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### ARKEMA – FRENCH ACADEMIE DES SCIENCES PRIZE FOR INNOVATION IN CHEMISTRY FOR SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS AWARDED TO CLÉMENCE QUEFFELEC, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NANTES

**Arkema is delighted that for its fourth edition, the Grand Prix Arkema–Académie des Sciences has been awarded to Clémence Queffelec, Associate Professor at the University of Nantes.**

This prize, awarded by the Academy of Sciences and funded by Arkema in the amount of €25,000, aims to recognize top-tier research that contributes to innovative chemistry, paving the way for solutions that support sustainable and responsible development.

At the University of Nantes, Clémence Queffelec conducts research with a broad scope, ranging from plant-based bitumen to photocatalysis applied to various organic chemistry reactions. The Functional Materials Engineering team she leads within the CEISAM Laboratory in Nantes develops organic chemistry tools to create new materials under environmentally friendly synthesis conditions. The innovative nature of this work, and its alignment with sustainable development principles, perfectly echoes the values upheld by Arkema.

The Group develops materials, adhesives, and coatings that deliver unmatched performance to its customers while systematically integrating sustainability criteria. Lightweighting, reparability, and recyclability are at the heart of the Group’s research: over 90% of the patents filed each year by its 1,800 researchers contribute to at least one United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG). This innovation is highly collaborative, relying on regular interactions with academia and the dynamic ecosystem of start-ups. The awarding of the Arkema–Académie des Sciences Prize to Clémence Queffelec is a perfect illustration of this commitment to openness toward the academic world.

Building on its unique set of expertise in materials science, **Arkema** offers a portfolio of first-class technologies to address ever-growing demand for new and more sustainable materials. With the ambition to become a pure player in Specialty Materials, the Group is structured into 3 complementary, resilient and highly innovative segments dedicated to Specialty Materials - Adhesive Solutions, Advanced Materials, and Coating Solutions - accounting for some 92% of Group sales in 2024, and a well-positioned and competitive Intermediates segment. **Arkema** offers cutting-edge technological solutions to meet the challenges of, among other things, new energies, access to water, recycling, urbanization and mobility, and fosters a permanent dialogue with all its stakeholders. The Group reported sales of around € 9.5 billion in 2024, and operates in some 55 countries with 21,150 employees worldwide.

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