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Call for Nominations

EFCE Excellence Award in Membrane Engineering 2010

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The European Federation of Chemical Engineering (EFCE) has pleasure in announcing the **Excellence Award in Membrane Engineering 2010**. The award, which is being launched by new EFCE Section on Membrane Engineering¹, intends to recognise a PhD thesis or paper(s) published in the preceding three-year period which represents an outstanding contribution to research and/or practice in membrane engineering in the process industries.

The award consists of a certificate, a cash prize of 1500 Euros, and a travel grant of up to 500 Euros. In addition, the award winner will be invited to ECCE-7 – CHISA 2010* which will take place from 29 August to 2 September 2010 in Prague, CZ, where the award will be presented during a special workshop on membrane engineering.

Nominations may be submitted by any PhD supervisor at a PhD-awarding institution in an EFCE member country or by a member of an EFCE member society. The PhD thesis or paper(s) nominated must address a topic relevant to the field of membrane engineering. Only PhD theses or paper(s) published between 1 January 2007 and 31 December 2009 are eligible for nomination.

Deadline for nominations: **31 January 2010**.

For further information about the nomination procedure, eligibility, supporting documentation, etc., please refer to the EFCE website at <http://www.efce.info/ExcellenceAwardMembraneEngineering.html>.

*Note for the editor:

ECCE-7 – CHISA 2010: 7th European Congress of Chemical Engineering (ECCE-7) and 19th International Congress of Chemical and Process Engineering (CHISA 2010)

¹ The EFCE Section on Membrane Engineering, formerly the Working Party on Membranes, was founded in 2007. This re-organisation was approved by the EFCE General Assembly on 16 September 2007. The inaugural meeting of the Section on Membrane Engineering was held on 19 September 2007 during ECCE-6 in Copenhagen.

The motivation for the transformation of the Working Party on Membranes into the Section on Membrane Engineering is principally related to:

- the large spectrum of problems now covered by membrane operations, which make it imperative to involve non-membranologists, i.e. engineers and researchers engaged in various problems to which membrane engineers can make a contribution;
- the growth of membrane operations in a large variety of industrial areas and in the medical field, such as:
 - desalination of sea/brackish waters, wastewater treatment and reuse.
 - gas separation, agro-food, packaging.
 - biochemical engineering, regenerative medicine.
 - petrochemical industry.

The objectives of the Section on Membrane Engineering are as follows:

- to develop European cooperation and professional activity in the interdisciplinary areas of chemical engineering, membrane engineering and related fields;
- to develop collaboration in fields complementary and highly interactive with those covered by membranes;
- to promote active cooperation among experts from different EFCE Working Parties, for example with the WP on Process Intensification, in order to foster strategic collaboration in membrane engineering for the investigation of important problems, for initiating and organizing symposia and conferences and for addressing tasks complementary to those dealt with by the Working Parties;
- to attract to the Federation a large number of chemical engineers and specialists in related fields willing to actively contribute to the activities of the Federation and its Section on Membrane Engineering.

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