnology International Conference - IBIC 2026 Palermo, Italy, 10-13 May 2026 (EFCE Event No. 822)

IBIC 2026 is organised by the Italian EFCE Member Society AIDIC.

The conference offers a platform for presenting new ideas and discussing the latest advances in applied biotechnology supported by sound science leading to novel industrial developments.

In this context, IBIC 2026 covers topical issues in bio-production, bio-separation, and bio-detection. The latest research topics will be presented, including nano-biotechnology, biorefinery and biofuels, biocatalysis, biomaterials, and microbial fuel cells. Microbes will be discussed as cell factories, and fermenters will be investigated as integrated systems in recovery operations. This event is an opportunity to exchange up-to-date information on industrial needs, new technology developments, and research opportunities.

Topics: Foundational Technologies & Advanced Biorefining; Industrial Bioprocess Engineering & Production Scalability; Applications of Industrial Biotechnology Across Sectors; Environmental Stewardship & Societal Impact. For details click here

Plenary speakers: Prof. Luuk Van der Wielen, University of Limerick, Ireland; Dr. Serena Gitto, Barzanò & Zanardo S.p.A., Italy

The call for papers is open. abstract submission: 30 December 2025 (please consult the website for updates)

The full set of final selected papers will be published into Chemical Engineering Transactions Journal, indexed by SCOPUS and SCHOLAR.

Website: <https://www.aidic.it/ibic2026/>

International conference on BIOMASS - ICON BM 2026 Bologna, Italy, 26-27 May 2026 (EFCE Event No. 823)

ICON BM is organised by AIDIC, the Italian

Association of Chemical Engineering.

In the future, low carbon economy and bioenergy can play a significant role and contribute substantially to the global energy supply and to a society entirely independent of fossil fuels as programmed by 2050. Within this scope many countries invested resources and set up ambitious strategies towards the achievement of a large share of the 20% renewable energy target by 2030. Many experts predict that energy from biomass shall increase in the next years by 66%, meaning that biomass use (at least for electricity production) will double compared to 2030.

This event is an opportunity to exchange up-to-date information on industrial needs, new technology developments and research opportunities.

Topics: Biomass resources; Biofuels production processes; Biomass conversion for bioenergy and bio-based products; Sustainable biomass production and utilization: impacts and policies; Bioenergy integration into energy systems. For details [click here](#)

The call for papers is open. Current deadline for abstract submission: 30 November 2025 (please consult the website for updates)

The full set of final selected papers will be published into Chemical Engineering Transactions Journal, indexed by SCOPUS and SCHOLAR.

Website: <https://www.aidic.it/iconbm2026>

16th Mediterranean Congress of Chemical Engineering (MeCCE) Barcelona, Spain, 2-4 June 2026 (EFCE Event No. 817)

The event is organised by the Spanish EFCE Member Society SEQUI in conjunction with EXPOQUIMIA.

Under the theme "Transforming the Industry, Shaping the Future," this edition will explore the evolving role of chemical engineering in tackling major global challenges and implementing the 2030 Agenda—from science to industry—through the power of engineering.

What makes MECCE truly unique is its role as a bridge between science, engineering, and industry. The congress fosters real dialogue between the academic community and the key industrial sectors that make up the chemical and process industries ecosystem.

Topics: Pioneering Approaches to Teaching and Learning in Chemical Engineering; Innovative & Critical Raw Materials; Circularity & Water Resource; Decarbonization & Hydrogen; Digital Twins, AI & Advanced Process Control; Food & Bio Engineering, Fine Chemicals & Pharma.

Registration and the call for papers are open. Abstract submission deadline: 2 February 2026

Deadline for early-bird registration fee: 31 March 2026

Plenary speakers: Dr. Cristina Alonso Alija, Advisory Member of Newlink, The World Bank and IQS; Dr. Selina Ambrose, Product Manager at Promethean Particles; Prof. Benoit Celse, Project Manager at IFP Energies Nouvelles; Prof. Juan M. Lema, Emeritus Professor of Chemical Engineering at University of Santiago de Compostela; Prof. Andrea Ramírez, Professor at TU Delft and Head of its Chemical Engineering Department.

