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Dear Mr. Byfut,

Thank you for your presentation at the ECCOMAS Thematic Conference on the eXtended Finite Element Method (XFEM2011) which took place between June 29 and July 1, 2011 in Cardiff, Wales.

Your presentation and paper were both well received. The jury found your presentation was clear, carefully prepared and conveyed a good understanding of your subject area. Your paper "*Adaptive h- and hp- XFEM with multi-level hanging nodes via constraint approximation*" was deemed scientifically sound as well as useful to the community. It is my pleasure to confirm that based on this assessment, you were awarded the prize for the **Third Best PhD Paper and Presentation** at the conference.

Once again, my hearty congratulations.
Best wishes from Cardiff,

Stéphane P.A. Bordas, PhD
Conference Chairman