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Francisco Casal awarded EFCE Excellence Award

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Dr. Maria Francisco Casal has been awarded the 2011 *EFCE Excellence Award in Thermodynamics and Transport Properties.*

Casal received the award in recognition of her PhD thesis contribution on the ***desulfurization of petroleum using liquid-liquid extraction with an ionic liquid for a selective solvent***, prepared at the chemical engineering department at the University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain. The award will be presented on 26 June 2011 at the 25th European Symposium on Applied Thermodynamics (ESAT) in St Petersburg, Russia.

The biennial award recognises a PhD theses or associated publication(s) which demonstrates the most outstanding contribution to the research and/or practice in the field of thermodynamics and transport properties.

The award comprises of a certificate, a cash prize of 1,500 Euros, a travel grant and a reduced fee to attend the 25th ESAT.

Casal has been extensively involved with the research and development of thermodynamics. Last year she had 16 papers published which have already been cited almost 100 times. She has also completed research stays at a number of international universities as well as sitting on the board for various organisations, including the Official Engineering Association of Galicia (COEQGa). She is currently in a post-doctoral visiting position at the Energy Biosciences Institute, University of California at Berkeley US.

Note to editors:

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