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Presentation of the EFCE Excellence Award 2006 in Recognition of an Outstanding PhD Thesis on CAPE

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On the occasion of the PSE'2006 & ESCAPE-16* conference, in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, from 9 to 13 July 2006, the European Federation of Chemical Engineering (EFCE) presented, for the first time, the **EFCE Excellence Award in Recognition of an Outstanding PhD Thesis on CAPE** - Computer Aided Process Engineering. The biennial award is made in recognition of a PhD Thesis published in the preceding two-year period which demonstrates the most outstanding contribution to research and/or practice in CAPE. The award comprises a certificate, a cash prize of 4,000 Euros, and free admission and a travel grant for the ESCAPE conference where the award is presented. Furthermore the winner is invited to give a plenary presentation of the results of the PhD Thesis and prepare a guest paper in an appropriate reviewed journal.

Dr. Marta Dueñas Díez, Norway, is the winner of the **EFCE Excellence Award 2006** in Recognition of an Outstanding PhD Thesis on CAPE. She completed her PhD Thesis on "Population balance modelling and passivity-based control of particulate processes, applied to the Silgrain process" from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Telemark University College, under the supervision of Professor Bernt Lie.

Dr. Dueñas Díez obtained her Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in chemical engineering at the University of Valladolid, Spain. She is currently employed at the Hydro Oil and Research Centre, Porsgrun, Norway.

The PhD Theses of Dr. Pinky Dua, Imperial College of Science, Technology & Medicine, UK and Dr. Loic d'Anterrosches, Technical University of Denmark, were the joint runners-up.

* Note to editors: PSE'2006 – 9th International Symposium on Process Systems Engineering 2006
ESCAPE-16 - 16th European Symposium on Computer Aided Process Engineering