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Presentation of the EFCE Student Mobility Award 2005

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On the occasion of the 7th World Congress of Chemical Engineering including ECCE-5 in Glasgow, UK, on 14 July 2005, for the first time the European Federation of Chemical Engineering presented the EFCE Student Mobility Award. The award, which will be presented every two years, consists of three prizes and seeks to promote mobility amongst European chemical engineering students. The prizes are awarded to the best European students who have studied successfully at least one semester in first or second cycle study programmes in chemical engineering in each of two or more different countries.

An international jury selected this year's prize-winners from 44 applicants representing 13 European countries for their excellent academic performance and for their account, in a one-page essay, of the experiences while studying in different countries. They were invited to attend the Chemical Engineering congress as guests of EFCE.

1st Prize (2,000 €)

Tobias Kraus, Germany

Tobias Kraus studied at TU Munich, Germany, where he obtained his degree, and also at Cambridge, MA, USA and Neuchatel, Switzerland. In his essay he wrote: "Going abroad was an experiment to me. Today I am a PhD student and the only chemical engineer amongst solid state physicists, materials scientists, chemists and microbiologists, working on surface engineering and chemistry as well as microelectronic materials. That would not have happened without the experiences I gathered abroad."

2nd Prize (1,500 €)

Laura Diaz Anadon, Spain

Laura Diaz Anadon obtained her degree at UMIST, Manchester, UK; she also studied in Stuttgart, Germany. She stated: "My experiences studying in the UK and in Germany completely changed my views and plans for the future".

3rd Prize (1,000 €)

Lyonel Ehrl, Germany

Lyonel Ehrl studied at TU Munich, Germany, where he obtained his degree, and also at Santiago de Chile and Novochoerkassk, Russia. He wrote: "Thanks to the good experience I had during my student-exchange year in the USA, during a foreign-semester in Chile, and in the Russian Federation I truly know to appreciate the positive experiences of a stay abroad."