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Dr. Urmila Diwekar  
President – Vishwamitra Research Institute  
368 56<sup>th</sup>. Street  
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Dear Dr. Diwekar;

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that you have been nominated and selected to receive the 2011 Ernest Thiele Award of the Chicago Section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. This award is given to those who have made an outstanding contribution to the practice of Chemical Engineering. The Thiele Award will be presented to you by the Chicago Section of the AIChE and is sponsored by BP America.

I or an executive from BP will present this distinguished award to you at a mutually convenient monthly meeting of the AIChE Chicago Section during this autumn. The award consists of an engraved plaque recognizing your accomplishments and a \$1,000 honorarium.

Dr. Jeff Pearl as your sponsor, and nominating letters of support from Professor Rex Reklaitis and Dr. Heriberto Cabezas presented a strong case to our selection committee to select you as our 2011 Thiele Award recipient.

I look forward to arranging the event with you at one of our upcoming 2011-2012 autumn AIChE Chicago Section meetings to receive your award for your outstanding contributions to our profession. Congratulations on your achievement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Simnick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James, J, Simnick, PhD  
AIChE Thiele Award Chair

cc.  
Dr. Jeff Pearl  
Professor G.V. Rex Reklaitis  
Dr. Heriberto Cabezas  
Chicago Section AIChE Selection Committee (email)

