

Cefic awards innovative projects that drive safety and environmental standards in the chemical industry

Amsterdam, 26 October 2018 - At its annual General Assembly, held on 25 October, Cefic announced the winners of this year's European Responsible Care Awards. The awards recognise excellence in improving health, safety and environmental standards in the chemical industry.

The 2018 winners are:

- **BASF** received the **Chemical Safety Award** for its successful multi-year stakeholder engagement programme to demonstrate the safety of nanomaterials to regulators and NGOs;
- **Reckhaus GmbH & Co** won the **Environmental Responsibility Award** for its innovative project Insect Respect, which ensures ecological compensation for the insects killed by a biocide;
- The **Sustainability Workplace Award** went to **Versalis SpA** with the development of a safety perception and behavioural model to improve the employee safety culture and ethics at Versalis' facilities;
- **Essenscia, the Belgian Federation for Chemistry and Life Sciences industries** carried off the **National Associations Award** for their capacity-building project to help Belgian SMEs comply with the EU chemicals legislation, including support in meeting the last REACH registration deadline.

Marco Mensink, Cefic Director General said: *"Responsible Care is an important industry programme and we are proud to see that the industry continuously works on the safety, health and environmental performance of our industry."*

Though not selected as winners, the jury gave a special mention to:

- The Association of the Chemical Industry of Czech Republic for their project aimed at engaging with young people to encourage them to study chemistry and join the chemical industry;
- The UK Chemical Industries Association for revising the Responsible Care Guiding Principles for its members.

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Notes for the editor

Responsible Care is a global initiative by the chemical industry to improve health and environmental performance, enhance safety, and to communicate with stakeholders about products and processes.

Cefic's role is to advance the Responsible Care programme in Europe, promoting and ensuring consistency of implementation by national member federations and member companies.

Cefic has held the European Responsible Care Awards since 2005 to recognise outstanding approaches to Responsible Care and Sustainable Development.

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The Responsible Care Award jury consists of the following people:

- Emma Argutyan, Director General of the European Chemical Employers Group, ECEG
- John Baker, ICIS Chemical Business
- Simon Minett, Managing Director, Challoch Energy
- Sylvain Clemendot, Total Refining (2017 RC Award winner)

To learn more about this year's winners watch this video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnJwoiUoqvl>

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