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GREEN CHEMISTRY AND ENGINEERING AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Ottawa, August 5, 2010 - Two new awards recognizing advances in green chemistry and engineering will be presented in Ottawa at the Third International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) Conference on Green Chemistry.

The two new Ontario Green Chemistry and Engineering Awards, sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, are being given to an individual and an organization that have made significant contributions to advance green chemistry and/or engineering, including the technical, economic, human health and environmental benefits. The Canadian Green Chemistry and Engineering Award, sponsored by GreenCentre Canada, recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions to advance green chemistry and/or engineering

"Green chemistry and green engineering provide an important pathway to products and processes that reduce our environmental footprint and increase economic activity," says Bernard West, chair of the Canadian Green Chemistry and Engineering Network (CGCEN). "With this awards program and conference we have an opportunity to share ideas and develop commercialization initiatives to drive clean technology solutions."

The Ontario Green Chemistry and Engineering Award (individual) is being presented to Leo W. M. Lau of The University of Western Ontario for his work on the green manufacturing of novel polymer products. The Ontario Green Chemistry and Engineering Award (organization) is being presented to Woodbridge Foam Corporation for their work focusing on green chemistry and clean technologies dating back to 1978 recognizing health, safety and environmental stewardship as being a key factor in all of its activities. Both awards will be presented by the Honourable John Gerretsen following the Opening Plenaries on Monday, August 15.

"I congratulate the winners of the Ontario Green Chemistry and Engineering Award," said John Gerretsen, Ontario Minister of the Environment. "Their remarkable work demonstrates how Ontario is leading the way in the new green economy with innovative technologies that contribute to the reduction of toxics in our environment and the promotion of healthy communities."

The Canadian Green Chemistry and Engineering Award is going to Chau-Jun Li of McGill University in recognition of his work to develop green chemistry for organic synthesis based upon innovative and fundamentally new organic reactions that will defy conventional reactivities and possess high "atomefficiency". This award will be presented at the conference banquet on August 17, 2010.

The Third International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) Conference on Green Chemistry runs from August 15–18, 2010 at the Westin Ottawa Hotel.

The Canadian Green Chemistry and Engineering Network (CGCEN), a technical forum of the Chemical Institute of Canada, is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting green chemistry to protect human health and the environment. The CGCEN brings together researchers with policy makers, industrial partners and professional organizations in the areas of alternate and conventional energy, chemical and biochemical manufacturing processes, new materials, and pharmaceuticals.

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