Discover and connect activities: MeCCE routes at Expoquimia and Talent day:

MECCE 2026 - DISCOVER AND CONNECT ACTIVITIES

Website: <https://www.mecce.org/>

14th European Symposium on Electrochemical Engineering – 14ESEE2026+ Glasgow, United Kingdom, 8-11 June 2026 (EFCE Event No. 832)

ESEE 2026 is organised by the EFCE Working Party on Electrochemical Engineering in cooperation with the University of Strathclyde.

Electrochemical Engineering offers the possibility of using clean electricity for the manufacturing of household and industrial products, producing chemicals, energy, and pharmaceuticals, pathways to decarbonised transportation, reduce and remediate polluted environment, providing clean water addressing major sustainable development goals (SDGs) cited by the United Nations. For Electrochemical Engineering to become truly a service to humankind many of these ideas need to be tested, verified, translated, and deployed at

scale where electrochemistry has to be coupled seamlessly with engineering. 14ESEE2026+ brings together ideas, concepts, theories with experimental discoveries, knowledge and verification, which are then translated and scaled up to real-life experiences in the field. We welcome academics, scientists, industrialists, suppliers and entrepreneurs for an exciting forum for a dialogue of a Very Electric Future!

Topics: Bio-, sono- and photo- electrochemical engineering; Electrochemical energy conversion and vectors; Electrochemical entrepreneurship and challenges; Electrochemical Processes; Electrochemical Reaction and Process Components; Electrochemistry and electrochemical engineering in unusual media; Electrosynthesis of new materials; Fundamental aspects of Electrochemical Engineering; New challenges facing society; Scalable Electrochemistry and Engineering; * Pulse Plating Development and Research (for 12/06 only). For details [click here](#)

The call for papers is open. Deadline for abstract submission: 17 December 2025 Call for nominations for the EFCE Carl Wagner Medal of Excellence in Electrochemical Engineering. Deadline for nominations: 31 January 2026 (details see <https://efce.info/Carl+Wagner+Medal> and above)

Website: <https://strath.eventsair.com/esee-2026/>

International Conference on Safety & Environment in Process & Power Industry and Fire Explosion 2026 - CISAP12/FEx2026

Torino, Italy, 14-17 June 2026 (EFCE Event No. 825)

CISAP12/FEx2026 is organised by AIDIC, the Italian Association of Chemical Engineering.

CISAP12 & FEx2026 offers a compelling programme that provides opportunities to exchange ideas with colleagues from all sectors - including academia and industry - and to share presentations on the latest key innovations in safety and the environment within the process and power industries and technical advances in the field of fires and explosions.

Topics: 1. Environmental impact and emergency releases, 50 years after Seveso: new regulations and trends; 2. NaTech Risks, related to climate

change; 3. Safety in plant construction and operation: safety culture in companies and society, staff training and new tools, accidents prevention at site; 4. Fires and Explosions: risks, modelling, electrostatics; 5. Risks related to Energy Transition: H₂, NH₃, others; 6. Nuclear power safety, 40 years after Chernobyl: risks of new generation reactors and SMRs/AMRs, decommissioning, storage; 7. Safety 5.0, AI and digital transformation of industrial processes. 8. Safety Fundamentals: Multi risk assessment, Resilience of complex systems, Safety in transportation, Safety of decarbonization, Physical-cyber security in processes, Human factors, etc.

The call for papers is open. Deadline for abstract submission: 15 December 2025

The full set of final selected papers will be published into Chemical Engineering Transactions Journal, indexed by SCOPUS and SCHOLAR.

Website: <https://www.aidic.it/cisap-12fex26/index.php>

36th European Symposium on Computer Aided Process Engineering 2026 – ESCAPE'36 Sheffield, United Kingdom, 21-24 June 2026 (EFCE Event No. 830)

ESCAPE is organised by the EFCE Working Party on CAPE in cooperation with the University of Sheffield. The organisation will be led by members of the University's School of Chemical, Materials and Biological Engineering, in collaboration with the Institution of Chemical Engineers (IChemE) and the Grantham Centre for Sustainable Futures.

