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“Rewarding Good Ideas”: Introducing the LRI Innovative Science Award
€100k award, presented by Cefic with EUROTOX, targets researchers with novel ideas

Brussels, 19 November, 2003 – Cefic announces the first LRI Innovative Science Award, sponsored by the European Chemical Industry’s Long-range Research Initiative (LRI) in conjunction with the Federation of European Toxicologist & European Societies of Toxicology (EUROTOX). The €100k award will be bestowed upon an early career European scientist who proposes novel interdisciplinary research in the field of toxicology.

The award, which will be presented in July 2004 at the International Congress of Toxicology in Tampere, Finland, aims to support creative new research in areas not traditionally supported by funding. It will particularly emphasise the need to address the interface between disciplines, and knowledge transfer from one discipline to another. This could include alternative risk assessment methods using fewer resources, innovative tools to identify hazards in a shorter time, or new means of securing exposure data. The research will need to be relevant to the LRI programme, an industry-funded research programme that aims to provide science-based information to help protect human health and the environment.

“This award represents an exciting challenge for scientists to push forward the frontiers in the field of toxicology research, as well as promoting the advance and recognition of toxicology in Europe,” says Prof. Herman Autrup President-elect of EUROTOX. “We are very pleased to be supporting it.”

Details on the nomination process and schedules are available on the LRI website at

www.cefic-lri.org

The LRI programme is a global initiative of the chemical industry that sets out to identify and fill gaps in our understanding of the hazards posed by chemicals and to improve the techniques available for assessing the associated risks. LRI funds research in the fields of human exposure, alternatives to animal testing and environmental fate of chemicals.

EUROTOX is the Federation of national societies of toxicology in Europe, which aims to foster toxicology, both scientifically and educationally, in all countries of Europe. To this, EUROTOX organises an annual scientific congress, workshops, and postgraduate training courses. EUROTOX is actively harmonising toxicology education and training, having established the European Register of Toxicologists in 1994. It participates in the world-wide recognition of toxicologists and honours annually a distinguished European toxicologist by its Merit Award. <http://eurotox.umh.es/>

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