



Student of the year award 2009

Every year EFFoST has a student of the year competition for Food Technology/ Food Science students in Europe. Students, who want to compete in this competition, must have been registered BSc/MSc student for at least 6 months in the Academic year, at a European University or College. Nominees can be of any nationality, but should study at a European University or College.

The students could be nominated for their scientific achievements, as shown by an excellent thesis (grade A), a publication in a peer reviewed journal or patent, or social achievements, for students who have achieved or performed special (social) activities which have had, or will have, serious positive impacts to the university, scientific or general community.

This year EFFoST received over 15 application forms from students and/or their research leader/professor. The jury had the difficult task to choose a winner. The prizes consist of the following: 1st prize 1000 Euro and 2nd prize 500 Euro. The students who won were invited to come to the annual conference of EFFoST this year the conference was in Budapest, Hungary. During the conference dinner, the prizes were presented by Professor Brian McKenna, President of EFFoST. He gave a short speech about each student.

Artem Parseghyan, from Yerevan State University, Armenia, studying under supervision of Professor Karina Grigorian, was this year's winner. His topic was: "Comparative estimation of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strains isolated from pomegranate with commercial yeast strains". During the closing ceremony of the conference, Artem gave a very good speech, and thanked everyone who has helped him during his studies.

Darko Dimitrovski, from St. Cyrill and Methodius University, Skopje, Macedonia, nominated by Professor Dane Bicanic became 2nd. His topic was: RAPID APPROACH TO THE DETECTION OF *TRANS*LYCOPENE CONTENT OF RED-FLESHED WATERMELONS".

Next year, there will be another "Student of the Year" competition not only for BSc/MSc students but also PhD students can apply. More information on how to apply, deadlines, regulations, can be found on the EFFoST website

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