Since it began, ESCAPE has become a prestigious platform for the process systems engineering community to connect with experts, share innovative ideas, and explore latest advancements. Spread across four days, researchers, industry professionals, and students, will enjoy a wide range of presentations, posters, plenary speakers, workshops, panel discussions, networking opportunities, and social events.

Topics: Resilient Sustainability through CAPE; CAPE in Circular Economy; CAPE in Clean Energy Systems; CAPEing with Uncertain Futures; Pharmaceutical and Biotechnological Systems; Modelling and Simulation; Process Design, Scheduling and Optimisation; Process Control and Operation; CAPE in Education, Knowledge

Transfer and Entrepreneurship. For details [click here](#)

Plenary speakers: Marianthi Ierapetritou, University of Delaware, USA (2025 IChemE Sargent Medal Winner); Vassilis Charitopoulos, University College London, UK; Tony Ryan OBE, University of Sheffield, UK; Geoff Darch, Anglian Water, UK.

Registration will open in December 2025. Early-bird registration deadline: 6 April 2026

Website: <https://www.escape36.co.uk>

Sustainable Systems & Chemical Engineering Conference – SuSChemE 2026

Athens, Greece, 29-30 June 2026 (EFCE Event No. 829)

SuSChemE 2026 is organised by the EFCE Section on Sustainability in cooperation with the Hellenic Association of Chemical Engineers (HACE) and the Technical Chamber of Greece (TCG). The event is held in conjunction with SUSTENS 2 – “SUSTainable ENgineering Systems” of the SUSTENS HUB – a global platform connecting engineers across chemical, mechanical, environmental, and computer-aided systems disciplines.

SuSChemE is the inaugurating flagship event of the EFCE Sustainability Section, an initiative driven by the vision of positioning chemical engineering at the forefront of the transition to sustainable development. Rooted in a systemic and holistic approach, the EFCE Sustainability Section promotes the rebuilding of industries through circular economy principles, innovative technologies, and solutions that balance human needs with planetary viability. With strong academic and industrial participation, SuSChemE provides a platform for leadership, collaboration, and scientific progress in sustainable process and product innovation.

Topics: 1. Green & Sustainable Technologies; 2. Biotechnology Engineering Systems; 3. Power-to-X Systems; 4. AI-Driven Engineering Solutions; 5. Process Engineering & Industrial Applications; 6. Safe & Sustainable by Design Processes and Materials. For details see [Key dates & Topics - SuSChemE - SUSTENS 2](#)

The call for papers is open. Deadline for abstract submission: 15 February 2026

Publication opportunities: 1. Abstracts in Book of abstracts; 2. Conference papers in Conference Proceedings; Full-length manuscripts in Industrial & Engineering, Chemistry Research (ACS) and Biochemical Engineering Journal (ELSEVIER)

Awards: Best presentation: 500 €;
Best poster: 300 €

Website: <https://www.suscheme-sustens2.com/>

International Conference on environmental monitoring of odours and VOCs – NOSE 2026 **Torino, Italy, 6-8 July 2026 (EFCE Event No. 825)**

NOSE 2026 is organised by AIDIC, the Italian Association of Chemical Engineering.

The study and assessment of odours is becoming increasingly important across many sectors. Since its first edition in 2008, the NOSE conference series has focused on the latest developments in environmental odour monitoring and control.

In recent years, the conference has expanded its scope to include other areas which is based not solely on odour and odorant assessment, but also on specific pollutants like VOCs.

The goal of the NOSE conference series is to bring together members of the scientific and industrial communities from around the world. It provides a platform to exchange experiences and ideas, discuss innovations in environmental odour research, and explore a wide range of topics, offering a comprehensive perspective on this continuously evolving field.

Topics: Odour regulation & relevant standards; Sources sampling and characterization; Chemical characterization of odours; Sensorial measurements; Odour & gas sensing; Community participation; Toxicity and health; Dispersion modelling; Odour emission control. For details [click here](#)

The call for papers is open. Deadline for abstract submission: 15 February 2026

The full set of final selected papers will be published into Chemical Engineering Transactions Journal, indexed by SCOPUS and SCHOLAR.

