

## **Itoh Project Prize in Plasma Turbulence 2005: announcing the inaugural winner**

At this year's European Physical Society (EPS) Conference on Plasma Physics in Tarragona, 27 June – 1 July 2005 (<http://eps2005.ciemat.es/>), Professor S-I Itoh, in agreement with the conference organizers, offered one lucky PhD student the chance to visit Kyushu University, Japan for 1 week, expenses-paid to cover flight and living costs.

The competition was very successful with many excellent candidates. Each of the candidates had to make a 15-minute presentation and the final choice was very difficult. 'I was very impressed and inspired by the enthusiasm and excitement about their work conveyed by each of the students; it is an excellent sign for the future of plasma physics' said Professor Itoh after interviewing the students.

After much deliberation by the selection committee (Professors S-I Itoh, M Koepke and Y Miura) the winner, who will travel to Japan to visit Professor Itoh at Kyushu University, is:

**Oliver Schmitz from Institute for Plasma Physics, FZ Jülich, Germany**  
'Impact of the dynamic ergodic divertor on the structure of the plasma edge at TEXTOR'

The following two students also received high commendations from the judges:

J Horacek for 'Plasma density turbulence in TCV tokamak edge direct comparison of experiment with 2D simulations'

T T Ribeiro for 'Gyrofluid turbulence computations in the edge and SOL regions of tokamak plasmas using realistic magnetic field geometry'

Congratulations to all!

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