

## Announcement of the EFCA Young Professionals Competition 2012

We are delighted to launch herewith the third edition of the EFCA Young Professionals competition. This event, which is open to all professionals aged 35 or under and working for firms in the membership of the national association, aims at highlighting the talent of Europe's next generation of leaders, and at demonstrating the diversity and attractiveness of a career in the engineering consultancy sector.

### Prize

The winner will be invited to Lisbon on 24-25 May 2012 to participate in the annual EFCA conference and YP meeting at EFCA's cost, including travel & accommodation expenses. The theme of the 2012 conference is "Developing the engineering world – winning strategies".

The second and third prize winners will be awarded a support of € 500, to be used for participation in the event.

The jury will also select a number of candidates to receive an honourable mention.

The award ceremony will take place during the EFCA conference, at which certificates will be presented to the winners and honourable mentions. The winner will be invited to make a brief presentation of his/her project.



*Participating in this competition is a win-win for both the YP candidate and their employer:*

*this year's winner, Peter Bønløkke Adamsen of Ramboll, Denmark, was interviewed on national TV, written about in numerous publications, and invited to address Danish engineering students, which gave visibility to him and his company, plus the opportunity to promote the role and value of the sector. Peter took valuable information and ideas back to his company from the conference and YP meeting, and developed his international network of professional contacts.*

## COMPETITION RULES

### Conditions of nomination

1. Age limit: 35 years
2. Having the ambition to become a leader or owner in your professional career
3. Having already made an interesting contribution to at least one project:
  - in your field of expertise, e.g. a novel design, and/or
  - as a professional (manager), e.g. development of an environmental, innovative, sustainable, energy or cost-saving solution.

### How to enter

The following information should be submitted in electronic format (PDF or Word document) to your national association by **Monday 12 March 2012**:

1. Your CV, including date of birth and nationality
2. Contact details (at least email address & telephone)

3. Information on a project that exemplifies your ability, including:
- description of its innovative characteristics (2 pages max.)
  - your specific contribution to it (1 page max.)
  - supporting documents, which may include photos, drawings or publications (5 pages max.)
  - details of the project's end-results & benefits to the client

An appreciation of your contribution by your client and/or line manager will be taken into account.

All materials are requested to be submitted in English or accompanied by a translation into English.

### Evaluation

The jury, composed of members of EFCA's Board of Directors, will base its decision on the following evaluation criteria:

- the candidate's achievements to date, e.g. business status (relative to age), awards, education
- the degree of innovation exhibited by the candidate in the project presented
- the quality of the presentation

Excess material will be negatively evaluated, as will documents in languages other than English.

In their evaluation, the judges will pay special attention to elements of *sustainability, innovation and communication*.

The EFCA jury's decision will be announced by **31 March 2012**.

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EFCA has member associations in 26 countries, and is the sole European federation lobbying on behalf of engineering consultancy and related services, a sector that employs around one million staff in Europe. EFCA contributes with a strong and cohesive input to legislative actions of its national associations on issues affecting market conditions, and also provides a networking and information platform for member firms.

### News from the EFCA YP group



<http://www.efcanet.org/YoungProfessionals.aspx>



Young Professionals within EFCA

The EFCA Young Professionals group is growing and is present on the EFCA website and on LinkedIn. A YP newsletter will be launched this Autumn. A Forum will be organised by and for the YPs on 24 May 2012 in Lisbon.

The YP group is supported by the EFCA Board of Directors, and we encourage you to link your national YP movement to the European network. The EFCA group can also provide support and advice in establishing a national YP group. For further details, please contact [yp@efca.be](mailto:yp@efca.be).