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#### **2015 ICER Distinguished Scholar Awards go to Australian and Spanish authors**

Today, at the 6th World Forum on Energy Regulation (WFER VI) in Istanbul, Turkey, the winners of the ICER Distinguished Scholar Awards were announced.

These awards, by the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER), honour important contributions made to enhancing electricity and gas regulation around the world.

“Creating and Managing Regional Energy Markets” was the theme of the 2015 Awards. There are two award categories: 1) The Impact on Developing Countries; and 2) Next Practices. ICER received 17 submissions for the 2015 Awards from which 2 were selected.

#### Winners of the Impact on Developing Countries category:

The paper “*The Role of Microgrids within Future Regional Electricity Markets*” written by **Katelijan Van Hende**, Lecturer, and **Carmen Wouters**, PhD candidate, both from the School of Energy Resources, University College London, Australia.

#### Winners of the Next Practices category:

The paper “*Capacity Remuneration Mechanisms in the Context of the European Internal Energy Market*” **written by** three Spanish authors: **Carlos Battle**, Associate Professor; **Pablo Rodilla**, Researcher; and **Paolo Mastropietro**, Research Assistant; from the Institute for Research and Technology, Comillas Pontifical University.

Presenting the awards at a dedicated ceremony, **Lord Mogg, Chair of ICER** stated:

*“The ICER Distinguished Scholar Awards encourage and recognise pioneering thinking in energy regulation. Through the Awards, regulators reward research, innovative thinking and the sharing of best practices to meet the many challenges faced in the world of energy.”*

The Awards are held every three years in conjunction with the World Forum on Energy Regulation, where the ICER Award winners are announced and they present their papers.

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### Notes for editors

1. The 6<sup>th</sup> World Forum on Energy Regulation (WFER VI) is a 3-day international convention, from 25-28 May, in Isanbul, Turkey. See <http://www.wfer2015.org>.
2. Established in October 2009 at the fourth World Forum on Energy Regulation (WFER IV), the International Confederation of Energy Regulators (ICER) is a voluntary framework for cooperation between energy regulators from around the globe. ICER aims to improve public and policy-maker awareness and understanding of energy regulation and its role in addressing a wide spectrum of socio-economic, environmental and market issues. Through ICER, regulators exchange information and best practices in the regulation field and contribute to the evolution towards a sustainable planet.

ICER's membership includes over 200 regulatory authorities and spans 6 continents including regional regulatory associations: AEMC, AFUR, ARIAE, CAMPUT, CEER, EAPIRF, Elcom, ERRR, MEDREG, NARUC, OOCUR, RERA and SAFIR. Since its inception in October 2009, ICER has been chaired by Lord Mogg, President of the Council of European Energy Regulators (CEER). Visit: [www.icer-regulators.net](http://www.icer-regulators.net)

3. Dr. Katelijn Van Hende holds a degree in law from University of Leuven and obtained her PhD from Aarhus University in 2014. She teaches Energy Law and Energy Geopolitics at University College London, Australia.

Ms. Carmen Wouters graduated from University of Leuven with a Masters of Energy Engineering and joined University College London, Australia as a PhD candidate with a BHP Billiton scholarship in 2013.

Carmen and Katelijn are developing a multidisciplinary approach to electricity research, using Carmen's engineering background to make legal and policy recommendations for the industry.

4. Mr. Carlos Battle is Associate Professor with Comillas Pontifical University's Institute for Research in Technology (IIT) in Madrid, where he teaches Energy Economics and Electric Power Systems Regulation. Since 2011, he is a Visiting Scholar under the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's MIT Energy Initiative, where he teaches a course entitled "Engineering, Economics and Regulation of the Electric Power Sector", and supervises PhD and master dissertations. He is also Electricity Advisor of the Florence School of Regulation. He has rendered consultant services for governments, international institutions, industrial associations and utilities in over 20 countries.

Mr. Paolo Mastropietro is an environmental engineer specialised in energy and sustainability and he is pursuing his PhD on electricity market regulation. Before enrolling for the Doctorate, Paolo worked both in the private sector and in international organisations (he was project officer at the UNEP Liaison Office in Addis Ababa). Paolo is now preparing his thesis on power sector security of supply issues, focusing on the design of capacity remuneration mechanisms.

Dr. Pablo Rodilla is a Researcher with Comillas Pontifical University's Institute for Research in Technology (IIT) in Madrid. He is professor at the ICAI School of Engineering of both Energy Economics and Electric Power Systems Regulation. He has worked and lectured extensively on the one side on the operation and planning of electricity generation, with special focus on mathematical programming models of imperfect energy markets and planning models for integration of RES-E technologies and, on the other, on electric power system regulation. He has also provided consultant services for governments, international institutions, industrial associations and utilities in several countries. He has published over 15 papers in international journals and conference proceedings.

5. The two Award Papers (as well as past winners) are available at <http://bit.ly/ICERAwards>