IFP Energies Nouvelles Recognized As One Of The World’s Top Innovators

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For the third year running, IFPEN has earned a place in Thomson Reuters’ list of Top 100 Global Innovators

For the past three years, IFPEN has been one of the world’s 100 most innovative organizations according to the “Global innovators” list drawn up by Thomson Reuters. This year, nine major French industrial groups and three research bodies (IFP Energies nouvelles, French National Scientific Research Center (CNRS) and French Atomic Energy Commission (CEA)) were singled out, making France the 3rd most innovative country, behind the USA and Japan.

To be included in the list, the innovation value of an organization is assessed on the basis of four parameters: the volume (number of patents), the patent-filing success rate (ratio between patent applications and patents granted), the international scope of the patents and, finally, their influence (number of times an original patent is cited by other applicants).

The award is due recognition of the quality of IFPEN’s policy of innovation and industrial development, aimed at protecting the results of its research and promoting technology transfer to industry, in order to support the competitiveness of French and European companies.

IFPEN, the leading patent filer among French research bodies

According to the latest INPI ranking of patent filers in France (2012), IFP Energies nouvelles is among the top 11 national patent filers. That puts IFPEN among the top three research bodies in France, with the French Atomic Energy Commission (CEA), and the French National Scientific Research Center (CNRS). When adjusted to account for workforce, IFPEN climbs to number one.

In addition, IFPEN is the 11th largest French patent filer in the United States (with 75 patents granted in 2010) and has a portfolio of over 12,200 active patents.

IFPEN published 176 patents in 2012 (and created 880 ownership rights), i.e. 12% more than in 2010. These results are the fruit of a constant innovation process, aimed at transferring technology to industry and creating both value and jobs.

IFPEN, the leading patent filer in the field of renewable energies

Of the 176 patents filed in 2012, 88 concern new energy technologies: biofuels, marine energies, biobased chemistry, alternative powertrains including hybridization and electrification, CO2 capture/conversion, etc.

When adjusted to account for workforce, IFPEN is the leading patent filer in the renewable energy sector.

This confirms IFPEN’s commitment to the energy transition and its determination to promote the emergence of new industrial processes across France.


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