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Gani succeeds to EFCE presidency

Professor Rafiqul Gani from the Technical University of Denmark (DTU), Lyngby, will take office as President of the European Federation of Chemical Engineering (EFCE) for a two-year term with effect from 1 January 2014. Gani succeeds the outgoing president, Professor Richard Darton who has occupied the post since 2010. Speaking in Frankfurt at the last meeting of EFCE officers for 2013, Gani gave a strong commitment to raising the visibility of the Federation and he said, *"It is a special honour to lead Europe's pre-eminent body for chemical engineers and I plan to build on the good work of my predecessor, Richard Darton. I will use my term of office to strengthen relationships between chemical engineers in Europe and set some clear goals around which both national societies and specific technical communities can unite."*

Gani will set out his ambition in more detail at a meeting of the EFCE General Assembly in February 2014.

The acting dean at ENSIACET, Toulouse, France, **Professor Jean-Marc Le Lann** becomes the new EFCE Vice-President with responsibility for technical matters. Le Lann pledged to work closely with Gani and he said, *"I want to strengthen the role of EFCE's scientific groups by attracting more industrialists and young scientists and by introducing new working parties & sections, as well as new meetings on topics of major interest to industry and society."*

Also in January 2014, **Professor Mike Considine** of Sheffield University, UK, will succeed Akzo Nobel's, Dr. Wridzer Bakker as EFCE's Executive Vice-President and treasurer.

The Frankfurt meeting issued a call for nominations for the next PV Danckwerts Lecture, which will be delivered at the AIChE Fall Meeting in Atlanta, USA in November 2014. The meeting also approved Excellence Awards for €10,000. Finally, representatives from the Société Française de Génie des Procédés presented details of the ongoing preparations for the 10th European Congress of Chemical Engineering, which convenes in Nice, France, from 26 September - 1 October 2015.