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IEA SOLAR HEATING & COOLING PROGRAMME PRESENTS SOLAR AWARD AT 8th WORLD RENEWABLE ENERGY CONGRESS TO PROF. WILLIAM BECKMAN

Denver, Colorado (September 1, 2004) – The International Energy Agency’s (IEA) Solar Heating & Cooling Programme is committed to expanding the market share of solar energy. By recognizing outstanding contributions made in the solar field, the IEA Solar Heating and Cooling (SHC) Programme is drawing the world’s attention to solar energy as a source for heating and cooling.

This year’s SHC SOLAR AWARD was presented to **Professor William Beckman**, Professor Emeritus at the University of Wisconsin in the United States, at the World Renewable Energy Congress (WREC) Pioneer Awards ceremony in Denver, Colorado, USA.

The award is given to an individual, company, or private/public institution that has shown **outstanding leadership or achievements, with links to the IEA Solar Heating and Cooling Programme, in the field of solar energy at the international level** within one or more of the following sectors:

- Technical developments
- Successful market activities
- Information

Prof. Beckman is the second recipient of the Award. He is recognized for the co-development of TRNSYS, a world renowned building energy analysis and research tool. TRNSYS has been used in IEA SHC work for over 25 years. His book, “Solar Engineering of Thermal Processes,” continues to serve as a reference for experts participating in IEA SHC projects. In addition to developing tools and reference materials, Prof. Beckman has taught many SHC experts as director of the Solar Energy Laboratory at the University of Wisconsin. And, he has authored over 131 journal articles.



SHC Solar Award designed by sculptor Marco Goldenbeld of the Netherlands.

In addition to his contributions to the IEA SHC Programme, Prof. Beckman served as President of the International Solar Energy Society and was selected as a Senior Fulbright Scholar at CSIRO in Australia. He also was a Visiting Staff member of CSTB in France.