

## ESIG AWARD WINNER EVENT IN NUREMBERG

ESIG Product Stewardship Award winner, CSC Jäklechemie, celebrates its achievements and underlines the importance of the responsible handling of solvents.

CSC Jäklechemie, a distributor of specialty and industrial chemicals located in Southern Germany, won the 7th ESIG Product Stewardship Award in 2009. A 122-employee family-owned company, CSC Jäklechemie impressed the jury with its ethical management of chemicals, its extraordinary social responsibility scheme and its comprehensive product stewardship programme along the value chain.

To celebrate its achievement and underline the importance of the responsible handling of solvents, CSC Jäklechemie invited customers, key representatives from the European solvents industry and German public authorities to an event, which was held close to Nuremberg (Germany) on October 13.

For the event, CSC Jäklechemie compiled a programme giving its customers all the latest information about European legislation on solvents, as well as knowledge about the activities of the solvents industry. While Dorothee Arns, ESIG Director General, and José Antonio Ruiz, ESIG Chairman, described the role, activities and offerings of ESIG and gave insights into the current regulatory affairs landscape, Prof. Dr. Aleksandar Jovanovic, CEO of the European Virtual Institute for Integrated Risk Management and Scientific Chairman of the European Technology Platform for Industrial Safety (ETPIS) in Brussels, highlighted the specific role and contribution of SMEs in the realm of industrial safety in Europe.

It was then the turn of Dr. Ronald Künneeth from the regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) to enlighten the participants with regard to regional and national opportunities and challenges, describing the activities and working programme of the CCI with a special focus on energy, safety and environment. Last, but not least, the participants had the chance to take part in an extensive guided tour through CSC Jäklechemie's site in Nuremberg. The technical and innovative solutions implemented convinced all visitors of CSC Jäklechemie's commitment to the safe and responsible handling of solvents and clearly demonstrated why CSC Jäklechemie is the merited winner of the ESIG Product Stewardship Award 2009.



From right to left: José Antonio Ruiz, ESIG Chairman; Robert Späth, Jäklechemie Managing Director; Dorothee Arns, ESIG Director General; Prof. Dr. Aleksandar Jovanovic, European Technology Platform for Industrial Safety (ETPIS); Dr. Ronald Künneeth, Chamber of Commerce & Industry; Andreas Gryger, ESIG Communications Chairman.

### ...AND YOU COULD BE THE NEXT AWARD WINNER!

The next ESIG Product Stewardship Award will be held in 2011. Applicants from all European countries and any industry sector related to the production, supply, transport, storage and handling of solvents are welcome to submit their candidatures. The application process will be launched on January 17, 2011. As of that date, details will be available on the ESIG website [www.esig.org](http://www.esig.org), including guidance on how to apply, sample applications from the recent winners and access to the short application form.

We look forward to receiving your applications and to rewarding those companies that have made outstanding improvements in the use of solvents in a responsible and sustainable manner, while ensuring that solvents can meet the ever-changing requirements of today's and tomorrow's products.

The winner will be invited to a glittering European Award ceremony in the autumn of 2011 and will receive a high level of promotion on a European as well as on a local level.

It's very easy to apply. **This time** could be your time!

### PRESENTING THE ESIG PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP AWARD 'DECK OF CARDS'

ESIG keeps expanding its broad range of communication materials to help solvent users in Europe and beyond. The latest addition to the ESIG catalogue is the ESIG Product Stewardship Award 'Deck of Cards'.

Building on the aim of showcasing and rewarding excellence and continuous improvement in the use of solvents, this 'Deck of Cards' presents the achievements of the latest winners of the Award, but also includes all winners to date. It provides a series of snapshots of the winning companies, as they were at the time they

received the Award. Card after card, ESIG takes you on a journey around Europe, demonstrating that excellence is not a matter of size or economic resources, as these companies are mostly small and medium enterprises with just one thing in common: an exceptional commitment to sustainability and responsibility.

The ESIG Product Stewardship Award 'Deck of Cards' is in English and can be downloaded from the ESIG website at [www.esig.org](http://www.esig.org). Hard copies can be ordered free of charge by sending an e-mail to [esig@cefic.be](mailto:esig@cefic.be).

