Dr Tim Lewens from the Department of History and Philosophy of Science, Dr Clemens Kaminski of the Department of Chemical Engineering and Dr Andrea Ferrari from the Department of Engineering have been awarded the 2005 Philip Leverhulme Prize.

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