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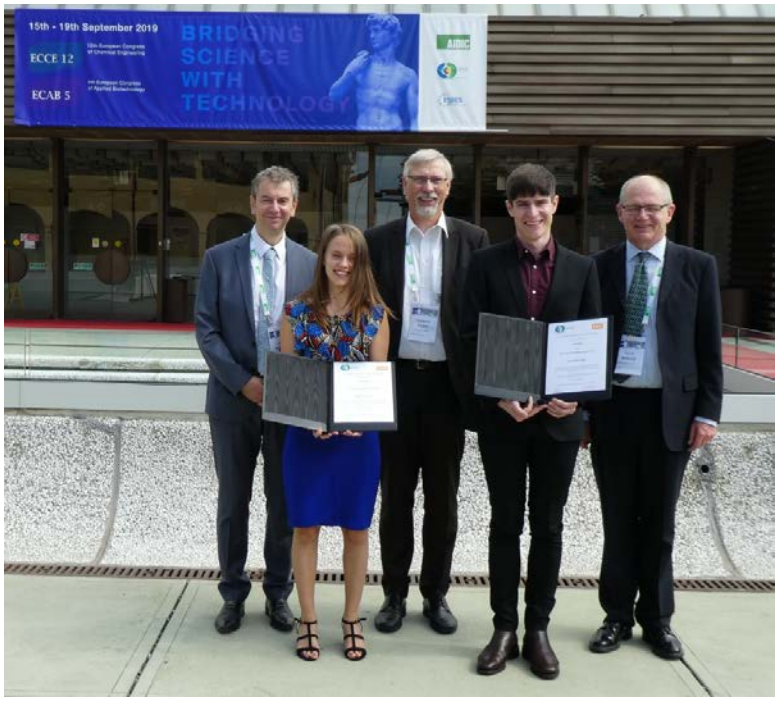
EFCE presents its 2019 EFCE Student Mobility Award winners

Three outstanding young chemical engineers have been selected by an international jury to receive the **2019 Student Mobility Award** of the Federation which recognises mobility during their academic studies. The award was presented in Florence, Italy, on 19 September 2019 during the Closing Session of the 12th European Congress of Chemical Engineering & 5th European Congress of Applied Biotechnology - ECCE12 & ECAB5.



Filippo Licordari – 1st prize

This year's first prize of €2,000 was awarded to Filippo Licordari who is currently working for Boston Consulting Group AG, in Zürich, Switzerland. Filippo Licordari obtained a Foundation Degree in chemical engineering from Imperial College London, United Kingdom, his Bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Politecnico di Milano, Italy, and a Master's degree in process engineering from ETH Zürich, Switzerland. During his studies he completed internships at Eni SpA in Italy and Lonza AG in Switzerland. Furthermore, he conducted the Master's research project at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA.

In his essay Mr. Licordari stated: "I deeply believe that Politecnico di Milano (which I attended for my bachelor's degree) and ETH offered me a first-class working method as I was constantly stimulated to understand and to analyze new phenomena and processes."

He wrote: "I would like to thank all the people in the community, professors of Politecnico di Milano and ETH Zurich and all my studying friends who are attending the conference. I have met great people during my studies and they all have been such inspiring during my path: The chemical engineering community is really great!"

Roman Weh – 2nd prize

The second prize (€1,500) was awarded to Roman Weh who currently is a PhD student in Chemical & Process Engineering at The University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia, on "*Gas Separation by Dual Reflux-Pressure Swing Adsorption*". He completed his Bachelor degree in process engineering and his Master's degree in chemical engineering at Mannheim University of Applied Sciences, Germany, with the his final degree project at the École Nationale Supérieure des Industries Chimiques - ENSIC, in Nancy, France. During his studies he completed a research internship at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada.

In his essay he stated: "Not only did I learn how to work independently in a scientific environment, but I also had the valuable opportunity to work with people from all over the world. It was remarkable to witness how research brings together people from very different cultures and countries, all sharing in the same interests and striving for the same goals. This experience significantly contributed to my personal development. I became more open-minded towards people from foreign cultures and overcame prejudice. I also improved my English language skills and I learned to work in an international team setting."

Jeanne Le Loeuff – 3rd prize

The third prize (€1,000) was awarded to Jeanne Le Loeuff who is currently finalizing her German-French Binational double degree programme in process engineering (Bachelor degree) and chemical engineering (Master's degree) at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Industries Chimiques - ENSIC, Nancy, France, in cooperation with the Mannheim University of Applied Sciences, Germany. During her studies she completed two training periods in Germany, at Raschig Ludwigshafen and Grosskraftwerk Mannheim.

Commenting on her experiences studying abroad, she said: "This advantage of having seen different methods of learning is both a great chance for my professional life and my personal one." She added that studying in a foreign country has given her a bigger vision of the world and helped her understand it better.

Presented biannually by the European Federation of Chemical Engineering (EFCE), these awards honour the best European chemical engineering students who have sought professional development and gained cross-cultural experiences by studying outside their home country for one semester or more.

The 2019 Student Mobility Award is generously sponsored by BASF SE.

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Photograph caption (L-R): Professor Eric Schaer (Chair of EFCE Working Party on Education); 3rd prize winner, Jeanne Le Loeuff; Dr. Hermann J. Feise, BASF SE; 2nd prize winner, Roman Weh; Professor David Bogle, EFCE Scientific Vice-President (missing: 1st Prize winner, Filippo Licordari).

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