

Chemical businesses in the UK were rewarded for their outstanding achievements at the Chemical Industries Association's (CIA) Awards Dinner this month. The awards which took place on Wednesday 5th July at London's Park Lane Hilton were presented by the BBC's Guy Ruddle and highlighted the continuing commitment to excellence in innovation, customer service and outstanding performance within the industry. This year there were two new award categories: 'The Chemical Industry Individual Achievement Award' and 'The Chemical Industry Company of the Year Award'.



Receiving the award: Paul Jayes, Process Chemist & Gary Johns, Project Manager

Steve Elliott, Chief Executive of the CIA, paid tribute to the members of the chemical industry and its key partners:

"This year's number and quality of entries reflects the outstanding contribution made by the chemical industry to a better quality of life for us all. The CIA awards are about recognising that excellence and, in particular, saluting the performance of many unsung heroes who have contributed significantly to the entries we have received for this event. This offers tremendous encouragement and visibility to an industry which in itself is largely unsung, all of the entrants should be proud of their success."

Presenting the Chemical Industry Innovator of the Year Award, Carol Boyer-Spooner, Chief Executive of Chemicals Northwest, awarded the winners, Curvaceous Software Ltd with a trophy. Solutia UK Ltd - The **Formose** Project Team also received a Highly Commended Award. The Innovator of the Year Award focuses on organisations that show clear business-enhancing innovation in fields like HR, product development, technology and operations. Solutia UK appealed to the judges by producing a process that converts toxic formaldehyde waste into non-toxic sugar, providing a step change reduction in the overall toxicity of its site's effluent.

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