Website: <https://www.aidic.it/nose2026/>

28th International Congress of Chemical and Process Engineering – CHISA 2026

Prague, Czech Republic, 23-27 August 2026 (EFCE Event No. 826)

CHISA 2026 is organised by the Czech Society of Chemical engineering under the theme “*The future of the world relies on engineers: chemical engineers meet at CHISA*”.

CHISA – the world’s chemical engineering congress with the longest tradition.” What makes CHISA truly unique is its almost family-like atmosphere: students and young researchers meet world-renowned experts at the same table, creating space for genuine networking, exchange of ideas, and intergenerational connections. This spirit of openness and collaboration is the hallmark of CHISA, making every edition a special experience.

Topics: Global Thoughts; Energy; Matter In Motion; Not Only Faster; Particles; Green Issues; You must know; College; Process Integration, Modelling and optimization for Energy Savings and Pollution Reduction. For details [click here](#)

Plenary speakers: Patricia Luis Alconero, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium; Enis Leblebici, KU Leuven, Belgium; Edwin Zondervan, University of Twente, The Netherlands; Dmitry Murzin, Abo Akademi, Finland; Jozef Chmelař, ContiPro, Czech Republic. For information about the Welcome ceremony, Congress concert, students beer party and Congress dinner see [Social Programme – CHISA 2026 Prague](#).

The call for papers is open. Deadline for submission of oral presentation: 31 January 2026

Website: <https://2026.chisa.cz>

13th International Conference on Distillation & Absorption - D&A 2026 **Salzburg, Austria, 30 August – 2 September 2026** **(EFCE Event No. 821)**

Distillation & Absorption 2026 is organised by the EFCE Working Party on Fluid Separations in cooperation with DECHEMA e.V.

The conference will cover a broad range of fundamental and applied aspects of distillation and absorption technology. Plenary lectures, oral

presentations in two parallel sessions and poster sessions will be offered. Beyond that we are confident that numerous sponsors and exhibitors will present their product range and research.

Topics: Novel, Fine, Pharma and Biochemical Processes; Basic Data including AI and ML; Modeling and Simulation including AI and ML; Control, Operation and Process Troubleshooting; New Methods, Equipment and Process Designs Intensified Processes, Additive Manufacturing, Special Driving Forces, Hybrid Processes; Carbon Capture Technologies and Sustainability Assessment; Energy and material transition Integration and Efficiency, Electrification, Flexibility, Circular Economy; Education.

The call for papers is open. Deadline for Deadline for 6-Page-Paper Submission of accepted papers: 31 January 2026

Publication of papers:

- **6-Page-Paper:** DOI-number for book of abstracts; All abstracts will be available on webpage of DECHEMA
- **Full Paper:** Accepted 6-Page-Paper will be invited for Full paper submission to CHERD (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/chemical-engineering-research-and-design>)

Call for nominations for the EFCE Excellence Award in Fluid Separations to be presented at D&A 2026. Deadline for nominations: 9 February 2026. Details see <https://www.efce.info/ExcellenceAwardFluidSeparations.html> and above

Website: <https://dechema.de/en/da2026.html>

18th European Conference on Mixing – Mixing 18

Limerick, Ireland, 30 August – 2 September 2026 (EFCE Event No. 827)

Mixing18 is organised by the EFCE Working Party on Mixing and hosted at the University of Limerick.

Conference Theme: *Smarter Mixing - for More Sustainable Processes and Products* Innovation that drives efficiency, reduces environmental impact, and delivers real-world benefits. MIXING18 will explore cutting-edge advances in mixing science and technology with a strong emphasis on sustainability, digital innovation, and practical impact across industries. It will focus on innovations that enable efficient, low-energy, and environmentally responsible mixing solutions.

