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New EFCE Excellence Award in Product Design and Engineering announced

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The European Federation of Chemical Engineering (EFCE) has pleasure in announcing that a new biennial **Excellence Award in Product Design and Engineering** is being launched by the EFCE Section on Product Design and Engineering to recognise an outstanding PhD thesis in the field.

The award comprises a certificate and a cash prize of 1500 Euros, and will be presented to the winner at a special session of the 5th European Conference on Product Design and Engineering to be held in conjunction with the 8th European Congress of Chemical Engineering in Berlin, Germany, on 25-29 September 2011. (congress website: <http://www.ecce2011.de>). A travel grant of up to 500 Euros and a fee waiver to attend ECCE-8 are also included.

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 nominated must address a topic relevant to the field of product design and engineering. Only PhD theses published between 1 January 2009 and 31 December 2010 are eligible for nomination. A nominated PhD thesis must have been completed and published and the PhD degree examined and awarded.

Closing date for nominations: **31 March 2011**

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