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2011 Student Mobility Award winners announced

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José Carlos Pardo-Torre, Anne-Lise Rousseau and Uwe Zang have won the three prizes of the 2011 EFCE Student Mobility Award.

The award, which is designed to promote student mobility amongst European chemical engineering students, recognises the best European students of chemical engineering who have spent one or more semesters studying outside their home country.

The prizes will be presented during the 8th European Congress of Chemical Engineering, which takes place in Berlin, Germany, from 25 to 29 September 2011. The prize-winners have been invited to attend the congress as guests of EFCE.

1st Prize (€ 2,000)

Mr José Carlos Pardo-Torre, Spain

José Pardo-Torre obtained his degree at the University of Zaragoza, Spain, after also studying at Imperial College London, UK, and the Max Planck Institute for Chemical Ecology, Jena, Germany. In his essay he wrote: "Studying abroad is certainly something that makes a student learn more and better, and in my opinion any institution that looks to give the best to its students should offer and encourage this possibility."

2nd Prize (€ 1,500)

Ms Anne-Lise Rousseau, France

Anne-Lise Rousseau studied at ENSIC, Nancy, France, where she obtained her degree, after also studying at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany, and preparing her diploma thesis at the Air Liquide Research & Technology Center, Frankfurt, Germany.

She stated: "I realized how research and projects can bring cultures together. Having something in common helps to minimize prejudices against each other and are undeniable assets for the advancement in science and technology."

3rd Prize (€ 1,000)

Mr Uwe Zang, Germany

Uwe Zang obtained his degree at TU Darmstadt, which included studying at The University of California, Berkeley, USA, and a research project at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.

He wrote: "Going abroad truly enriched my life and changed me for the better in so many ways. I am sincerely grateful for all the people who supported and accompanied me on this journey and I am extremely glad that I took those chances. Studying and living in different countries and with so many exceptional people was a great gift for me."