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New EFCE President and Executive Vice-President

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The European Federation of Chemical Engineering (EFCE) has the pleasure to announce that Professor Jiří Drahoš is the new EFCE President and Professor John Garside the new EFCE Executive Vice-President. The EFCE General Assembly elected Professor Drahoš and Professor Garside in Glasgow/UK in July 2005 for a two-year term of office (1st January 2006 to 31st December 2007).

Prof. Jiří Drahoš completed the study of physical chemistry at the Institute of Chemical Technology, Prague (ICTP) in 1972. He then began a study stay at the Institute of Chemical Process Fundamentals of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences (CSAS), now the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (ASCR), where in 1977 he received the degree of CSc. (*candidate of sciences*). Since 1977 he has worked at this Institute holding various positions, such as research scientist, senior research scientist, head of department, Deputy Director (1992-1995), and Director (1996-2003). In 2005 he was elected to the position of the Vice-President of the Academy of Sciences.

In 1994, he qualified as Associate Professor in chemical engineering at ICTP; in 1999, he defended a doctoral thesis for the DrSc. degree in chemical engineering at ICTP, and in 2003 he was appointed Full Professor. From 1985-1986 he worked as A.v. Humboldt Fellow at the University of Hannover (Germany). Currently, he is Visiting Professor at the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

His principle research interest is focused on hydrodynamics of multiphase chemical reactors. He has published more than 60 original papers in renowned international journals, is the co-inventor of one international and 10 Czech patents. In 1977 he was awarded the Medal of the CSAS.

He is a member of the Engineering Academy of the Czech Republic, Chairman of the Czech Society of Chemical Engineering, Chairman of the Board of Governors of ICTP, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Czech Association of Chemical Industry. He is a member of the Executive Board of the European Federation of Chemical Engineering and Chairman of the Working Party on Multiphase Fluid Flow. Since 2002 he has chaired the International Congress of Chemical and Process Engineering CHISA.

He is the editor of the international journal *Chemical Engineering Research and Design* and a member of the Editorial Boards of the journals *International Journal of Multiphase Flow* and *Clean Products and Processes*.

Prof. Garside studied chemical engineering at University College London, completing his Bachelor's degree in 1963, his PhD in 1966, and was awarded a DSc(Eng) by the University of London in 1986. After 3 years working for ICI on Teesside in the UK, he returned to a faculty position at University College.

In 1976 he was a Fulbright Senior Scholar at Iowa State University in the USA and in 1982 was appointed to a Chair in Chemical Engineering at UMIST. Here he served a Head of Department for 7 years as well as spending a sabbatical period in Tokyo as a Monbusho/British Council Visiting Professor. He is a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering and of University College London and holds Honorary Degrees from UMIST and the University of Manchester. He was awarded a CBE for 'Services to Higher Education' in 2004.

Between 2000 and 2004 he was appointed Vice Chancellor of UMIST and in this position led the merger of UMIST and the Victoria University of Manchester to form a new university in Manchester. He had previously been a Pro-Vice Chancellor with responsibility for academic planning and development.

His research specialization is in the broad field of crystallization and he is the author of over 150 research publications and author or editor of eight books. He has acted as a consultant to over 20 companies in the UK, the USA, and mainland Europe, and he chaired the EFCE Working Party on Industrial Crystallization from 1993 to 2001.

He has served as President of the Institution of Chemical Engineers in the UK, and is currently the Honorary Editor of *The Transactions of the Institution of Chemical Engineers* series, the official journal of the EFCE. He is a UK delegate on the Executive Board of the European Federation of Chemical Engineering.

The European Federation of Chemical Engineering extends its best wishes to Professor Drahoš and Professor Garside in their new positions.