



Esteban Chornet
Chief Technology Officer

Esteban Chornet is co-founder and Chief Technology Officer of Enerkem, having led the team that developed the company's proprietary technology. As CTO, he provides vision, direction, mentoring, catalytic reaction engineering expertise and process integration.

Mr. Chornet taught the fundamentals of the discipline and conducted advanced research in the biomass, energy, and environmental sectors at the University of Sherbrooke, located in Sherbrooke, Québec (Canada). From 1993-2003, Mr. Chornet was also a Principal Research Engineer with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, in Colorado (USA).

At the University of Sherbrooke, where, since 2007, he holds the Industrial Research Chair in 2nd Generation Biofuels, Dr. Chornet has supervised 74 graduate theses (among them 18 Ph.Ds) from which over 200 refereed publications are available in the scientific and engineering literature. In 2010, Dr. Chornet was bestowed the title of Professor Emeritus by the University, in recognition of a successful 35 year career with the University's Faculty of Applied Sciences (now the Faculty of Engineering).

Dr. Chornet received the 1984 Steacie Fellowship Award from the Government of Canada and was a 2004 laureate of the Prix Lionel Boulet, which is the highest technology prize, awarded every year by the Government of Quebec. Dr. Chornet is a Fellow of the Chemical Institute of Canada, the Canadian Academy of Engineering and the Royal Society of Canada's Academy of Sciences, as a Fellow from the Academy of Sciences. In October 2011, Dr. Chornet was recognized by industry peers as one of the *Top 100 People in Bioenergy*, placing in the 10th spot in the polling organized by Biofuels.

Dr. Chornet holds a degree in Industrial Engineering from ETSIIB in Barcelona, Catalunya (Spain) and a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from Lehigh University, Pennsylvania (USA). From 1970 to 2007 he was Professor of Chemical Engineering at Université de Sherbrooke.