Key Themes: Single-phase and multiphase mixing: laminar and turbulent regimes; Handling complex fluids (non-Newtonian, viscoelastic, emulsions, suspensions); CFD models and advanced simulations; Mixing and heat/mass transfer; Mixing and aeration in (bio) pharmaceutical and biotech systems; Reactive mixing, crystallization, dissolution, precipitation; Mixing in continuous and intensified processes (micro/milli-reactors, plug flow) For details [click here](#)

The call for papers is open. Deadline for abstract submission: 1 February 2026

Alongside a rich scientific programme, delegates will enjoy a welcoming atmosphere, opportunities to network with international colleagues, and a taste of Ireland's culture and hospitality-from our riverside reception to the conference dinner and the optional excursion to the Cliffs of Moher.

Call for nominations for the Young Researcher Award and the Lifetime Award in Mixing to be presented at Mixing18. Deadline for nominations: 30 April 2026. Details see above

Website: <https://mixing18.dryfta.com/>

XIX European Symposium on Comminution & Classification – ESCC 2026

Naples, Italy, 27-30 September 2026 (EFCE Event No. 816)

ESCC 2026 is organised by the EFCE Working Party on Comminution and Classification in cooperation with the Italian EFCE Member Society AIDIC, the Italian Association of Chemical Engineering.

Details see above.

The call for papers is open. Deadline for abstract submission 15 April 2026 Please refer to the symposium website, constantly updated for information on venue, organising and scientific committees, abstract submission, registration, Conference program, key dates.

Website: <https://www.aidic.it/esc2026/>

International Conference on Chemical Engineering as Applied to Medicine – CheEMed 2026 Cagliari, Italy, 26.-28 October 2026 (EFCE Event No. 828)

ChemEMed 2026 is organised by the EFCE Section on Chemical Engineering as Applied to Medicine in cooperation with the Italian EFCE Member Society AIDIC, the Italian Association of Chemical Engineering. The main goal of the conference is to provide a forum for discussing the use of the scientific basis and methods of chemical and process engineering to solve various problems in physiology, medical diagnosis and therapy, health care, toxicology, etc.

The Conference technical program is structured in parallel sessions, which will be held over four days. The Conference topics will be treated in invited plenary lectures, selected lecture presentations and poster sessions. Posters will stay on for the whole conference promoting Author presentation and spontaneous discussion.

Topics addressed at the meeting include (but are not limited to): I Process Systems Engineering Approach to Physiology; II - Mass Transfer in Physiological Systems and Artificial Organs; III - Novel Drug Delivery Systems; IV - Concepts of Process Intensification in Medical Applications; V - Advanced Biomaterials for Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine; VI - Nanotechnology applied to Drug Delivery and Theranostics; VII - Machine Learning and Other Modeling Methods in Medical Engineering.

The call for papers is open. Deadline for abstract submission: 30 December 2025

The full set of final selected papers will be published into Chemical Engineering Transactions Journal, indexed by SCOPUS and SCHOLAR.

Website: <https://www.aidic.it/cheme26/>

16th European Congress of Chemical Engineering & 9th European Congress of Applied Biotechnology (ECCE16 & ECAB9)

**Edinburgh, Scotland, 12-16
September 2027 (EFCE Event No. 783)**

The flagship event of EFCE is organised by IChemE. IChemE is delighted to be organising the 2027 European Congress of Chemical Engineering and

European Congress of Applied Biotechnology. Building upon the success of previous events, you are warmly invited to join us in Edinburgh.

The Congress, hosted at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC), will bring together more than 1000 researchers, academics and industrialists to share ideas, experience and insight. Be part of the UK's biggest chemical engineering event for over 20 years!

The overarching theme of the 2027 European Congress of Chemical Engineering and European Congress of Applied Biotechnology is "*Engineering a Sustainable World*".

In addition to the scientific areas covered by the EFCE Working Parties and Sections and the ESBS Sections, the congresses will focus on the most relevant United Nations Sustainable Development Goals: Zero Hunger, Good Health & Well-Being, Clean Water & Sanitation, Affordable & Clean Energy, Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure, Sustainable Cities & Communities, Responsible Consumption & Production, and Climate Action.

The call for papers will open in summer 2026.

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Website: <https://www.ecce-ecab2027.org/>

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