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Chemistry professor first at Laurier to receive innovators award

Dmitri Goussev receives \$7500 Petro-Canada Young Innovators Award

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WATERLOO – Chemistry professor Dmitri Goussev is the first recipient of a \$7500 Petro-Canada Young Innovators Award at Wilfrid Laurier University. The award is intended to help attract and retain bright young faculty researchers and allows Goussev to pursue his research into organometallic chemistry.

"Dr. Goussev is an excellent scholar with a strong publication record and his research shows great potential for application in the oil industry," said Barry McPherson, dean of graduate studies and research. "He reflects the caliber of research at this university and is a worthy recipient of our first Petro-Canada Young Innovators Award."

Goussev's research project, titled "*Pincer*" *Complexes of Ruthenium and Osmium*, focuses on the preparation of previously unknown compounds of the metals ruthenium and osmium, and on the characterization of their structure and reactivity. Goussev sees his research having a major impact on the field of organometallic chemistry in the future, both at a fundamental research level and in the commercial preparation of petrochemicals.

The Petro-Canada Young Innovators Award, which provides up to \$7500 per year in research funding, recognizes, promotes and supports outstanding young faculty researchers whose academic work is innovative, enhances the learning environment in their department and has the potential to be significant to society at large.

Goussev is also one of nine Laurier researchers to recently receive an award from the Canadian Foundation for Innovation Research Development.