



The Long-range Research Initiative

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The 2009 European Chemical Industry Council Competition is open offering a €100,000 award to support innovative research in the field of exposure sciences.

The Award will be presented in conjunction with the Association of European Toxicologists and European Societies of Toxicology (EUROTOX), the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) and the International Society of Exposure Sciences (ISES), with Chemical Week as media partner.

The Award is open to early career scientists with a concept for creative interdisciplinary research. This could for example include exposure assessment methods using novel approaches and/or tools; innovative concepts for interpreting exposure data; or strengthening the aspects of exposure in risk assessment.

Applications are judged on the basis of innovative approaches to inter disciplinary research and relevance to the LRI programme based on the following selection criteria:

- Initial applications will be limited to a 1-2 page summary of the proposed research project and a curriculum vitae of the applicant.
- Applicants should be based in Europe.
- Applications from early career scientists are particularly welcome, but no age limit is specified. Active involvement in interdisciplinary research and access to appropriate networks will be considered in the selection.
- Long-listed participants will be requested to send in a more detailed description of their work, upon which three finalists will be selected. The finalists will present their work to the panel of judges in Brussels where the winner will be selected.



## 2009 Timeline

<b>March 15</b> Closing date for applications	<b>April 29</b> Detailed application due	<b>June 4</b> in Brussels Finalists' project presentation to the selection committee and award ceremony	<b>Novembre</b> in Brussels Presentation by the award winner at the Cefic LRI annual Workshop
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## FAQ - Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Is there a specific format for the application?** Applicants should limit their initial proposal to 1 or 2 A4 pages in Arial 10 point font. This and their CV should be sent in PDF format, or if not possible in Word format.
2. **Who will the award go to?** The award will be presented to an individual with an appointment in a Europe-based research institution. Preference will be given to early-career scientists with active involvement in interdisciplinary research and access to appropriate networks.
3. **What do you mean by early career scientist?** An individual with less than ten years of experience post doctoral degree is generally considered 'early career'. No age limit will be applied.
4. **Do you have restrictions in the way the prize money should be spent?** The award can be used to fund any part of the research for which it was awarded, including salary and equipment. However, a limit of less than 10% for institution overhead has been set. The winner will be asked to submit a bi-annual progress report of their work, and may be invited to present at subsequent workshops.
5. **It says finalists will need to present their work in Brussels. Who will provide travel expenses?** Travel expenses related to the selection process and the final presentation will be provided by Cefic.
6. **What if I am not available to go to Brussels?** Attendance for the Brussels presentation is essential. Sending a collaborator to present the work is acceptable.
7. **Can this award be shared by two or more scientists involved in the same project?** Only one applicant will be considered per project. However, it is not proscribed for the winner to choose to share the prize money with collaborators.