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EFCE confers highest honours at World Congress

The European Federation of Chemical Engineering (EFCE) has awarded three of its highest honours during the ongoing World Congress of Chemical Engineering (WCCE): an Honorary Membership, the Dieter Behrens Medal, and a Lifetime Achievement Award.

The awards were made during the 10th World Congress of Chemical Engineering – WCCE10 in Barcelona, Spain on 2 October 2017.

EFCE Honorary Membership

The highest distinction of the Federation is an Honorary Membership. It is awarded only infrequently and to individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the life and welfare of the EFCE over an extended period of time.

In 2017, the honour was conferred to **Professor Richard Darton** of Keble College, University of Oxford, United Kingdom.

Darton was president of EFCE from 2010-2013, and also spent many years as member and chair of the member and chairman of the Working Party on Fluid Separations and a member of the Section on Sustainability.

A former president of the Institution of Chemical Engineers (2008-2009), EFCE particularly recognises his role in the development of fluid separations, education and sustainability across Europe through his commitment to the Federation, the development of the discipline, and his contribution to international friendship and understanding.



Dieter Behrens Medal 2017

Professor Sauro Pierucci of Politecnico di Milano, Italy, has been named as the 2017 winner of EFCE's Dieter Behrens Medal.

The medal recognises people who have made a significant effort to promote chemical engineering in Europe or to the work of EFCE.

Pierucci was chosen for the role he has played for almost fifty years as an active member and committed chairman of the EFCE Working Party on Computer Aided Process Engineering (CAPE), member of the former Science Advisory Committee, chairmanship of ECCE-1 and numerous EFCE events, as well as for his substantial contribution to CAPE and Process Systems Engineering in Europe through numerous papers and presentations.



EFCE Lifetime Achievement Award

Professor Luis Puigjaner of the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain, has received an EFCE Lifetime Achievement Award.

He was selected by the EFCE Executive Board in recognition of his sustained and outstanding contribution to the progress of chemical and process systems engineering both in Spain and internationally for more than 50 years.

The award acknowledges in particular his substantial dedication to raising the profile of the field and the Federation through research and teaching, the organisation of conferences and workshops, and his commitment to the Working Party on Computer Aided Process Engineering (CAPE).



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About the honours and awards

The EFCE Executive Board may confer the title **Honorary Member** on an individual, who has made extraordinary contributions to the life and welfare of the EFCE over an extended period of time.

Further Honorary Members of the EFCE are:

Prof. Hanns P.K. Hofmann, Germany (†, awarded 2003), Prof. Dr.ir. K. Roel Westerterp, The Netherlands († August 2013, awarded 2003), Dr. Trevor J. Evans, United Kingdom (awarded 2007), Prof. Dr. Gerhard Kreysa, Germany (awarded 2010).

The **Dieter Behrens Medal**, awarded in memory of EFCE's General Secretary and Chief Executive of DECHEMA e.V., Dieter Behrens (1926-1992), is presented in principle every four years in recognition of a significant contribution on behalf of the Federation in raising the profile of chemical engineering in Europe or in relation to the organisation, management or development of EFCE's activity base.



The previous laureates of the Dieter Behrens Medal are: Dr. Jan Novosad, Czech Republic (1999), Prof. Bernhard Delmon, Belgium (2001), Prof. dr.ir. Hans J. Pasman, The Netherlands (2005), Dr.-Ing. Martin Molzahn, Germany (2010), and Prof. Sebastiao Feyo de Azevedo, Portugal (2013).

The **EFCE Lifetime Achievement Award** was established in 2014. It is given to an individual in recognition on his or her sustained contribution to the progress of chemical engineering in general and on specific topics covered by the EFCE Working Parties and Section in particular, over a period of at least 20 year. The award acknowledges the candidate's substantial dedication to raising the profile of chemical engineering and EFCE through research and teaching, the organization of conferences and workshops, and commitment to the Working Parties and/or Sections of EFCE.



The first laureate of the award was Prof. Jirí J. Klemeš, Czech Republic (2015).

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About chemical engineers

Chemical, biochemical and process engineering is the application of science, maths and economics to the process of turning raw materials into everyday products. Professional chemical engineers design, construct and manage process operations all over the world. Oil and gas, pharmaceuticals, food and drink, synthetic fibres and clean drinking water are just some of the products where chemical engineering plays a central role.

About EFCE

Founded in 1953, The European Federation of Chemical Engineering (EFCE) is a non-profit-making association, whose object is to promote co-operation in Europe between non-profit-making professional scientific and technical societies in 30 countries for the general advancement of chemical engineering and as a means of furthering the development of chemical engineering. See <http://www.efce.org>

About WCCE10

The 10th World Congress in Chemical Engineering (WCCE10) is held jointly with the 11th European Congress of Chemical Engineering (ECCE11) and the 4th European Congress of Applied Biotechnology (ECAB4) in Barcelona, Spain, from 1 to 5 October 2017. See <http://wcce10.org>