

Hydal Biotechnology from BUT Wins Award at Chinese Trade Fair

The Hydral biotechnology for producing biopolymers from used frying oil—developed in the laboratories of Brno University of Technology (BUT)—was recognized as one of the *Top 10 Products* at the prestigious China High Tech Fair 2016 in Shenzhen. The technology, originating from the Centre for Materials Research at the Faculty of Chemistry, was brought to market by the company Nafigate.

“The scale of the China High Tech Fair, organized by the local government in Shenzhen, is hard to imagine for us Europeans. With nearly 4,000 exhibitors and attendance of 600,000 visitors from 90 countries, the fair attracts the global elite. Nafigate’s achievement is further underscored by the fact that it was the only *non-Chinese* technology to receive an award,” said Aleš Červinka, regional director of the CzechTrade agency in China.

The technology transfer to China, which led to the establishment of a Czech-Chinese joint venture for processing food waste and manufacturing biopolymer films, was supported by the Technology Agency of the Czech Republic.