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2009 Student Mobility Award winners announced

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Ms. Natacha Bitinis has captured the €2000 top prize in the 2009 EFCE Student Mobility Award. The scheme recognises the best European students of chemical engineering who have spent one or more semesters studying outside their home country.

The 24-year-old French student has studied at Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Industries Chimiques, France; Imperial College London, UK; and Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas/Universidad Menéndez Pelay, Spain; alongside a student placement with GlaxoSmithKline in Cork, Ireland.

The award is designed to promote student mobility amongst European chemical engineering students. Austria's, Gerhard Landschuetzer won the second prize of €1500 whilst Xavier Mesnier, also of France, secured the third prize of 1000 Euros.

The prizes will be presented during the 8th World Congress of Chemical Engineering, which takes place in Montréal, Canada, from 23 to 27 August 2009. The prize-winners have been invited to attend the congress free of charge. Travel and accommodation expenses will be borne by the Federation.

Speaking on confirmation of this year's winners, EFCE President, Professor Jiri Drahos said:

"We are pleased to be helping these young people to attend the World Congress and I am sure that they will benefit from the experience. EFCE is committed to supporting the education and training of chemical engineers in Europe and our popular mobility scheme is a clear demonstration of that commitment."

Notes to editors:

Founded in 1953, The European Federation of Chemical Engineering (EFCE) is a non profit making association, the object of which is to promote co-operation in Europe between non-profit-making professional scientific and technical societies in 30 countries for the general advancement of chemical engineering and as a means of furthering the development of chemical engineering.