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Winners of the EFCE Student Mobility Award 2007

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On the occasion of the 6th European Congress of Chemical Engineering in Copenhagen, Denmark, for the second time the European Federation of Chemical Engineering presented the EFCE Student Mobility Award. The award, which is presented every two years, consists of three prizes and seeks to promote mobility amongst European chemical engineering students. The prizes are awarded to the best European students who have successfully studied chemical engineering in first or second cycle study programmes for at least one semester in each of two or more different countries.

An international jury selected this year's prize-winners from 42 applicants representing 10 European countries on account of their excellent academic performance and a one-page essay about their experiences of studying in different countries. They were invited to attend the 6th European Congress of Chemical Engineering as guests of EFCE.

1st Prize (2,000 €)

Mr Daniel Weber, Germany

Mr Weber obtained his degree at TU Braunschweig, Germany, after also studying at ENS Paris, France, ETH Zurich, Switzerland, and MIT Cambridge, USA. In his essay he wrote: "Besides studying the languages of other people and reading fact books about their countries, going abroad is probably the best way to develop a better grasp of their national identity."

2nd Prize (1,500 €)

Ms Stefanie Demming, Germany

Ms Demming studied at TU Braunschweig, Germany, where she obtained her degree, after also studying at CPS Zaragoza, Spain, and UT Compiègne, France. She stated: "... I realized how research can bring cultures together. Having something in common helps to minimize prejudices against each other."

3rd Prize (1,000 €)

Ms Ana Isabel Carvalho, Portugal

Ms Carvalho obtained her degree at IST Lisbon, Portugal, which included studying at DTU Lyngby, Denmark. She wrote: "The experience of living and contact with people and customs totally different from ours opens our mind for the real world and life."