

EFRC GRADUATE PROJECT CONTEST

WINNER ANNOUNCED

Prize Includes One-Week Trip to U.S. to Attend Ariel School

One of the statutory missions of the European Forum for Reciprocating Compressors (EFRC) is to educate young people in the design, operation and management of reciprocating compressors.

In June 2006, EFRC organized its fourth workshop on reciprocating compressors. That workshop was described in detail on page 42 of the July 2006 issue of **COMPRESSORTech**^{Two}.

At the end of the workshop, the 25 competing students from seven different nations were assigned a theoretical task to develop during the following month. The students understood that the three most outstanding homework assignments would be recognized with a prize. Evaluation of the individual

works was made for EFRC by EFRC member Dipl.-Ing. Markus Graf, Project Engineer - Optical Measurements, Institute for Combustion Engines, Aachen University, Germany.

The first prize was assigned to Polish student Grzegorz Zelek. The prize consists of a one-week trip to the Ariel Compressor School at Mount Vernon, Ohio, U.S.A., and complimentary participation to the Fifth EFRC conference, which was held in Prague, Czech Republic in March 2007.

Zelek is a student in the Mechanical Department of Krakow University of Technology where he started his studies in October 2001. In July 2005, having already completed four years from



■ Prize winning student Grzegorz Zelek, whose project work earned for him a one-week trip to the Ariel Compressor School and complimentary participation to the Fifth EFRC conference in Prague, Czech Republic.

of a five-year program, he applied for a Technical Student contract at the European Laboratory for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Geneva, Switzerland. He started working at CERN in October 2005 and spent a full year there, until the end of October 2006. He returned to Poland to finish his studies, and plans to earn a Master of Science degree in June 2007. ■