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**THE SPARK! CONTEST 2016 HOSTS INAUGURAL PRIZEGIVING CEREMONY AT THE  
WORLD NUCLEAR EXHIBITION 2016 (LE BOURGET, PARIS)**

Two young engineers from Rolls-Royce have won first place in the inaugural Spark! Contest 2016, announced Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June, during the World Nuclear Exhibition 2016 in Paris.

The Spark! Contest invites current and former students of Franco-British schools of higher education to produce innovative thinking on a topic related to Energy. Sponsored by EDF, the 2016 inaugural year focused on the challenges of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle in 2040.

The winning entry, submitted by Jonathan Hart and Brett Longstaffe of Rolls-Royce, proposed a hypothetical scenario in which increased nuclear cooperation between European states provided a solution to an energy crisis.

Jean-Bernard Lévy, EDF, CEO and Chairman, said: "The Spark! Contest is a pioneering competition open to students and young professionals. It is designed to encourage young talent to engage in critical and solution-oriented thinking on energy-related subjects. As such, it constitutes a unique opportunity to identify and connect the leaders of tomorrow to the world of energy."

Harry Holt, Rolls-Royce, President – Nuclear, said: "It is fantastic to see so many talented young people, fully committed to developing solutions for tomorrow's challenges. Their ideas help sustain the future of the nuclear industries in France and the UK."



A high-level jury, composed of 12 industry professionals from both the UK and France, selected 3 winning teams, among the 18 shortlisted teams. Second prize was awarded to Thomas Dirks who studied at INSTN Paris-Saclay. Third prize went to Florian Chavagnat and Romain Duperray students from INSTN Paris-Saclay and INSTN-CEA respectively. The AZOAR environmental engineering prize was awarded to Timothy Crump and Philippe Martinuzzi.

The other shortlisted finalists were: EeJane Low and Cécile Belhamri from EDF ENERGY; and George Auckland and Matthew Lockwood from ATKINS.

The Spark! Contest laureates will be offered sponsored prizes consisting of special site visits, shadowing for young professionals, internships for students, scholarships as well as meetings with senior stakeholders of the industry.

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For more information on the Spark! Contest and on how to get involved in the 2017 campaign, "Why SMR?", please visit the website and register to receive the newsletter: [www.thesparkcontest.org](http://www.thesparkcontest.org). Alternatively, contact: [nicholas@thesparkcontest.org](mailto:nicholas@thesparkcontest.org)



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