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Yianneskis and Ditl honoured with mixing awards

The Working Party on Mixing of the European Federation of Chemical Engineering (EFCE) has announced **Professor Michael Yianneskis**, Emeritus Professor of Fluid Mechanics at King's College London and Honorary Professor at University College London, United Kingdom, as this year's winner of the triennial **2018 EFCE Lifetime Recognition Award in Mixing.**

The award has been presented in recognition for his outstanding contribution to the advancement of mixing science, together with recognition of the importance of mixing in the European chemical engineering community and appreciation of its industrial significance.



The award jury especially recognised his experimental work which has greatly increased fundamental understanding of turbulent flow in stirred vessels with many scientific papers of significant impact. They also noted his commitment to the mixing community in the UK and in Europe through his contribution to the EFCE Working Party on Mixing, his chairmanship of the Fluid Mixing Process Special Interest Group of IChemE and his role as (co-)organiser and chair of several international mixing symposia and the 13th European Conference on Mixing in London, UK, in 2009.

Professor Yianneskis received his Master and PhD degrees from Imperial College London, United Kingdom. In 1985 he joined the King's College London, United Kingdom, as a lecturer and was appointed professor in Fluid Mechanics in 1996. From 2004 to 2009 he held the position of Head of the School (Dean) of Physical Sciences and Engineering at King's College London. Yianneskis has also been a member of several industrial/governmental advisory panels and research organisations.

Professor Yianneskis said: "I am extremely honoured by the EFCE Lifetime Recognition Award in Mixing 2018 and I am delighted to accept your invitation to the presentation of the award on 11 September 2018 in Toulouse.

I wish to thank all members of the selection committee, as well as everyone involved in the nomination and selection process. I am also indebted to my colleagues and all my ex-students who have been instrumental in helping to improve the understanding of fluid mixing processes." The Lifetime Recognition Award in Mixing, which is generously sponsored by Unilever, comprised of a \in 1,500 cash prize and certificate. It was presented to Professor Yianneskis during the conference dinner at the 16th European Conference on Mixing, held in Toulouse, France, from 9–12 September 2018.



At the same time, the EFCE Working Party on Mixing also presented the **EFCE Personal Recognition Award in Mixing 2018** to **Professor Dr.-Ing. Pavel Ditl**, Czech Technical University, Prague, Czech Republic, to give public recognition to his outstanding service and contribution to the EFCE Working Party on Mixing, both as a member and Chairman (1985 to 2003) of the Working Party.

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