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## ESCM AWARD 2008



Prof. Jacques Lamon, President of the ESCM Council 2006-2008, presents the 1st ESCM Award (2008) to Prof. Paepegem.

*The first recipient of the ESCM Award was announced during ECCM 13, in Stockholm, June 2-5, 2008.*

*The ESCM Award which was launched this year, recognizes the accomplishments of a young researcher who made significant contributions in the field of Composite Materials.*

The following criteria were used in selecting the recipient:

1. age below 35
2. work in the area of composite materials in a laboratory or a university in Europe
3. work that has made a significant academic or national or industrial impact.

There were 8 excellent candidates from different countries: Belgium, France, Greece, Poland, Switzerland, UK and Iran.

The winner was **Wim Van Paepegem**.

Wim VAN PAEPEGEM is professor at Ghent University in Belgium. He has obtained his PhD degree in 2002 in the field of fatigue of composites. Since then, he has continued his research on mechanics of composites, both as a postdoctoral research fellow and as a professor.

His main research interests are in fatigue, impact and damage mechanics of composites. He is currently supervising 10 PhD students and has published more than 40 articles in Science Citation Index journals.

The award was presented to Wim Van Paepegem during the banquet, on Wednesday June 4.

The award is a Cosmos bronze medal celebrating Science and Europe. In this piece of art, the artist has expressed life, movement and the future via scientific research and Europe.

Wim Van Paepegem delivered the Albert Cardon Lecture. His lecture was entitled:

**My research on Composites: a matrix of fascination reinforced with fibers of dedication**