



Giovanni Astarita (Napoli, 1933 - Napoli, 1997) was professor of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science at the University of Naples Federico II, Italy, and, for many years, professor of Chemical Engineering at University of Delaware, USA. He earned his master's degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Delaware and doctorate at the University of Naples in 1957. Professor Astarita's eight books and more than 200 articles published in archival journals addressed a broad span of subjects in transport phenomena, rheology, continuum mechanics and chemical reaction engineering. They revealed him to be an outstanding scholar and earned him unconditional esteem and consideration as one of the leading figures in Chemical Engineering research worldwide, as witnessed also by important recognitions like the Alpha Chi Sigma award for research accomplishments from the American Institute of Chemical Engineers in 1992 and the foreign associate membership of the National Academy of Engineering in 1994. He was an inspiring mentor for both his students and his colleagues, as his personal and professional attitudes inspired respect for scholarship, scientific integrity and commitment to the highest intellectual standards.

The “**Gianni Astarita Young Investigator Award**” aims at recognizing a young researcher for his/her outstanding research in Chemical Reaction Engineering. The recipient of the Award will be selected at ISCRE 25 - May 2018, in Florence, Italy.

Young researchers, with no restrictions to nationality or home institution, are invited to participate in the competition. The application and selection procedures are described hereinafter:

1. Young investigators who wish to compete for the “Gianni Astarita Young Investigator Award” must submit via the ISCRE 25 web site (www.aidic.it/iscre25):
 - a. an abstract for a talk to be delivered during the special session “Gianni Astarita Young Investigator Award - ISCRE 25”;
 - b. a short CV, including personal data, education, work and research experience, a list of publications and of the most significant talks/lectures, awards and honours.
2. The candidate must hold a PhD degree, received not earlier than May 20th, 2012.
3. The prize committee will select up to four top candidates, who will be asked to deliver a 20-minute (15 min. talk + 5 min. discussion) oral presentation during the special session “Gianni Astarita Young Investigator Award - ISCRE 25”. The submissions of the other applicants will be considered for poster presentations.
4. The prize committee will select the recipient of the Award, who will be announced during the symposium dinner and will receive a certificate and a gold medal. All the four runners up will be exempted from the payment of the conference fee.