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Presentation of the EFCE Excellence Award 2010 in Mechanics of Particulate Solids

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Dr.-Ing. Johannes Härtl, Germany, is the winner of the **Excellence Award in Mechanics of Particulate Solids 2010** of the European Federation of Chemical Engineering (EFCE). His excellent PhD thesis on *“A study of granular solids in silos with and without an insert”*, completed at the University of Edinburgh, UK, in collaboration with POSTEC, Telemark University College (Norway) under the supervision of Professor Jin Y. Ooi, UK, and Professor Gisle G. Enstad, Norway, received the best evaluation results in terms of innovativeness, breadth and depth of the study, quality of publications, and the transfer of know-how to industrial applications.

The award will be presented on 27 April 2010 during the congress banquet of the 6th World Congress of Particle Technology (WCPT6), which will be held in Nuremberg, Germany, from 26 to 29 April 2010.

Johannes Härtl received his Dipl.-Ing. degree in Civil Engineering from the Regensburg University of Applied Sciences, Germany, and his PhD from the University of Edinburgh, UK. Currently, he is working as a research engineer at BASF SE, Germany, on research projects concerning the treatment and storage of granular solids.

The triennial Excellence Award in Mechanics of Particulate Solids acknowledges a PhD thesis published between January 2007 and November 2009 which demonstrates the most outstanding contribution to research and/or practice in mechanics of particulate solids. The award comprises a certificate, a cash prize of 1,500 euros, and free admission and a travel grant for WCPT6 where the award is presented.