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Cefic launches second €100,000 LRI Innovative Science Award in conjunction with SETAC Europe

Brussels, March 7, 2005 – Competition is now open for Cefic's (European Chemical Industry Council) annual Long-range Research Innovative Science Award. The €100,000 prize, which aims to promote innovation in the fields of toxicology and ecotoxicology, will be awarded this year in conjunction with SETAC Europe (Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry).

This year's focus for the award is on ecotoxicology, and candidates are invited to submit their proposals for research which addresses eco-quality, eco-epidemiology, eco-relevance of risk assessment procedures, alternative methods in ecological safety, or related topics. The application deadline is May 6, 2005.

Applications will be judged on the basis of innovative approaches to interdisciplinary research and relevance to the LRI programme. Applications from early career scientists are particularly welcome. More information can be found on www.cefic-lri.org

The award focus alternates annually between human health effects and ecotoxicology. Last year's award, which focused on human health effects, was presented to Dr. Roger Godschalk (University of Maastricht, NL) for his presentation on *paternal carcinogen exposures and genetic risks in their offspring*.

Cefic's LRI programme aims to identify and fill gaps in our understanding of the hazards posed by chemicals and to improve the methods available for assessing the associated risks.

SETAC Europe is a professional society established to promote the use of a multi-disciplinary approach to solving problems of the impact of chemicals and technology on the environment.

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